

2019

ANNUAL REPORT



 WYLIE BULLDOGS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Promoting Excellence in Education Through Gifts

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**FOUNDATION FACT**

THANKS to generous DONORS, by the end of 2019, the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation awarded more than \$480,000 since our first award of \$2,000 in 2011!

Please visit our website to see all the Teacher Grants and Student Scholarships that the WBEF has funded since 2011.

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Dear Friends of the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation,

I hope your family is well and you are coping adequately with so many firsts in our lives. This is the first time we could not celebrate together at our October "We Are Wylie Dinner". Our Board of Directors created some innovative ways for our Donors to sustain the work of the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation through a virtual event called "Win BIG With Wylie." The event included two Raffles and an Online

Auction of 50 items and concluded with a fun, live-streamed celebration. It has been exciting to reach out to donors in a different way, and we hope you were able to participate.

We plan to raise \$70,000 during this Fall. That is remarkable considering we were not able to visit with donors personally due to Covid-19 restrictions. A BIG THANKS goes out to our Major Sponsors and every Donor! If you were not able to give because of our change of plans, it is NOT too late. We are working to reach our goal total of \$85,000 to continue our tradition of Wylie teacher classroom grants, student scholarships, new teacher gift cards and technology gifts to make distance learning more available. Every gift matters and every student matters!

Perhaps you might consider using WBEF to honor the memory of a loved one, acknowledge the work of a teacher, honor your child / grandchild or celebrate a life milestone. You will find a list of generous donors who have given for many reasons at our website: wyliebef.org by clicking on the top right corner memorials and honorariums. Please check out our updated website to learn more.

We owe YOU a huge amount of gratitude for allowing our foundation to grow and prosper during challenging times. THANK YOU for standing with our Board of Directors to bless students at Wylie and plan for a future of excellence! Whether you give cash now, set up a monthly giving plan, contribute to our

new endowment or include us in your estate planning, the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation will be more successful with your help.

With sincere thanks and best wishes,

Mission

THE WYLIE BULLDOGS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS
A MISSION OF COLLECTING AND
DISTRIBUTING GIFTS
TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE
IN EDUCATION.

HISTORY

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation was initiated in April 2010, when registration papers were filed with the State of Texas requesting new nonprofit status. The bylaws were created and approved by the board with unconditional approval for nonprofit status from the IRS.

The Foundation hosted its first “We are Wylie” Dinner the following October, and the event was a phenomenal success thanks to generous donors and wonderful comedy from Wylie graduate and comedian Clinton Pickens. Each year since then, the Foundation has highlighted the talents of Wylie alumni to entertain at the dinner.

For its very special 10th Dinner, the Foundation brought back the man who helped kick off the very first dinner -- Clinton Pickens. The event moved downtown to the beautiful 201 Mesquite Event Center.

Festivities kicked off with a special Patron’s Party at the Community Foundation of Abilene building, where the Foundation honored long-time donors who had played important roles in the development and success of the Foundation during its 10-year history.

Then the fun moved down the street to the Mesquite Center, where visitors browsed through an amazing silent auction and visited with their Wylie friends under the twinkling lights of beautifully decorated tables. Visitors enjoyed a fantastic meal from Sharon’s Catering and then laughed the rest of the night as Clinton took the stage to entertain. Clinton is a comedian and commercial actor in Los Angeles.

The 2019 event proved to be the perfect way to celebrate 10 years of “We Are Wylie” Dinners, and the Foundation Board continues to be amazed at the generosity its donors, sponsors and the entire Wylie community.



*Clinton Pickens
returned
to help
celebrate the
Foundation’s
10th
Anniversary!*

Our Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors, representing a broad spectrum of community citizens. The Foundation Board operates under strict accounting requirements of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board filed Articles of Nonprofit Corporation with the State of Texas, adopted bylaws and governing policies, and received IRS approval. The Board approves distribution of funds through teacher grants, gift cards to new teachers, student scholarships or for a special need of the district to promote excellence in education.

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PHOTO OF 2019 BOARD MEMBERS – **Front Row:** (L to R) Pauline Webb, Candice McCray, Mashelle Ancell, Becky Rentz, Meridith Stewardson, Judy Lanman and Effie McClendon. **Back Row:** (L to R) Frank Peck, Jill Teague, Clay Trumble, Lisa Salmon, Joey Light, Nadene Smith, Kim McMillan and Denise Blake.

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2019 ANNUAL LUNCHEON WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation honored Wylie's new teachers in August 2019 at its annual New Teacher Luncheon sponsored by Abilene Regional Medical Center.

The Foundation presented 50 new teachers with \$100 gift cards for Mardell Christian & Education Bookstore during the event. The large number of new teachers – due in part to the opening of a new junior high – was the most ever for Wylie.

“Our goal is to make the new teachers feel welcome, motivated, and appreciated,” said Education Foundation President Becky Rentz. “We want the teachers to use these gift cards to buy supplies or other items that they need to set up their classrooms.”

The foundation has awarded more than 300 gift cards to new teachers over the years. Also at the luncheon, the foundation awarded its “Spirit of the Bulldog” award to Wylie teacher Kim Cheek. The award is given in honor of Rentz, who is a retired teacher and the driving force behind the education foundation. It is presented to a teacher who has utilized WBEF teacher grant money to challenge and motivate students in a creative way.

Cheek is director of Wylie's Gifted and Talented program and its amazing Destination Imagination program. She has received numerous teacher grants over the years and used them to purchase 3D printers, send DI students to the Global Finals and buy cutting-edge technology to challenge students. Also at the luncheon, Abilene Regional Medical Center CEO Mike Murphy presented the foundation a check for \$500 to help in its mission of promoting excellence in the Wylie ISD.



WBEF President Becky Rentz poses with Kim Cheek who won the Spirit of the Bulldog Award.



WYLIE EAST ELEMENTARY

(back from left) Kristina Fowler, James Loera, Kasi Asbill, Lesa Aiken, Peyton Little and Principal Kim McMillan, and front row Brooke Skeen, Lettie Morrow, Sydney Hymer, Chelsea Farr, and Mandy Roberts.



WYLIE WEST EARLY CHILDHOOD

Principal Lisa Salmon (right) poses with new teacher Tracie Martin.



WYLIE WEST ELEMENTARY

Principal Lisa Bessent (far right) poses with her new teachers (from left) Christina Mora and Sadie Scott.



WYLIE WEST INTERMEDIATE

Principal Phil Boone (left) poses with his new teachers Dakota Hall, LeeciaKovach and Heather Vinson.



WYLIE EAST JUNIOR HIGH

(back from left) Elizabeth Joy, Baylee Barger, Kathy Olinde, Cesar Ramirez, Colton Rosseau, Cliff Wilke and Oscar Villeda with Principal Rob Goodenough and (front row) Tabitha Reed, Megan Boyd, Bailey Gray, Lauren McLeroy, Madison Cruz and Jennifer Ramos.



WYLIE WEST JUNIOR HIGH

(back from left) Denise Cope, Bryan Bruing, Garrett Cox and Joseph Gillespie with Principal Aaron Amonett, and (front row) Mykala Williams, Kelly Eastman, Sierra De Castilla and Kalyn Gensic. Not pictured is Angelina Kenley.



WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL

(from left in back) Walt Clemmer, Haley Goettsch, Justin Holland, Webb Murphy, William Kilpatrick, Jansen Wilhite and Principal Tim Smith, and (front row) Anna Walker, Laura Vinson, Jazmine Moreno, Yvette Almaraz, Ashley McDonald, Angela Huckabee and Gary Huckabee.

WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL**Bill Young \$901**

For audio equipment that will allow the Audio/Visual production class to improve the audio quality of new productions and further the level of professionalism in recording events and projects. With the new equipment, students will develop greater skills in audio recording of live events and interviews that they carry into the video production industry and possibly earn college scholarships in this field.

Alexis Hughes \$1,029.63

For an electric potter's wheel and bats. This wheel would be an update to the ceramics equipment on which they learn basics in Junior High. Students will be able to make a variety of items such as bowls, cups and vases. These items could then be sold in the Bulldog Christmas Market to help raise additional funds for the Art Department.

Andrew Hope \$1,000

For five small quadcopter drones for use in the engineering and robotics classes at Wylie High. Students will use the drones to collaborate and develop projects that promote critical thinking and utilize STEM curriculum. By using the drones on a daily basis, students will gain skills and experience that will help them succeed in various projects and robotics competitions throughout the year. The students will also have the opportunity to become FAA certified by taking the course as an upper level elective during their senior year.

Teela Locker and Kendall Harrison \$1,000 each

To attend the National Training Seminar in Washington, DC, for Student2Student sponsors. The goal of S2S is to help highly mobile students, primarily military, adjust to their new school. S2S is supported by the Military Child Education Coalition. The training will benefit the S2S program by helping the organization grow and serve new students at Wylie and helping sponsors guide the S2S students

on how to help new students feel plugged in and welcome at Wylie High School.

Lisa Camp \$753.96

To purchase shelving for the art classroom. This shelving will be used for the purpose of storing student 3-D art work as well as for drying their clay pieces. It will also be used for storing classroom paper as well as other larger objects. Shelving will allow the students to work on and keep in-progress work in the room without fear of it being destroyed in the hustle and bustle of the art room.

WYLIE JUNIOR HIGH**Rose Bristow and Heather Collier \$1,005.10**

For P.E. equipment. The current situation has the Middle School and the Junior High sharing equipment, so receiving new equipment will allow the exploration of many different types of units in the curriculum. A variety of lifetime sports and games will use equipment such as Pickle-Ball, Tennis, Badminton, Frisbee, Disc Golf, volleyball, softball and others. The hope is that students will love playing and working out, and that they will establish that lifestyle as adults.

Luke Hurst \$849

For four Hummingbird duo classroom kits for the Coding, Gaming, Robotics and Innovation (CGR) class at the Junior High. These kits will allow students to make their own robots by using cardboard and other materials. These robotic kits have the ability to keep students ahead of the technology in education.

Kristian Spencer \$1,766.40

To attend the Habitudes Intensive Training in Atlanta, GA. Spencer teaches B.U.I.L.D.: Bulldog character, Uniting peers, Investigating careers, Leading by example, Discovering our potential. This is a semester-long class that introduces 16 career clusters as well as a 13-part leadership curriculum by Dr.

Tim Elmore through the Growing Leaders Institute.

Shana Hrbacek, Arthur Ramos and Amy Grimland \$3,178.94

To update and replace lab equipment at the Junior High. By replacing old, outdated equipment and purchasing science kits, Wylie students will be better prepared for high school because they will have had copious amounts of time in the lab. The goal is to be able to teach a science lesson without the limitations of what equipment is offered. By no longer sharing equipment, students will have more lab time and up-to-date models for a positive experience.

Hollie Garza \$799

For an iPad Pro for the Junior High Art classroom. Students will be able to upload images of their paintings to a website called Artsonia that will put their art on calendars, mugs, bags, T-shirts and other fun accessories. Parents can then purchase the items, and 20% of the profit will go back to the Junior High. The funds raised will go toward purchasing more supplies and technology for the Art classroom. The iPad Pro can also be used to learn entrepreneurial skills with Artsonia and real-world digital art techniques.

MIDDLE SCHOOL**Adrienne Ruffin, Shay Cox and Paul Mock \$2,978.05**

For Physical Education equipment, which will allow students to play games and do different exercises that will help them to be physically fit while learning lifelong skills and teamwork. Some of the equipment that will be purchased includes Plyometric Boxes for improving strength and vertical jumps, Banana Hurdles used in the training of lifting knees when running, and Jerseys which will allow for less students on each team so that they can have more reps on each activity.

INTERMEDIATE**Amy Wallenborn \$448.94**

For two standing desks and two stools. Many of the students in the special education classroom have unique needs that can be met by engaging in movement while learning. This teacher already uses flexible seating in her classroom and these additions will add to the seating options and allow for the student's various learning styles to be met while creating a better classroom environment.

Jennifer Greenough \$702.50

For picture books containing stories about kindness, acceptance, empathy and diversity. A special bookshelf in the library will be designated as the "Kindness Corner". This will provide easy access for students and teachers to locate this topic. Promoting kindness should be a goal of everyone and purchasing these books will help to spread that message.

EAST ELEMENTARY**Kayla Brashears Barnes \$987.92**

For manipulatives, magnetic gears, hammering kits, puppet sets, etc. for special education students who learn better with hands-on activities. These tools will help with gross and fine motor development. With these items, the kids will be able to hold pencils, participate in PE, button clothes, and perform many other daily functions that are needed to be smart, happy and healthy.

Stacy Theilan \$1,000

For fiction books for the new Wylie East Elementary. Most of the books are considered easy readers which will help build the student's self-confidence in reading. This library was donated books from other campuses but those donations did not include many of the most popular books that the students are interested in reading. This money will help to purchase some of those favorite books.

Angela McKnight \$1,000

For musical instruments for the new Wylie East Elementary music classroom. These instruments will add to the low supply of instruments caused by sharing among the different campuses. The skill of learning to play an instrument improves hand-eye coordination, teaches responsibility, encourages creative expression and composition and helps develop preeminent listening skills. Money from this grant will purchase more than 120 instruments.

April Brannan \$929.18

For a variety of games, stations and project-based learning materials to engage and extend students' learning while the teacher teaches the content in small groups based on their individual needs. Research has shown that teaching in small groups results in bigger learning and higher potential being reached. By giving students the opportunity to practice their literacy, math and science skills in group project-based activities, the teacher can provide differentiated instruction in smaller groups.

Renee McClellan \$950.68

For flexible seating in a third-grade reading classroom. Studies indicate that giving students some control over their surroundings adds to their sense of well-being. When given flexibility, a student's ability to stay focused and on task is improved. A comfortable environment clears the mind of distractions that can impede work and learning that needs to be done. The money will ensure that, in the classroom, students will have access to whatever seating works best for their learning style.

WEST ELEMENTARY**Kathy Burnitt**

\$746.76

For math and science centers, STEM kits and items to develop better fine motor skills. Research shows that center-based class-

rooms are filled with children who have a high degree of enthusiasm for their learning. They are more engaged in their learning than students in a classroom based solely on teacher lectures. STEM classrooms are flexible, mobile, integrated, organized, flipped (teacher presents problems, students solve the problems), and team-focused.

Rachel Perkins \$456.74

For a variety of different flexible seating options in the classroom. Physical activity is linked to higher academic performance, better health and improved behavior. There is power for students in their ability to choose where they sit. The grant will also purchase a talking piece to encourage more participation during lessons.

Nancy Reed \$700

For additional flexible seating furniture to enhance the classroom environment. Research demonstrates that the students learn more optimally in environments that allow student choice and are student centered. Flexible seating arrangements provide alternative style furniture for students to sit, kneel, stand, roll, wobble and bounce while they are working.

Megan Oliver \$613.69

For high-quality organizational tools for students to use in the classroom. Students need practical tools in learning how to become organized and how to use their classroom space most effectively. One tool to help teach these skills is chair-back pockets that provide safe storage for library books and give space within the desk for textbooks and a school box. Folders with built-in slip cover pockets that provide accessible information needed for curriculum are another tool.

Nancy Crow, Stephanie Jennings

\$1,961.94

To provide up to 50 students with yoga discs and bouncy bands for

their chairs, 12 seat cushions for bucket seating, 12 surf desks for floor seating, 2 trapezoid tables and 2 amazing Qballs. Having these items creates a classroom that encourages focus and participation in an atmosphere that is interactive and relaxed while providing the structure students need to learn.

Jessica McIntire \$940.62

For flexible seating options for a 2nd grade classroom. Research has shown that sitting for prolonged periods of time is bad for our health. In addition, traditional desks can be uncomfortable for students which can create attention problems and performance issues. The money will give the students sufficient options for seating to ensure students are more engaged in the lesson and will have more success in the classroom.

EARLY CHILDHOOD**Mandi McVay \$750.79**

For Flexible Seating options for a transitional kindergarten classroom. Children are now coming to school with immature motor skills, poor posture, lacking in balance and coordination, sensory overload and almost no core muscles. Researchers have found that these deficits are directly related to educational achievement. These flexible seating options – such as cushions, stools, and fidget bands – will be used to strengthen those areas and will play a key role in triggering the brain for high learning concepts.

Jillian Johnson \$973.12

For a dramatic play center, items for sensory exploration and tools to build fine-motor skills in Pre-K age children. These items will support and provide more opportunities for building social skills and keep the children engaged and active in their own learning. By providing different activities and opportunities for the children to interact with one another, the teacher is able to model and teach desired behaviors and social interactions.

DI**Kim Cheek and the Wylie DI team**

\$2,000

For travel to the DI Global Finals. Five teams from Wylie ISD earned the right to compete against the WORLD at the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Kansas City, MO, by placing in the Texas state competition. The cost is \$6,400 per team just to enter the competition and does not include room and board. These students will be competing against other US state champions as well as champions from around the world – including China, Romania, Qatar, the UK, Mexico and many others. It is a once in a lifetime event for these students and their parents. It allows these students to learn about diversity, learn about other cultures and states, and it allows them to compete against the best in the World at creative problem solving.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED:**\$30,642.73**

6 High School, 5 Junior High, 1 Middle School, 3 Intermediate, 5 Wylie East Elementary, 6 Wylie West Elementary and 2 Early Childhood. 2 Reading, 3 STEM Centers, 1 Science, 3 Art, 3 Workshops, 1 Music, 3 Technology, 2 PE, 1 DI, 7 Focus, 1 Special Education, 1 Organization;

2010 RECIPIENTS

Kacey Williams—Valedictorian
Kirsten Awalt—Salutatorian

2011 RECIPIENTS

Brennan Branch
Karen Duke
Cassidi Esman
Miranda Gillum
Colin Harris
Rebecca McQueen
Courtney Merket
Joe Nasser
Allison Phillips
Allie Preston
Erin Wilhite
Kelsey Wolfe

2012 RECIPIENTS

Kimberly Clements
Austin Lunney
Connor Mauldin
Kimberly McDonough
Molly Minor
Caroline Preston
Amanda Potts
Trent Regan
Emily Renfro
Nicole Tucek

2013 RECIPIENTS

Mary Tenney Ake
Sterling Bristow
Kirsten Burnett
Ashley Conder
Lisa English
Tyler Hicks
Duane Hopper
Emily Rapstine
Emily Turner
Madison Walker

2014 RECIPIENTS

Colby Awalt
Abigayle Young
Brittane Schaake
Alex Richardson
Austin Martinez
Bailey Turner
Brittany Smyser
Tye Calhoun
Cassidy Hanna
Laura Preston

2015 RECIPIENTS

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Elizabeth Brown
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Russell Dickerson
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Mattie Hill
Recie Ingraham
Brandi Little
Kaylee Newbrough
Shree Patel
Peyton Sanders
Nathan Scevers
Henry Touchton
Cole Widder
Kylan Williams

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2019 Student Scholarship Recipients! Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or university of his or her choice. The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation presented the scholarships during the Senior Award Ceremony at the end of the 2019 school year. Students were chosen based on a variety of criteria, including financial need, school and community involvement, grades, ACT/SAT scores, leadership skills, an essay and references. A minimum "B" average, letters of recommendation and an essay were required of each applicant.

The Foundation granted \$21,000 in scholarship money in 2019, bringing the total grants since 2010 to \$131,500! 🐾

2019 RECIPIENTS



Duncan Bacon Payton Boone Brooklyn Brewer Kanon Doby Hannah Kirby Maci Kirk Ginger Lanman



Justin Larum Madison Latham Mary Lovelace Chloe Martin Daylon Moore Tyler Roberts Declan Sauley Bennett Schackmuth



Joshua Shuler Allyson Steadman Grace Taylor Brylee Valentine Devon Warner Briana Westbrook Allison Witherspoon

2018 RECIPIENTS

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Kade Ancell
Kyler Christian
Jannae Delacot
Julia Dickerson
JonMichael Hernandez
Casey Jeter

McKenzie McPherson
Hailey Moore
Brooks Pepper
Tres Perkins
Ethan Smith
Ashley Smyser

Avery Steakley
Katheryn Webb
Madelyn Young
Gabriella Zullo

2016 RECIPIENTS

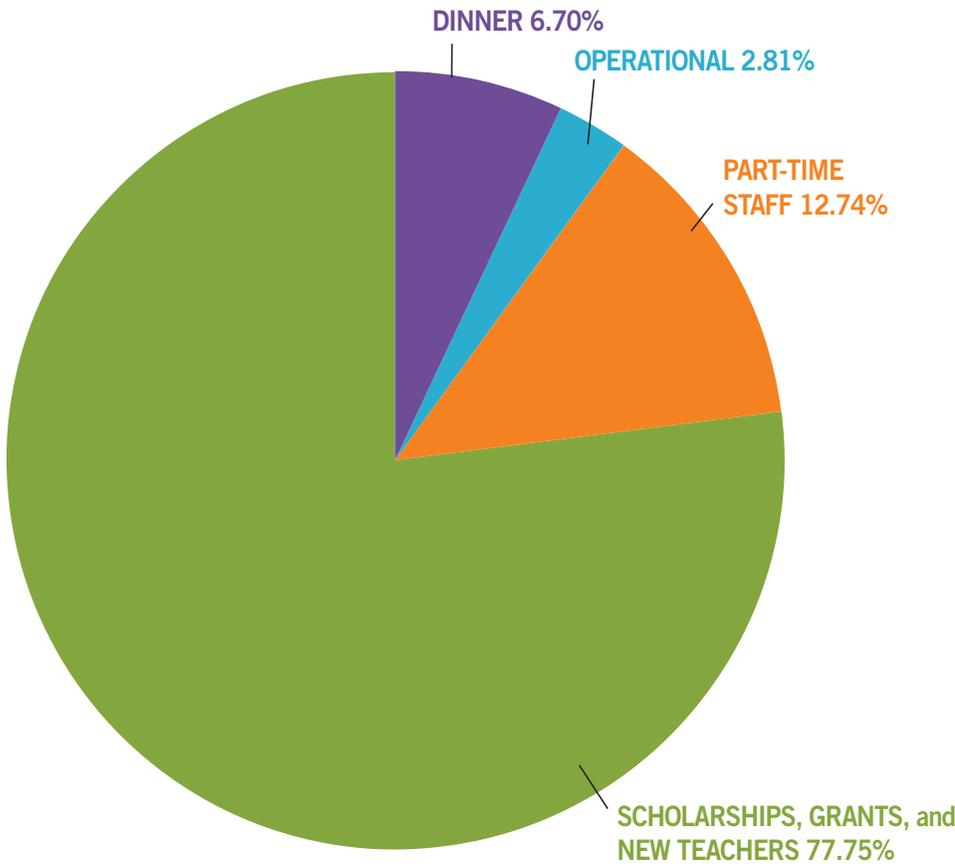
Mattie Ake
Paige Boone
David Brown
Kiersten Cooper
Caleb Elliott
Anna Fanning

Macy Goodenough
Riley Hedge
Reagan Levrets
Kayla Oakeley
Megan Scevers
Morgan Schackmuth

Shaili Shah
Claire Shuler
Hunter Stephenson
Max Tadvick
Brindi Wilson

Student
Scholarships
Awarded Since
2010:

\$131,500



FINANCIALS

A QUICK LOOK	
Teacher Grants	\$30,642.73
Student Scholarships	\$21,000
New Teacher Gift Cards	\$5,000
Special Grants <i>(For new Junior High, Ag Department)</i>	\$65,464.42
Total Gifted:	\$122,107.15

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