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Wilchester Men's Club supports SBISD Child Nutrition Services through Spring Branch Education Foundation

Spring Branch Education Foundation has received a check for \$6,000 from the Wilchester Men's Club (WMC) to help retire meal-related debt incurred by Spring Branch ISD families who struggle to pay for school lunch.

David Dickey, WMC board member, says the gift is in keeping with the Club's mission to support youth outreach, education and neighbors in need. "If you're hungry, how will you learn?" Dickey asked. "We want to remove that stress."

The donation was inspired by Kenny Thompson who launched and funded the SBISD Lunch Buddies program as a Valley Oaks Elementary mentor. By the WMC stepping in, Thompson can concentrate on his Feed the Future Forward program in other districts across the state.

Dickey says the Club's goal is to completely extinguish the entirety of the lunchtime debt. "We're all in. At our most recent meeting, we had several men eager to join because they had gone through school with similar struggles. We know this is just the first step of many to come."

"The Wilchester Men's Club has a huge heart for our students," said Cece Thompson, SBEF executive director. "In the past few years, the men have funded scholarships that launch seniors into a successful future. This gift fuels students of all ages for a successful day of learning."



Photo: (l. to r.) Jacob Esparza, David Dickey, Kenny Thompson, Cece Thompson

About Spring Branch Education Foundation:

Spring Branch Education Foundation is committed to supporting SBISD students and educators. It partners with the district and community to fund programs that enhance education and students for the future. In 2016, Caruthers Institute ranked SBEF 42nd in the nation among 188 K-12 education foundations and in the top 10 of its division of foundations with \$1 million to \$1,999,999 in revenues. Since 1993, the Foundation has donated more than \$13 million to the district. SBEF is a 501(c)3 organization; all donations are tax deductible.

About Wilchester Men's Club

Focused on youth outreach, education and neighbors in need, the Wilchester Men's Club (WMC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to support individuals, organizations and charitable causes in the areas of west Memorial and Spring Branch. The WMC raises funds to support its mission through membership, donation and the hosting of several events. Notably, each year the WMC hosts the Pecan Bowl, WashersFest and a neighborhood date night. In addition to these, the WMC also hosts regular meet ups where men in the neighborhood can socialize and discuss the efforts of the organization. It is the goal of the WMC to be a charitable leader in our neighborhood and mobilize our membership for a host of good causes.