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As we near the end of 2023 I want to take a few minutes before we sign off to enjoy the holidays and our families. One thing I've learned in the past 9 months since stepping into the Executive Director role for the Leander Educational Excellence Foundation is I'm not very good at listening to my own advice: finding a healthy work life balance, because working in the nonprofit world there is ALWAYS work to be done. Perhaps a goal for 2024!

I am very grateful to work with two amazing, passionate and hard working women, Shannon Darby and Audrey Manning, who wake up every morning dedicated to their work supporting 42,000 Leander ISD students and over 6,000 staff. Our small but mighty team has raised over half a million dollars so far this year by deepening our community partnerships and district relationships, learning from our PTAs/PTO about campus needs, writing stories that share LEEF's impact and building a dynamic Board of Directors.

I will provide year-end highlights next month, but in the new year you will see more of LEEF's commitment to deepen our relationships with our current donors and community partners, a new LEEF event and signing up more community monthly donors. Thank you to the new community donors who signed up and participated in LEEF's first October Monthly giving Campaign, together you are investing nearly \$30,000 each year for Leander ISD students. And to our sponsors, Texas Roofing, Cedar Park Bundt Cakes, Rambler Waters, ISI Elite Training Cedar Park, Field & Ice who supported the promotions and prizes for the campaign.

Education is freedom and LEEF with the support of our community will continue to do the hard work asking for money and support so each Leander ISD student has the chance to receive the best education possible.

With gratitude,

Coleen Brighton

Coleen Brighton Executive Director

An Evening in the Emerald City Gala



GALA TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Come one, come all! You are most cordially invited to walk the yellow brick road into an Evening in the Emerald City! Hearts! Brains! Courage! Whatever you need most, you will find it here, and have fun at the same time! #TheresNoPlaceLikeLISD

At LEEF, we believe in the power of education to provide opportunities, cultivate success, and build community. Your attendance and participation at our gala help us enrich the educational experience through student innovation, teacher empowerment and college/career readiness for all of LISD.

Don't delay we will sell out and you will NOT want to miss being welcomed by the Running Brushy Band as you walk into the Crossover. You will hear student voices sharing the impact LEEF funding has made in their lives, bid on silent auction items, the popular campus baskets, cocktail hour and sit down dinner, dancing and raising dollars so LEEF can continue investing in our future leaders.

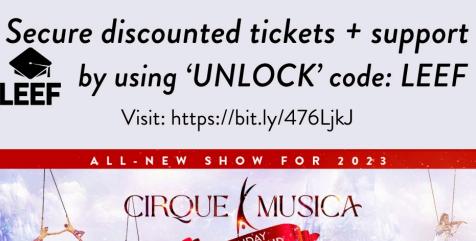
Date: Saturday, January 27th, 2024 *Time*: 6:00 PM *Location*: The Crossover (1717 Scottsdale Dr, Leander, TX 78641) *Dress attire*: Have fun dressing to-theme to represent the Yellow Brick Road, Ruby Slippers, and the Emerald City! (black tie optional)



The mission of Leander Educational Excellence Foundation (LEEF) is made possible through the generous donations from our Annual Partners. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and commitment to academic excellence for ALL Leander ISD students and staff. Your financial commitment annually to LEEF has helped us raise \$2.8 million dollars the past 5 years. Congratulations and we look forward to continuing the great work into 2024.

If you would like to join as a LEEF Annual Partner for 2024 please visit our <u>Website</u>

HEB Center Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland

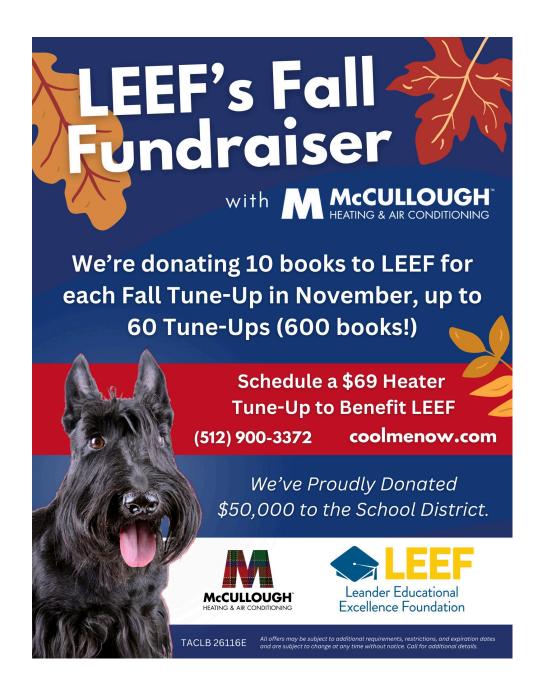




Embark on a enchanting musical adventure with Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland at the <u>H-E-B Center at Cedar Park</u>. Secure your tickets now for this festive event on December 24, 2023.

Enjoy a discount and support the <u>Leander ISD Educational</u> <u>Excellence Foundation</u> by using 'Unlock' code: LEEF at <u>https://bit.ly/476LjkJ</u>

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