



Gateway Education Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016



Gateway Education Foundation

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2015-2016 ACHIEVEMENTS

The Gateway Education Foundation continued to fulfill its mission to enhance the education of students in the Gateway Regional School District. We also enjoyed several successful fundraisers and increased awareness from families, staff, students and

Activities during the 2015-16 school year included:

- Awarding three rounds of *Funds for Learning (FFL)* projects for summer, fall, and spring programs; thirteen projects totaling over \$6400 were approved this year;
- Joining thousands of non-profits nationally who took part in *Giving Tuesday*, a national day of online generosity held in December 2015;
- Joining hundreds of non-profits in Western Massachusetts who took part in *Valley Gives Day*—an online giving promotion in May 2016 sponsored by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts;
- Creating a new dedicated fund to send two girls each year to Massachusetts Girls State and successfully securing donations for both 2016 and 2017;
- Engaging nearly 100 students, parents, staff and alumni to take part in a Boston Celtics fundraiser. The fundraiser was so successful that five students were randomly selected to 'high five' the Celtics as they returned to the floor after half-time! The event raised nearly \$1000 for the Foundation.
- Holding a very successful "Drive 4 Ur School" Fundraiser at Gateway on a chilly and rainy—but ultimately FUN!—Saturday in May, resulting in a \$5200 donation from Ford Motor Company.
- Initiating a Business Sponsor component with support from 16 area businesses;
- Supporting "**Gateway 2025**", a series of parent, staff, student and community member surveys and focus groups to inform the future direction of the Gateway Regional School District;
- Continuing to retain donors from prior years (seeing many increase their level of support from prior years) and enjoying a nearly 50% increase in the total # of donors this year;
- Raising over \$18,000 to support the students, classrooms and schools of the Gateway Regional School District;

New in the 2016-17 school year: the Gateway Education Foundation is establishing an alumni **Homecoming Weekend**, which will begin with the **Shipman Memorial Concert** on Friday, September 16 at 6 p.m. in the Gateway Performing Arts Center. September 17th will be **Soccer Saturday** with JV and Varsity home soccer games all afternoon, culminating with Gateway's Annual **Alumni Soccer Game** under the lights on Booster Field that evening! More details to come.

The Shipman Memorial Concert is an annual fundraiser that supports a special fund held by the Foundation to honor Rob Shipman. Rob taught at Gateway for most of his career, and also trained and supervised the student Tech Crew that provides lights, sound and stage support for performances in the Gateway Performing Arts Center. To date, this fund has raised over \$10,000 and has upgraded the lighting and sound in the GPAC, while also providing scholarships to graduating Tech Crew members.

Donations to the Gateway Education Foundation are tax deductible and may be made at any time of year. You may also specify if your donation is for the General Fund, Shipman Memorial Fund or Girls State Fund. Checks may be mailed to the Gateway Education Foundation, 12 Littleville Road, Huntington, MA 01050. Online donations may be made on our website (www.GatewayEducationFoundation.org). The Foundation is also able to accept property, stocks, bonds or other items of value.

2015-2016 Funds for Learning Projects

Littleville's Summer Reading Program: Held in the summer of 2015, students took reading logs home to record the books that they were reading. When students returned to school, they handed in their reading logs and received new books to take home and keep. (\$500)



School-Wide Reading Challenges: Littleville Elementary School launched their year-long reading challenge with a school-wide assembly in the Fall, where students received reading logs. Books were awarded for reading completion throughout the year, including BINGO for Books events (which enjoyed its highest ever turnout) A school-wide celebration was held at the end of the school year.

(\$500)

Photo: Students who completed their reading goals for the year were treated to a special afternoon that included extra recess, an ice cream party, and (of course) new books!

Earth Space Science Enrichment: Second graders at Littleville took part in a four-week unit on Earth Space Science. Students learned how the night sky changes due to the earth's rotation, observed stars in the night sky, and learned several constellations that they can view from our region. The grant purchased materials for a hands-on art project for 45 second graders and funded a visit from the Springfield Science Museum's portable planetarium "StarLab". (\$300)

Photo: Second graders waiting to enter StarLab and continue their study of constellations and planets.



Healthy Stress Management: Students at Chester Elementary School received hands-on strategies to manage stress, including dance, mosaics and other art mediums, mindfulness, Heartmath, affirmations, visualization, yoga and Tai Chi. (\$600)



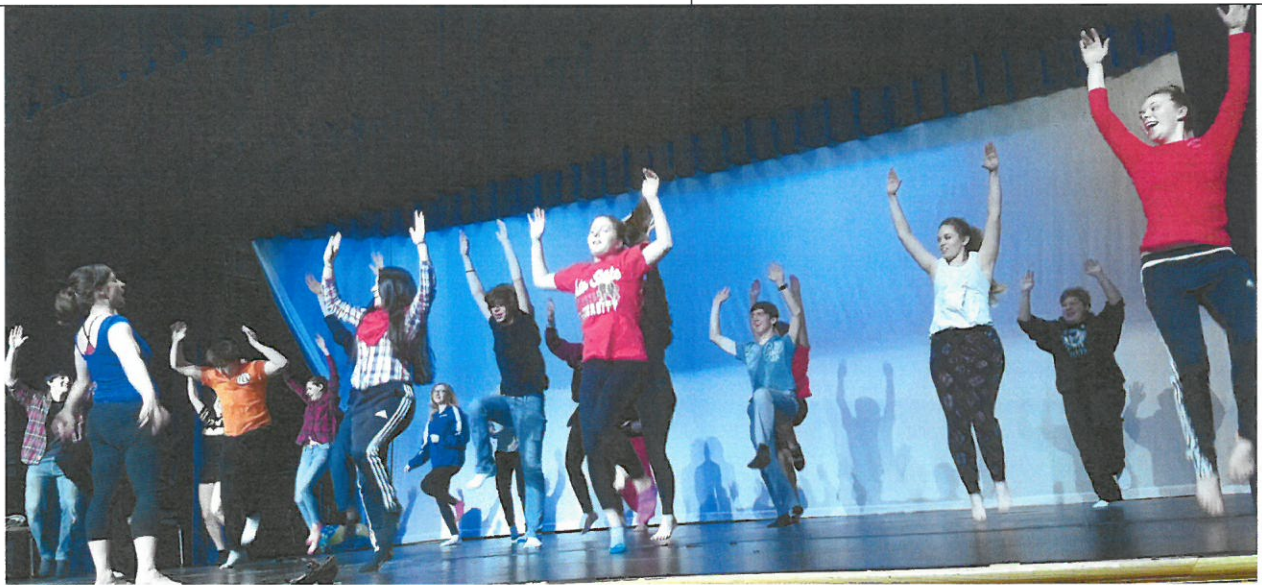
Photo: Cast members taking a break just before their May 5th performance of "Let's Eat!" in the Gateway Performing Arts Center.

Chester School Musical: Students at Chester Elementary School performed "Let's Eat"—a tasty musical for anybody who liked to eat—in the Gateway Performing Arts Center on May 5. The primary goal is to give all students the opportunity to engage in a real-world experience of performing on stage, creating sets and learning music. Students with speaking roles benefit from rereading and memorizing lines, improving fluency, pronunciation, vocabulary and overall verbal presentation. Songs were taught during music class, sets designed during art class. This was the 3rd Annual Musical at Chester supported by the Foundation. (\$800)

Girls State: In 2015, the Huntington Historical Society stepped forward to send a Gateway girl to Girls State, which hadn't happened in nearly 20 years (due to the American Legion Auxiliary closing in our area). This year, the Gateway Education Foundation and First Congregational Church of Huntington raised \$600 and were able to send TWO girls to Girls State. The Foundation now has an established Girls State Fund. In fact, during Valley Gives Day in May, alumna Sarah and Jessica Hopson set up a \$300 matching grant, which was met and led to funding already established for two girls in 2017!



Photo: *Girls State citizens Rachel LeBarron and Anna Pless (front row) will join Boys State citizens Trevor Bruno & Frankie Tangredi at Stonehill College this year, thanks to the Norwich Hill Church and the Foundation's donors.*

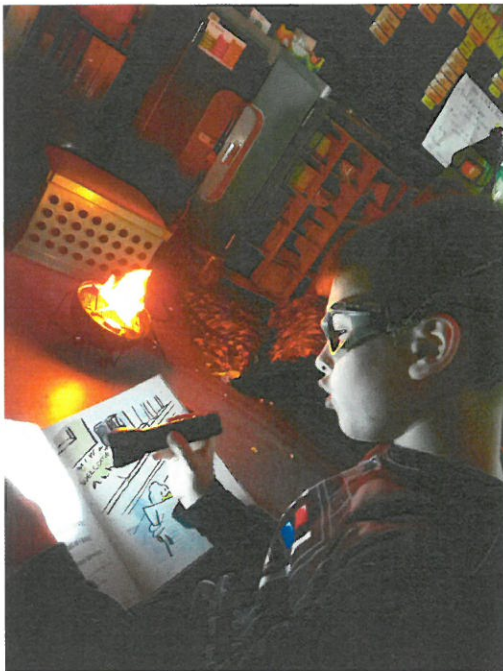


Master Choreography Class: Emily Curro (GRHS Class of '03) returned to Gateway to work on choreography with the Show Choir in March, just before the group's competition at the New England Regional Show Choir Showdown on March 19. Curro studied ballet and dance arts with the Berkshire Ballet Company and majored in Musical Theatre Performance at Russell Sage College. She is currently Associate Director of Marketing and Communications with the Williamstown Theatre Company. (\$160)

Reptile Encounters: The Springfield Science Museum's "Museum on the Go" program came to Littleville, to enhance a cross-curricular study about habitats, sets of animals in each habitat and the characteristics of each habitat. This unit has also exposed students to non-fiction texts, text features, and how to gather information from non-fiction texts. Students also wrote non-fiction 'All About Books' during writer's workshop time. Each first grade class had a 45-minute visit to learn about reptile habitats, adaptations, life cycles and behaviors. (\$340)



Photo:



Books and Blankets Family Literacy Night: A special family literacy night was held at Littleville Elementary School in the spring, 2016. Families arrived dressed in pajamas, and toting flashlights, blankets and a favorite stuffed animal. Together, they rotated through literacy-based centers that included reading tips for parents, fluency activities, guest readers, comprehension strategies and a snack. The evening ended with families in the gym, reading a new book by flashlight. (\$500)

Photo: Littleville students attended a half-night sleepover at school, where they read new books by a campfire.

Additional Funds For Learning Projects: Several additional projects were funded in FY'16, but will take place in FY'17, including "**The History and Technology of the Gateway Hilltowns and the Keystone Arch Bridges**", "**Hispanic Flamenco Ballet Performance**", "**Improvisation Seminar for Vocalists**", "**Insulated Homes**", and a "**Half-Sleepover Night**" for students at Chester Elementary School.

Gateway Education Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Fiscal Years-To-Date as of June 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>FY16 Total Actual</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Girls State Fund</u>	<u>Shipman Fund</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Budget Variance</u> <i>Fav (Unfav)</i>	<u>FY15 Total Actual</u>	<u>FY16 v FY15</u> <i>Fav (Unfav)</i>
REVENUE								
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
Valley Gives Day	7,643.76	7,043.76	100.00	500.00	6,000.00	1,643.76	6,505.63	1,138.13
Donations	1,987.00	1,562.00	300.00	125.00	1,250.00	737.00	1,050.00	937.00
Fundraising Income	4,718.15	4,218.15	-	500.00	3,200.00	1,518.15	1,338.00	3,380.15
Interest Income	10.95	10.95	-	-	15.00	(4.05)	7.89	3.06
Total revenue	<u>\$ 14,359.86</u>	<u>\$ 12,834.86</u>	<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,125.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,465.00</u>	<u>\$ (6,105.14)</u>	<u>\$ 13,901.52</u>	<u>\$ 458.34</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Funds for Learning Grants	\$ 6,817.48	\$ 6,817.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00	\$ (10,182.52)	\$ 4,593.36	\$ 2,224.12
Office Supplies & Expenses	33.36	33.36	-	-	220.00	(186.64)	734.51	(701.15)
Fundraising Expenses	185.75	185.75	-	-	500.00	(314.25)	250.00	(64.25)
Program Expenses	1,000.49	700.49	300.00	-	1,000.00	0.49	-	1,000.49
Scholarships	500.00	-	-	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 8,537.08</u>	<u>\$ 7,737.08</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,720.00</u>	<u>\$ (10,182.92)</u>	<u>\$ 5,577.87</u>	<u>\$ 2,959.21</u>
Net Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ 5,822.78</u>	<u>\$ 5,097.78</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 625.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,745.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,077.78</u>	<u>\$ 8,323.65</u>	<u>\$ (2,500.87)</u>
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES								
Beginning Balances as of 7/1/15	\$ 19,966.28	\$ 16,138.83	\$ -	\$ 3,827.45	\$ 19,966.28	\$ -	\$ 11,642.63	\$ 8,323.65
Net increase (decrease)	5,822.78	5,097.78	100.00	625.00	1,745.00	4,077.78	8,323.65	(2,500.87)
Ending Balance as of 6/30/16	<u>\$ 25,789.06</u>	<u>\$ 21,236.61</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,452.45</u>	<u>\$ 21,711.28</u>	<u>\$ 4,077.78</u>	<u>\$ 19,966.28</u>	<u>\$ 5,822.78</u>

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Balance Sheet
Periods Ending June 30, 2016 and 2015

	Jun-16 YTD Balance	General Fund	Girls State Fund	Shipman Fund	Jun-15 YTD Balance	Change
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 27,689.06	\$ 23,136.61	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,452.45	\$ 19,966.28	\$ 7,722.78
Pledges Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 27,689.06	\$ 23,136.61	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,452.45	\$ 19,966.28	\$ 7,722.78
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FFL Encumbered	1,900.00	1,900.00	-	-	-	1,900.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 16,138.83	\$ 16,138.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,403.18	\$ 6,735.65
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	3,827.45	-	-	3,827.45	2,239.45	1,588.00
Restricted Net Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Revenue Over Expenses	5,822.78	5,097.78	100.00	625.00	8,323.65	(2,500.87)
Total Net Assets	\$ 25,789.06	\$ 21,236.61	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,452.45	\$ 19,966.28	\$ 5,822.78
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 27,689.06	\$ 23,136.61	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,452.45	\$ 19,966.28	\$ 7,722.78
FFL Encumbered						
Chester Summer Reading	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Littleville Summer Reading	500.00	500.00	-	-	-	500.00
Gr. 8 Keystone Arch	600.00	600.00	-	-	-	600.00
Hispanic Flamenco Ballet	600.00	600.00	-	-	-	600.00
Improv Seminar for Vocalists	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
Total FFL Encumbered	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00

Fiscal Year 2016 Donors

The Board wishes to thank the parents, staff, students, alumni, retirees and community members for their generosity in supporting the Gateway Education Foundation.

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*Shipman Memorial Fund

** Girls State Fund

GATEWAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2016-2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

July 12, 2016
2016 Annual Meeting, *Chester Common Table*

Regular Meetings
(Beginning at 6 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office)

September 19, 2016

November 14, 2016

January 23, 2017

March 20, 2017

May 15, 2017

FY 2017 Annual Meeting: TBA