



WE FOUND OUR HOME

In August the Foundation found the ground it will be built on.

Our last report described a foundation getting to work. This one describes the month that work found an address: **an accepted offer on land**, a second grant awarded, our first meeting with the student team, and the first real signs that the community is paying attention.

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BY THE NUMBERS

SINCE INCEPTION · AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026

916

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

\$235K

COMMITTED FUNDING
INCLUDING AWARDED GRANTS

\$188K

RECEIVED
TO DATE

\$9.5K

GRANTS
AWARDED

\$18K

GRANTS UNDER
REVIEW

7

APPRENTICE
ADVOCATES

9

STUDENT
APPLICATIONS

7

POTENTIAL STUDENT
SPONSORS

MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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01

A HOME FOR TACH-TECH³

- **Our offer on land for a permanent home has been accepted.** It is the largest step the Foundation has taken since it was formed, and it turns the buildout from a plan into a schedule.
- The path there was not a straight one. Our first offer, on a 2 acre parcel, was **rejected with no counter**. Our realtor then pointed us toward a property she did not have listed: better land, at a lower price. We are glad the first one fell through.

02

FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

- **La Grange Walmart awarded us a \$2,000 Spark Good local grant**, our second grant award, which will buy supplies for the build. We submitted three applications after meeting with the store manager. Thank you, Walmart.
- **Secured funding grew from \$207,000 to \$235,000 during August**, leaving roughly **\$17,000** to fully fund the inaugural cohort.
- Not everything landed. The **Greater Fayette Community Foundation Green Door Fund** declined our application. That one was a disappointment, and we are regrouping and moving forward. A further **\$18,000** in grant applications remains under review.
- **Our apprentice advocate network stands at seven shops**, and it now reads in two groups: five local businesses across Fayette County, and two restoration specialists, Lugo Parts and Restoration of Loomis, California and Renown Auto Restoration of San Antonio. These are the businesses that have committed to consider apprenticeships for our certified graduates.

03 STUDENTS & LEADERSHIP

- **We held our first student meeting**, with a select group of five student team members. The subject was how to approach a potential student sponsor: how to prepare the ask, and how to present it. These young people will do some of their own fundraising, and we intend to have them ready.
- **Seven potential student sponsors** have now been identified.

04 PROGRAM DESIGN

- **The pre-apprenticeship curriculum review is complete**, with full documentation of the program objectives for every one of the 20 modules. This was the commitment we made in our last report, and it is finished.
- **We opened a conversation with Blinn College**, reaching the Director of their Alliance for College and Career Student Success. It could lead to dual credit instruction for Fayette County high school students.

05 COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

- **Presented to 17 members of the Fayetteville Lions Club**, carrying word of the Foundation into another corner of the county.
- **One of our first social posts, the Operational Excellence video, passed 600 views.** The audience is beginning to build on its own.

06 TECHNOLOGY & BRAND

- **Our social media presence is live and working.** Twenty one posts across Facebook and Instagram drew more than **2,871 views**, and brought us **64 followers on Facebook and 24 on Instagram.** Find us on all three platforms, TikTok included, at [@tachtech3org](https://www.instagram.com/tachtech3org).
- **Status Report No. 02 was produced directly from TachView**, our administrative console. Every figure in that report, and in this one, came out of the system rather than out of a spreadsheet.

07 FOUNDATION UPDATES

- Logged **916 documented hours** from volunteers, subject matter experts, the foundation team, and students. **259 of those hours came in August**, our largest month so far.

FOCUS · THE NEXT 30 DAYS

TURNING GROUND INTO A BUILDING.

- **Begin construction** of the Tach-Tech³ home on our newly acquired land.
- **Narrow the search** for the project build vehicle from the two candidates identified.
- **Finalize the buildout plans** and start work on the interior of the new facility.
- **Expand the social media rollout** to build awareness locally and nationally, and to reach more student applicants.
- **Begin sourcing equipment** to fit out the shop.



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