

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2015



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been fortunate to be involved with an organization in Skaneateles made up of nineteen individuals. While our backgrounds are diverse, the common thread we share is that we are parents who have seen educational opportunities decline through budget cuts and stressors placed on teachers. Through this group, I have witnessed teachers become inspired and creative in order to expand these same educational opportunities. It is when these two groups have come together, with the goal of enriching the educational experience of EVERY child in the Skaneateles School District that extraordinary results have occurred.

Our Skaneateles Education Foundation is the group, who for the past six years has provided teachers the means to “think outside the box” to the benefit, most importantly of the students, but of the community as well. I would be remiss to leave out the importance of YOU, the community at large, who ultimately provide for us the ability to keep the educational experience healthy and poised to meet the future needs of our district as a whole.

It is with great pride that we, the Skaneateles Education Foundation, submit our Annual Report to you, our greatest benefactors, as a look at our past and with our commitment toward the future.

With thanks,
Michael Glowacki
SEF President



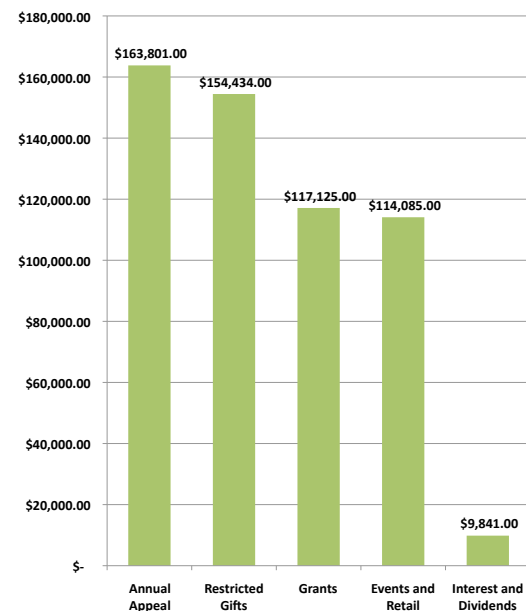
WHY YOUR HELP MATTERS

Here in Skaneateles, private philanthropy fuels forward progress in our schools – in improved technology, in enriched curriculum and in better-prepared teachers. Each day, programs and initiatives made possible by donors and volunteers are touching the lives of students in our community. Despite the triple pressures of declining enrollment, diminishing state support and increased graduation expectations, Skaneateles is better equipped to meet those challenges because we are blessed with an extraordinary advantage. That advantage, of course, is the generous support of our community. Why do so many give? Because every contribution of money, time or talent – large or small – helps to improve another classroom, strengthen another teacher, inspire another child.

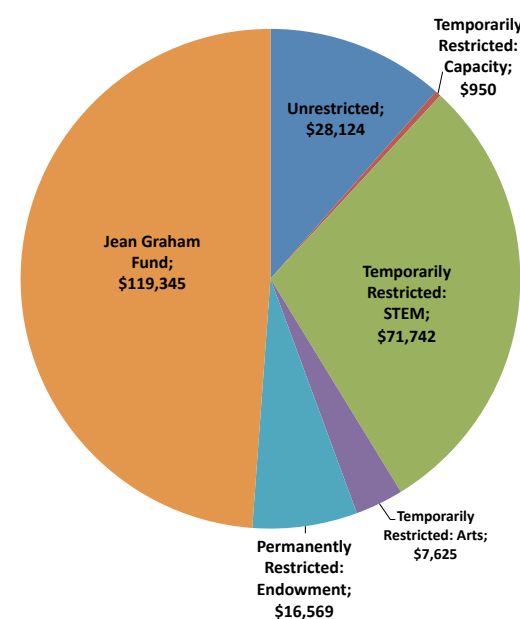
2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Foundation had revenues of \$177,212 and expenditures of \$184,106. Net assets were \$208,198 with \$129,563 in Permanently Restricted Funds, \$41,915 in Temporarily Restricted Funds and \$36,720 in Unrestricted Funds. The Foundation maintains a conservative fiscal policy, balancing long term sustainability of the organization while providing meaningful grants, leveraged to achieve the greatest good for District students and donor dollars.

INCOME BY SOURCE 2008 – PRESENT



FUND BALANCES AS OF 12/31/14



2014 GRANT LISTING



“3-D printing and modeling is the future. Our students are learning to design and program and problem solve using a state-of-the-art 3D printer funded by the STEM Initiative. They will surely have a leg up when they go to college.”
– HS Engineering Teacher Rob Tuttle

“The Dickens Christmas Carol was great. I loved it! The Skaneateles Education Foundation really spreads light on the school.”
- 7th Grader Reagan Evans

3D Printing: Bringing Ideas to Life

Benefits all students in HS and MS Engineering and Technology classes
Applicants: Rob Tuttle, Matt Slausen, Scott Stagnitta
Grant Award: \$27,995.40

21st Century Digital Data Collection

Benefits all students in HS Physics, Engineering and Statistics classes
Applicants: Dan Kurzen, Matt Slausen
Grant Award: \$9009

Digital Textbook Creation

Benefits all MS social studies students.
Applicants: Jim Ryan, Julie Spinelli, Lori Usifer, Mitch Major and Sharon O’Connell.
Grant Award: \$7525

Mexican Sugar Skulls: A Cultural Tradition

Benefits all students in Grade 5
Applicant: Heather Buff, Seth Benjamin, Peggy Charles, Kelley McQuiggan, Ellen Wolford
Grant Award: \$639

“A Christmas Carol” by the Puppet People

Benefits all 7th grade students
Applicants: Josh Williams and Lauren Pohl
Grant Award: \$900

Engineering is Elementary for State Street

Benefits all students in grades 3- 5
Applicants: Erin Brown and Brian Cohen
Grant Award: \$2275



“Having a Foundation to support teachers and students is an amazing benefit that most school districts don’t have.”
– HS Art Teacher Jessica Sawchuck

“To be able to teach classic literature, and then have the students experience a live performance of the literature, is an opportunity every student has benefited from. Thanks to the Foundation and its donors, my classes have seen Shakespeare and Dickens, and will be forever changed by that experience.”
- MS English Teacher Josh Williams

2014 GRANT LISTING



Puppet Making Workshop

Benefits HS Studio and Advanced Art classes
Grant Applicant: Jessica Sawchuck
Grant Award: \$150

Vacuum/Pressure Experimentation

Benefits HS students in physical sciences courses.
Applicant: Karl Norris
Grant Award: \$1140

The Flamenco Ballet

Benefits students in Spanish 3, 4 and 5 classes
Applicants: Nina Morel, Lauren Wiese, Susan Welch and Kate Webster
Grant Award: \$2460

Audio Engineering Studio

Benefits students in MS and HS
Applicants: Paul Blair, Michael Kringer, Corey Riley, Daniel Kurzan
Grant Award: \$39628

Growing Sustainable

Benefits HS students in Applied Engineering
Applicants: Scott Stagnitta
Grant Award: \$5143

Newton’s Hovercraft

Benefits all students in 8th grade science classes.
Applicant: Rich Allen
Grant Award: \$536



“Poetry Out Loud was a life-changing experience for me as a student and as a person. I entered the contest assuming reciting poetry would be very similar to acting, but it was a different challenge entirely. It boosted my confidence by allowing me to perform alone and increased my analysis skills as my instructors and I pulled apart every poem to find a deeper meaning. Poetry adds to my individuality and opens new doors for the future. It’s a passion I never would have considered until now, and I am so glad I did.”

– 11th Grader
Aimee LaFrance

Poetry Outloud

Benefited HS student in state poetry competition.

Applicant: Deb Covell

Grant Award: \$200

Video and Multimedia Creation in 5th Grade

Benefits all students in Grade 5

Applicant: Heather Buff

Grant Award: \$9690



2014 Jean Graham Fund Award

Teaching English and French in India

Applicant: Sandi Taylor, High School

Grant Award: \$4429



WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INSPIRED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SKANEATELES STUDENTS.

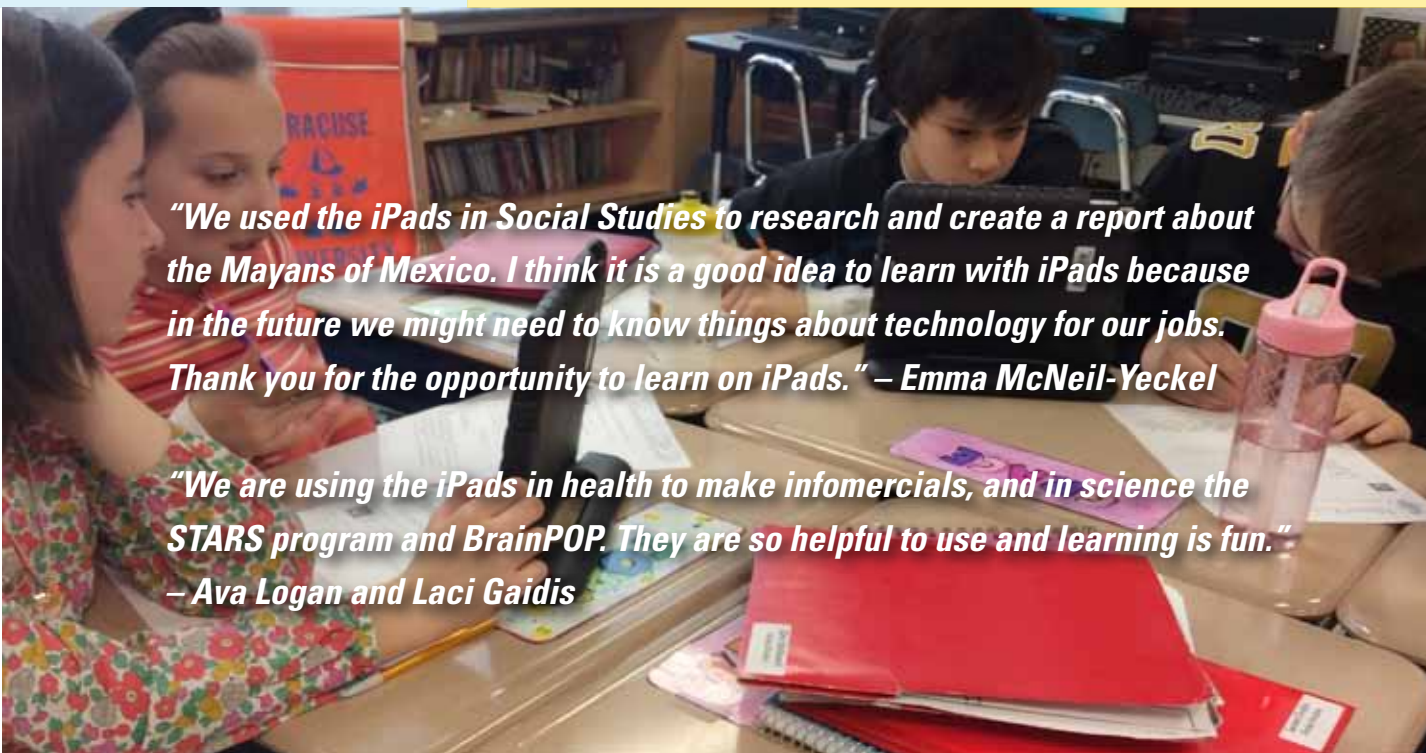
EVERY GIFT REALLY DOES MATTER.

A little goes a long way. When you make a gift to the Skaneateles Education Foundation, you join hundreds of community members who support the SEF Annual Fund each year. All of those gifts—most under \$100—add up in a big way.

So even if you have only a few dollars to share, you can still do your part to better Skaneateles schools.

Here are examples of how your gift might be used:

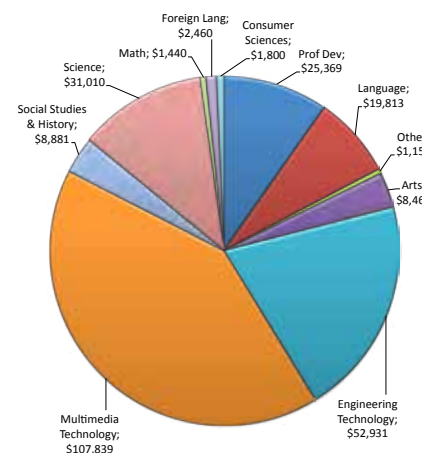
- \$5,000 – funds a new unit for our Middle School Robotics lab
- \$1,000 – allows a faculty member to attend a professional conference and improve teaching skills
- \$500 – funds a cultural event for an entire grade level
- \$250 – funds the MOST visiting State Street or Waterman
- \$150 – funds a workshop for a HS art class
- \$50 – covers the fee for a Distance Learning course for one classroom
- \$25 – sends two students to see a live production of a Shakespeare play



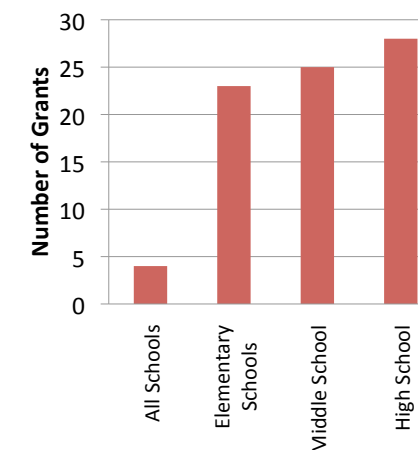
“We used the iPads in Social Studies to research and create a report about the Mayans of Mexico. I think it is a good idea to learn with iPads because in the future we might need to know things about technology for our jobs. Thank you for the opportunity to learn on iPads.” – Emma McNeil-Yeckel

“We are using the iPads in health to make infomercials, and in science the STARS program and BrainPOP. They are so helpful to use and learning is fun.” – Ava Logan and Laci Gaidis

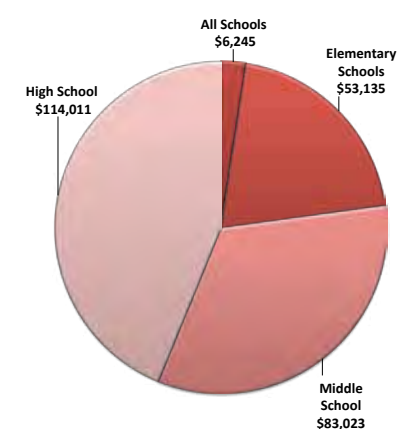
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NUMBER OF GRANTS PER BUILDING 2009 - 2014

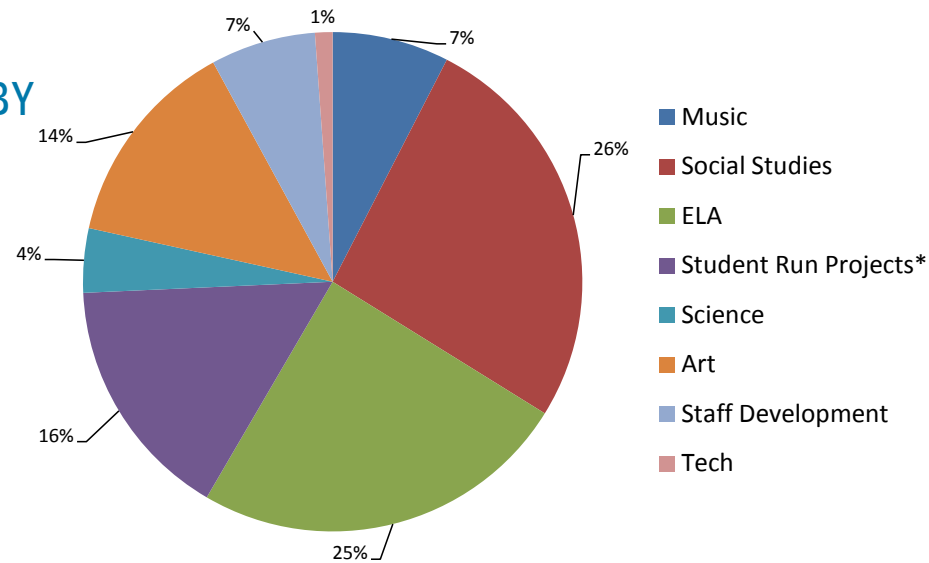


GRANT DOLLARS BY BUILDING 2009 - 2014



ZOOM ROOM UPDATE

ZOOM ROOM USE BY SUBJECT MATTER 1/23/14 TO PRESENT



Central New York High School Film Festival - 2014

First-place awards in the sports and documentary categories
Elizabeth Lane - Senior

Heidelberger Award for most outstanding filmmaker
Elizabeth Lane – Senior

RFK Center for Justice and Human Rights - 2014

Speak Truth to Power Video Contest
Gold and Silver Awards to 32 high school students

National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) - 2014

1st Place winner of National Video Contest
Corey Newell, Matt Payne, Jeff Kringer, Kasha Rybczyk, Ryan Terhune, Katherine Krebs, Phoebe Glowacki, Sam Smith and Chris Niebuhr – high schools students

RFK Center for Justice and Human Rights – 2015 Speak Truth to Power Video Contest National Finalists –

Kate Hardy's students made use of the Zoom Room, funded by the Skaneateles Education Foundation. Two videos produced by students in tenth grade English classes at Skaneateles High School have received top honors in the national film making contest sponsored by the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (RFK Center)



Left to right:
Emma Bohrer, Julia Willcox, Sarah Parks, Conor Driscoll, Rachel Teixeira and Charlotte Gardner won first place in the national contest.



Left to right:
Erica Byrne, Alex Ditch, Abbie Lee and Angela Krause won second place in the national contest. Oliver Proudfoot also worked on their team.

DONOR LISTING

In 2014, over 400 individuals, businesses and other organizations made contributions in support of the mission of SEF. We thank those who have shared with us their gifts of time, talent and money.

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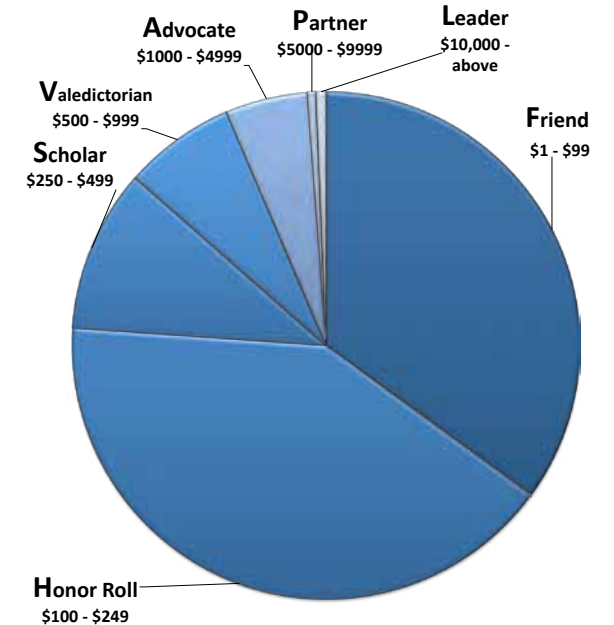
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Participation The Foundation's board and committees will reflect our community by including a wide range of stakeholders. We will show up to plan, to work and to succeed.

Accountability All funds and programs will be managed to the highest standards. We will be excellent stewards of the assets entrusted to us. We expect equal accountability from our beneficiaries.

Collaboration The Foundation will be a place where ideas are exchanged and teamwork prevails. Our work will complement, rather than compete with, district goals and other school support groups.

Integrity We will learn from our outcomes, continually improve our processes, and build an organization worthy of respect, trust and longevity.

Impact Skaneateles students, and the faculty who teach them, will remain the central focus of our work. We will add measurable value, identify outcomes and faithfully communicate results.

OUR MISSION

The Skaneateles Education Foundation is established to solicit and manage charitable contributions and bequests for the benefit of student education. Its principal purpose and goal is to supplement, though not supplant, state and local public funding. Its efforts are solely directed at enhancing the quality of education, by strengthening the curriculum and expanding the resources available to students and faculty in the Skaneateles Central School District. Through its partnership with the community, the Foundation endeavors to enrich the educational experience of every student.

