Springfield Education Foundation

Annual Report FY15-16

The Power of Your Support

Life-changing moments are happening for Springfield students because of generous donors like you! With the power of your support, Springfield Education Foundation has invested $1.3 million into Springfield Public Schools since 1994, enhancing academic resources, creating innovative programs and giving students access to tools that get them excited about learning.

It is through the contribution of dedicated donors like you that SEF is able to provide resources that allow students to expand their learning. You give them more opportunities to explore their abilities and set them toward a successful future.

INNOVATION

Exciting things are taking place inside and outside the classroom through our Innovative Educator Grants that your donations fund. SEF awarded 24 grants last year, totaling $49,060—the second highest dollar amount ever invested in one year. One grant funded a key component of a before-school mathematics intervention program called It's a Fact Math Club for 2nd-5th graders at Two Rivers–Dos Ríos Elementary School.

"Eighty percent of the students who participated improved their math assessment scores, and 100% of our students showed improvement in their math fluency," said learning specialist Kate Lode, who oversees the club. "Students even came to school 20 minutes early because they were so enthusiastic about what they were learning!"

CAREER PREPARATION

Thanks to your unfailing support of SEF, students are receiving career training and educational opportunities like never before, in areas such as graphic arts, auto mechanics, woodworking, engineering, medical technology, food service, journalism and teaching.

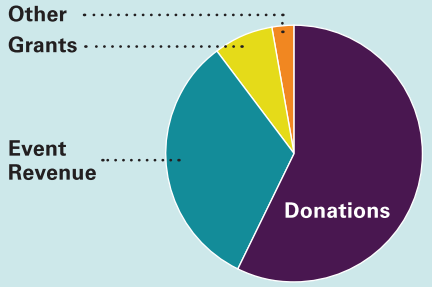
One example is the Teacher Cadet Program at Springfield High School, which encourages students to consider teaching as a career and to develop future community leaders and civic advocates for public education.

"This program changed my life," said Vanessa, a senior in the Teacher Cadet program. "It not only changed my career path, but by helping kids, I know I will succeed."

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW
Fiscal year ending June 2016

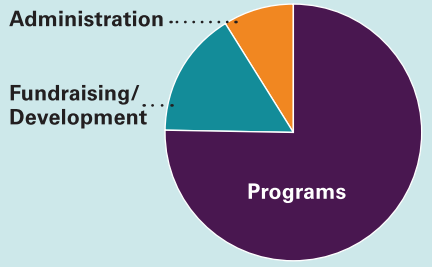
Revenue

Donations	$262,531
Event revenue	$149,221
Grants	$35,337
Other	$11,678
Total revenue	**$458,767**



Expenses

Programs	$292,965
Fundraising/Development	$61,235
Administration	$33,626
Total expenses	**$387,826**

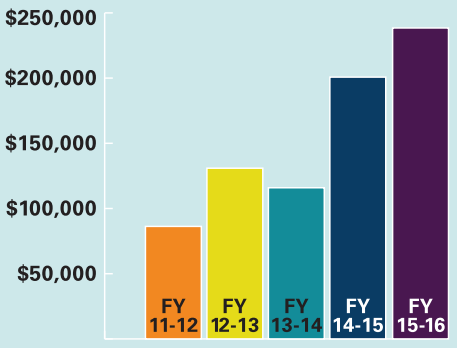


IRS Form 990 available upon request.

INCREASING SUPPORT
Five-Year Summary

Invested in Student Programs

FY11-12	$86,284
FY12-13	$130,904
FY13-14	$115,912
FY14-15	$200,752
FY 15-16	$238,435
Total invested	**$772,287**



Building a bright and successful future for all students through financial support and community involvement.

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–Kyle–6th grader in the mentoring program at Agnes Stewart Middle School

LITERACY

Students who can read at grade level have a much better chance of being successful in school. That’s why SEF is a proud supporter of Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB), providing books to schools for this quiz-style literacy program involving students in grades 3-12. OBOB has achieved incredible success as a reading incentive program in Springfield, with about 1,200 students in nearly all schools participating annually. In addition, SEF again partnered with the 11th annual Gift of Literacy, a community-supported literacy program for the district’s approximately 850 first-graders.

TECHNOLOGY

By helping SEF invest in technology, student attendance, participation and test scores are rising. One example is the GEMS project—Girls Engineering in Middle School. The program gives girls the opportunity to attend a 10-week after-school technology class. And through your generous donations, SEF is able to continue that support at the high school level. Last year, SEF awarded the Thurston High School Robotics program $4,300 to help the program grow and accommodate more students, including an all-girl team whose members include former GEMS students.

MENTORSHIPS

SEF provides added value to student success by supporting mentoring programs at Gateways High School, Hamlin and Agnes Stewart Middle Schools. Community volunteers meet with students at least three times each year, helping them gain confidence to stay on track academically and reinforce the idea that any student can go to college.

Here’s what some students involved in the mentoring program had to say about the experience: “I learned that my grades are important and that if I focus, I can do better,” said Antonia.

“My mentor taught me that I just need to keep doing what I am doing and then I can become whatever I want,” said Kyle.

TALENTED AND GIFTED

SEF works strategically with the school district to identify underfunded programs to bolster student success. Last year, the foundation awarded $20,000 of your donations to the district’s Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program to support an underserved student population. This donation nearly doubles the district’s support for the program, engaging students across the district in stimulating and rewarding learning experiences that challenge them in new and exciting ways not offered in daily classroom work. This includes evening workshops for students and their families to engage in project-based learning activities while providing an important setting for peer interaction.