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Founders Federal Credit Union Partners with Foundation for Fort Mill Schools

Founders Federal Credit Union announced a two-year, \$20,000 total partnership with the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools today. The credit union will provide \$10,000 each of the next two years to the nonprofit organization in support of the Foundation for Fort Mill School's teacher grant program and Classroom Ready, the Foundation's year-round free school supply room for students in need.

"Founders Federal Credit Union is so proud to be a part of the forward thinking, independent, fundraising efforts of the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools," said Nicki Nash, Chief Marketing Officer for Founders Federal Credit Union. "Throughout our history, the community of Fort Mill has been supportive and wonderful to Founders. For us, it only makes sense to put our support behind this organization supporting the entire Fort Mill school system and the entire community."

The Foundation for Fort Mill School's teacher grant program gives grants to teachers and principals each year, providing funding for innovative classroom projects, professional development, arts programming, principal projects, and technology. This year, the grant program is expected to give at least \$25,000 in grants to educators and administrators in the Fort Mill School District.

Classroom Ready is in its third year of operation and has supplied students in need with more than \$30,000 in free classroom supplies.

"Over the years, Founders has consistently shown us how community minded they are. They are always giving back," said Scott Patterson, Executive Director for the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools. "We are thankful they are partnering with the Foundation to enhance education for our children in Fort Mill. The two-year commitment shows their dedication to making a lasting impact on the communities they serve."

The Foundation for Fort Mill Schools is a nonprofit organization established in 2003 to promote academic excellence in the Fort Mill School District through direct financial support of innovative classroom projects, professional development, technology for the classroom, arts in education, scholarships for graduating seniors, and free school supplies for students in need.

Since the Foundation's creation in 2003, more than \$250,000 has been given by the Foundation to Fort Mill School District teachers, staff, and students in the scholarships and teacher grants. An estimated \$30,000 has been given in school supplies to students in need since 2014.

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