



WELCOME BACK, D34!

New school year. New look. And 25 years of big ideas.

GEF is kicking off a milestone year! For **25 years**, the Glenview Education Foundation has helped bring innovative, educator-driven ideas to life across District 34 — creating opportunities for students that go beyond what traditional public school funding can provide.



And you may notice **GEF looks a little different this year.**

We've refreshed our logo, launched a new website and are making it easier than ever to see **GEF in action** throughout our schools.

[EXPLORE THE NEW GEF34.ORG](#)



ALL MONTH LONG...
WE'RE GIVING AWAY GIFT CARDS!



FOUR FRIDAYS. FOUR \$50 GIFT CARDS.

STARTING MONDAY,
AUGUST 31

FOLLOW GEF FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN.

Follow +
WIN!
Giveaway



Help us grow the GEF community and *share* the *incredible* things happening in D34 schools!



Contest details + official rules
coming soon!



SEPTEMBER FOLLOW + WIN

Follow GEF. Support our community. Win a \$50 gift card!

We're celebrating the start of the school year by growing the GEF community — and giving away \$200 in gift cards throughout September!

Every Friday, we'll choose one winner to receive a \$50 gift card to a local favorite: Target, Trader Joe's, Heinen's or Jewel-Osco.

Entering is easy: follow GEF on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), LIKE the weekly giveaway post and tag two friends. It's so easy! Follow and enter on both platforms for an extra chance to win!

The first giveaway winner will be announced September 4th, with a new winner every Friday throughout the month.

Already following us? You can enter too! Just complete the other entry steps on that week's giveaway post.

FOLLOW + ENTER TO WIN

Four Fridays.
Four winners.
\$200 in prizes.
And one more reason to stay
connected with GEF.



WAIT... GEF? GELFAND? PTA?



We get it. Glenview has a lot of great organizations supporting our kids. Here's the quick version:

PTA → Builds community and supports programs within your individual school.

Debra Gelfand Children's Foundation → Helps local families and students facing financial hardship with essential needs and support.

GEF → *(That's us!)* Funds innovative, educator-driven programs and opportunities across District 34.

This year, we want you to know exactly who we are, what we do and how GEF shows up for D34 kids.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) + [Instagram](#) and visit our new website to see the programs you help make possible, meet the educators behind the ideas and keep up with everything happening during our 25th year.

**WE HOPE YOU CAUGHT US AT THE
K-5 CURRICULUM NIGHTS, BUT JUST IN CASE YOU
DIDN'T HERE'S A QUICK LOOK!**
(AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS, WE'LL SEE YOU ON THE 10TH!)



MEET OUR NEW GEF BOARD MEMBERS

New faces. Fresh ideas. Same big mission.

GEF is powered by volunteers — D34 parents and community members who give their time, talents and energy to help turn great ideas into opportunities for our students.

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They join an incredible group of volunteers working behind the scenes on grants, fundraising, community partnerships, events and storytelling — all with one goal: helping great ideas go further for D34 kids.

We're so glad to have them on Team GEF.

MEET THE GEF BOARD

PUT YOUR BUSINESS BEHIND BIG IDEAS

Want thousands of local families to know your business supports Glenview kids?

Become a **2026–27 GEF Sponsor**.

GEF connects local businesses with the District 34 community while helping fund innovative opportunities for students across our schools. Sponsorships begin at **\$250**, with opportunities for increased visibility, recognition and community engagement at every level.

It's more than putting your logo on something. It's a chance to show local families that your business is invested in the community where they live, learn and grow.

Support local schools. Build local visibility. Make an impact.



THANK YOU TO OUR 25/26 SPONSORS

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25/26 Trivia Night Sponsor (\$4,500)



Doctorate Level Annual Sponsor (\$2,000)



Masters Level Annual Sponsor (\$1,500)



Bachelor Level Annual Sponsor (\$1,000)





The Glenview Education Foundation is a volunteer-led organization of District 34 parents that has invested over \$3M in innovative, high-impact programs to enhance education in our schools. Learn more or get involved at gef34.org.

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