

# ACHIEVE! FINANCIAL LITERACY & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

GRANTEE

**CARMEL EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION**

INVESTMENT

**\$5,500**

## **Project Overview:**

Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) mission is to support Carmel Clay students in academic achievement and lifelong learning. In July, 2022, the CEF board of directors approved the Achieve! initiative - a partnership between CEF, Junior Achievement of Central Indiana (JA) and Carmel Clay Schools. The Economic and Community Development Council invested \$5,500 to sponsor the Achieve! initiative. Achieve! will provide curriculum and immersive programming for elementary, middle and high school students to develop successful financial management habits, explore college and career pathways based on their interests and skills, and to develop skills necessary to succeed in a global workforce.

Over a three-year period, nearly 20,000 Carmel Clay students will experience hands-on Junior Achievement programs, made possible with funding from CEF and community partners.

Every fifth-grade student will have the opportunity to build a resume, apply for a job, and learn what it is like to be an “adult for a day” as they manage all aspects of a mock city at JA BizTown. Students will be trained in a particular job, receive a pay-check, invest in a retirement fund, purchase goods to support their economy, and vote on important city matters. Eighth grade students will attend JA JobSpark, a massive hands-on career exploration fair where area businesses bring items and equipment that represent their industry as well as daily work functions for students to “try on” different jobs, all while meeting people in those jobs to learn about how they gained the necessary skills to succeed. Examples include flight simulators, operating a scissor-lift, agricultural study, and robotic assisted surgery. High school students will connect how what they learn in the classroom is relevant to any career path and will participate in a JA 4E Fair which outlines pathways related to employment, education, enlistment, and entrepreneurship.

+ Improves Quality of Life

+ Increases Talent Retention

+ Increases Talent Development

+ Increases Workforce Development

+ Engages Business to Positively Impact Communities

+ Connects Talent

+ Encourages Entrepreneurship and Innovation

+ Promotes Inclusive Programming

+ Supports Discovering Career Pathways for Students