



# WHO WE ARE

Westerville Education Challenge promotes school cultures where every student feels safe, supported, and celebrated, simply because we care.

WEC is an all volunteer, community nonprofit composed of members who are passionate about being champions for children in Westerville City Schools.

WEC WAS NAMED THE 2020 CITY OF WESTERVILLE, NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR.

### JOIN US IN OUR MISSION... BECAUSE YOU CARE

### Westerville Education Challenge invites you to join us in our mission and become a major sponsor.



Our sponsorship levels\*:

### C - Champion - \$10,000 or more

Champions will bring the HOPE SQUAD to an entire school for a year and create opportunities for community awareness and education on student

### 🗛 - Advocate - \$5,000 or more

Advocates help us provide 2 sessions of Parent Prep for parents, staff, and community members each year.

### R - Relationship Builder - \$1,000

Relationship builders sponsor an entire middle school or high school to welcome its newest class through our WEB and Link Crew programs.

### **E** - Empowerer - \$500

Empowerers will provide for the M.O.D.E.L. program in 2 of our middle schools each year.

\* These are examples of what donation levels allow WEC to do, but are not limited to or exclusive of these activities.

Support of any amount helps WEC fulfill its mission and is greatly appreciated. For more information on how to donate, please go to our website using the QR code.



### <sup>our</sup> IMPACT



Over 13,000 students have participated in programs we sponsor.



1,500 community members have volunteered and supported our student program initiatives.



We have helped 3600 students with their transition to middle school through our WEB program.



Over 300 parents, staff and community members have participated in Parent Prep.



Our M.O.D.E.L. program has impacted over 700 girls and over 50 community members.



Award scholarships to graduating seniors at each of our Westerville High Schools.



More than 5000 students have participated in the Challenge Day experience, helping build school communities of understanding, acceptance, inclusion, and friendship.

## our INITIATIVES

### Our initiatives reach all of the middle schools and high schools in Westervill

#### **Middle School Initiatives:**

**WEB Program:** Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) provides a welcoming transition to middle school for 6th grade students. 8th grade students are trained to serve as ambassadors and positive role models.

#### **High School Initiatives**

**Hope Squad:** This powerful new initiative is launching at all three Westerville high schools. Hope Squad is a school based, peer led mental health and suicide prevention program. It equips and empowers students to respond appropriately to youth in distress while overall promoting general mental wellness.

**Link Crew:** Similar to our WEB programs, Link Crew trains junior and senior students to serve as student mentors to welcome incoming freshmen at their high schools.

**Scholarships:** WEC provides scholarships at each of our 3 high schools for senior students who participate in our initiatives.

**Student Grants:** WEC offers student grants to support student led initiatives that will make a positive impact on the social and emotional well being of their peers.

**Challenge Day:** Challenge Day was our first initiative. It was an experiential social and emotional learning program, focusing primarily on freshmen, and offered our high schools an opportunity to ignite a shift toward greater school connectedness, empathy, and inclusivity. Challenge Day went beyond traditional anti-bullying efforts, building empathy and inspiring a school-wide movement of compassion and positive change.

### rville City Schools. They impact students, staff, and community members.

**M.O.D.E.L.:** Mentors Opening Doors, Enriching Lives is a program that connects female middle school students with community women mentors. Monthly meetings focus on self-esteem, goals, positive choices and thinking about the future as they prepare for high school.

#### **Community Initiatives**

**SERC:** Social-Emotional Resource Center provides information and assistance that is immediately accessible as well as opportunities to build social emotional skills, develop new strengths and increase understanding of our interconnectedness as a community.

**Hope Squad:** This powerful program includes an essential community education component. Through various mental health organizations, regular training opportunities will be hosted monthly for our community. These trainings include mental health prevention and education.

**Parent Prep:** A day of free workshops and discussions for parents and caregivers for children in all grade levels (K-12). These sessions focus on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), and offer strategies in the areas of Mental Health, Wellness & Student Well Being; Technology; College & Career Readiness; School Safety, Culture & Climate; and Study Skills, Organizational Skills & Family Resources.

**Community Partnerships:** WEC members volunteer together to support various community initiatives that support the well being of students and families within Westerville City Schools.

# **BECAUSE WE CARE**

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