



# Phoenixville Community Education Foundation

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taking education to new heights

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# We do this...



Our mission is to secure and provide resources that enhance the overall educational experience within the Phoenixville Area School District, including learning initiatives, preparedness programs and out of the classroom activities.



**support**  
the arts  
in education



**fund**  
innovative learning  
activities



**provide**  
college  
scholarships



**donate**  
classroom  
resources

## GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE GREATNESS IN OTHERS

WE THANK JOHN LEHNING FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOARD, INCLUDING THE LAST TWO YEARS AS PRESIDENT.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR JOHN AND ALL THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OUR OFFICE MANAGEMENT TEAM WHO GIVE SO GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME, TALENT, AND RESOURCES TO PCEF.



*PCEF Board of Trustees*

## You inspire us every day

I am happy to report that the Phoenixville Community Education Foundation has grown to become a mainstay of our community over the past 12 years. Indeed, we are proud to count a whole new generation of parents and teachers as leaders and advocates of our organization.

Sincere thanks go to Kelly Connors, one of our original supporters, for her passion and commitment to PCEF. Kelly served most recently as our Executive Director, but has also been a Trustee and tireless volunteer for us over the years. Kelly stepped down from her position with PCEF at the end of this year and I am pleased to be able to build on her legacy as your new Executive Director.

Our Trustees welcomed six new individuals to the Board this year; among them, they have children in all PASD schools and live in all three municipalities of Phoenixville. Our new Trustees bring a range of skills and experiences to our Board - PCEF's future is in good hands.

Thank you for continuing to believe in PCEF's mission to enhance education for all students in our community.

Joan Cadigan, Executive Director

## DESTINATIONS WITH DIRECTIONS

THIS PROGRAM MOTIVATES HIGH-POTENTIAL, ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS TO PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION.

STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH ACADEMIC SUPPORT, ENABLING THEM TO TAKE MORE CHALLENGING COURSEWORK IN HIGH SCHOOL AND THEREFORE BETTER PREPARING THEM FOR COLLEGE-LEVEL ACADEMICS.

THEY ALSO ATTEND COLLEGE PREPARATORY SEMINARS THAT PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON TAKING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS, HELP WITH APPLYING FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION, AND TOOLS FOR SUCCESS AS A COLLEGE STUDENT.



*Students touring University of South Carolina*

## Our programs reach all age groups and academic levels

### PRINCIPAL MINI-GRANTS

Designed to help fund special learning opportunities and creative assemblies throughout the year.

### TEACHER MINI-GRANTS

Funding open to all PASD teachers offering new and innovative learning initiatives in their classroom.

### STUDENT MINI-GRANTS

Provide PASD students access to grant dollars for educational opportunities offered outside of their schools.

### AP TESTING FEES/SAT PREP

Gives students the opportunity to apply for assistance with fees for SAT prep courses, SAT testing, and Advanced Placement testing.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT GRANTS

Offset the cost of “dual enrollment” classes which enable economically disadvantaged students to start earning college credits while still in high school.

## ACTIVITIES ACCESS

Helps kids participate in extracurricular activities that cost more than they or their families can afford.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships offered to graduating seniors attending a post-secondary institution, college, or university in any field of study.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Provide funds for Model U.N. - an educational simulation and academic competition where students learn about diplomacy, international relations, and the United Nations.

## YOUTH & PHILANTHROPY AT PAMS AND PAHS

Grant-funded program where participants learn about local nonprofits in their community and see first-hand the impact these organizations have on the people they serve.

## HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICS TEAM GOES TO THAILAND

WE WERE PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICS TEAM AT THE INTERNATIONAL YOUNG PHYSICISTS' TOURNAMENT. THE PROGRAM BRINGS TOGETHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO DEBATE SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGING PHYSICS PROBLEMS WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING DISCOVERIES THAT ADVANCE SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING. OUR HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICS TEAM WAS THE ONLY GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES TO COMPETE.



*Physics team gathers as they prepare for a life-changing experience*

## **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that challenges students with creative problem-solving opportunities.

## **OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Olweus is a school-wide program at PAMS that has been proven to reduce bullying throughout the school setting.

## **PAPA S.A.F.E. PROGRAM**

PCEF provides funding to the Summer Academics For Enrichment program for its Friday field trips.

## **STEPPING UP SUMMER LITERACY**

The Stepping Up Summer Literacy Program is an invitation only, tuition-free, four week program for PASD kindergarten - 5th grade students and is designed to help prevent summer skills loss.

## **MATH 24**

This is a unique mathematics teaching tool for all 4th and 5th grade students that helps train inquisitive young minds in the processes and patterns of mathematics.

## **PACK-A-BACKPACK PROGRAM**

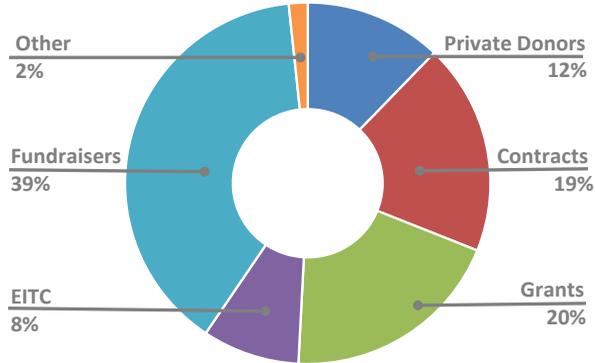
**PCEF WAS PLEASED TO PROVIDE FULLY-STOCKED BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES TO STUDENTS IN NEED. IN SEPTEMBER, WITH THE HELP OF OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS PICTURED BELOW, WE DELIVERED OVER 500 BACKPACKS VALUED AT MORE THAN \$13,000 TO OUR STUDENTS.**



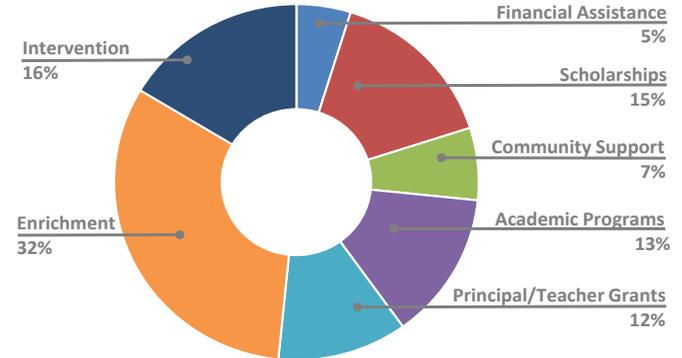
*Student volunteers donate their time to prepare backpacks of school supplies for classmates in need*

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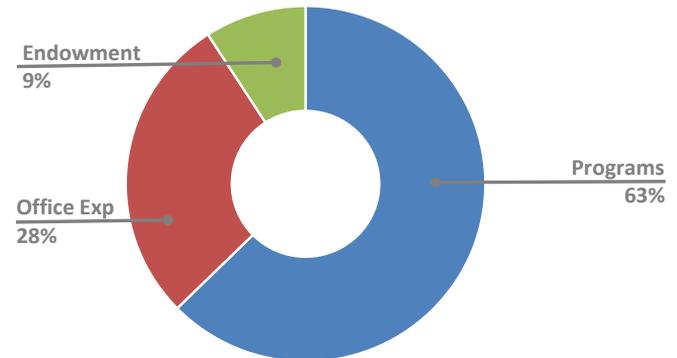
## FUNDING SOURCES



## PROGRAM ALLOCATION



## ALLOCATION of FUNDS



PCEF ENSURES THAT OUR RESOURCES SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS IN THE DISTRICT. OUR ENDOWMENT FUND IS ASSURANCE THAT OUR SUPPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL FUTURE STUDENTS.

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