

# Phoenixville Community Education Foundation

taking education to new heights







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Annual Report
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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.









# GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE GREATNESS IN OTHERS

WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE AN INCREDIBLY DEVOTED AND HARD-WORKING BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

WE ARE ALSO LUCKY TO HAVE
SHARON BAUER, FOUNDATION
ADMINISTRATOR AND EMBRY HUSSIN,
TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST,
WORKING IN THE OFFICE TO KEEP
EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND
EFFICIENTLY.



Sharon Bauer and Embry Hussin at PCEF headquarters

# A great year, thanks to you

One of the highlights of my year is handing out books to the graduates of the Stepping Up Summer Literacy program. The children are so excited to receive new books of their own – many of them cannot believe they can take the book home to read over and over. This important program reinforces literacy skills in our youngest students.

Your support for PCEF allows programs like this to flourish in our district. Thanks to you 112 students in grades 1-5 benefited from Stepping Up. PCEF has greatly expanded the number and type of programs we support in Phoenixville all thanks to YOU!

I invite you to read through this annual report and visit our website to learn more about how your donations help us help our students.



Joan Cadigan
Executive Director

Thanks to you, 2016 was a banner year. We have some exciting new things planned for 2017 so keep your eye on our social media and website to see how you can continue to help our children.

# STEPPING UP SUMMER LITERACY

THIS TUITION-FREE, FOUR-WEEK PROGRAM IS
AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE FINISHED
GRADES K-5 AND ARE AT RISK FOR LOSING LITERACY
SKILLS OVER THE SUMMER.

STUDENTS WORK WITH CERTIFIED PASD TEACHERS TO REINFORCE CURRENT SKILLS AND LEARN NEW ONES IN A FUN AND ENGAGING CLASSROOM SETTING. THEY LEAVE THE PROGRAM WITH THE CONFIDENCE AND KNOWLEDGE NEEDED TO BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR SUCCESSFULLY.



PCEF ALSO DONATES
BRAND NEW BOOKS TO
THE GRADUATES OF THIS
PROGRAM FOR THEIR
USE AT HOME.

Students in the Stepping Up program show off their new books

# 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 classrooms.

#### 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.

#### PA JR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE COMPETITION

Supports students who compete in this state-wide science competition and travel to Penn State University to present their projects.

#### **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.

#### AIR FORCE JR ROTC

THE MISSION OF THE AIR FORCE JR ROTC PROGRAM IS TO TRAIN HIGH SCHOOL CADETS IN CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS, PROMOTE COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND DEVELOP CHARACTER AND SELF-DISCIPLINE THROUGH EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION IN FLIGHT SCIENCE.

THERE ARE OVER 40 CADETS IN THIS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM. THEY MUST MAINTAIN A MINIMUM GPA AND ADHERE TO THE AIR FORCE CODE OF "INTEGRITY ALWAYS, SERVICE BEFORE SELF."



ROTC cadets salute at Arlington National Cemetery

#### **SUMMER BRIDGES TRANSITION**

Summer Bridges is a four-week program to help selected 9th graders make a smooth transition from middle school to high school academically and socially.

#### **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.

#### PACK A BACKPACK

This program provides over 500 fully-stocked backpacks each year to economically-disadvantaged students in pre-K through high school

#### **DESTINATIONS WITH DIRECTION (DWD)**

DWD motivates high-potential, economically-disadvantaged students to pursue opportunities in higher education.

#### PHANTOM FOODPACKS

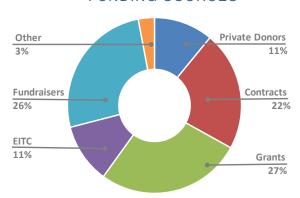
PCEF IS PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN
A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO PROVIDE
HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR
SOME OF OUR YOUNGEST STUDENTS
WHO ARE AT RISK OF GOING
HUNGRY OVER THE WEEKEND.
EACH WEEK, VOLUNTEERS SHOP
FOR, PACK, AND DELIVER OVER 60
BACKPACKS TO STUDENTS IN NEED.



Student volunteers donate their time to prepare foodpacks for classmates in need

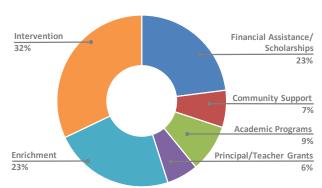
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#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

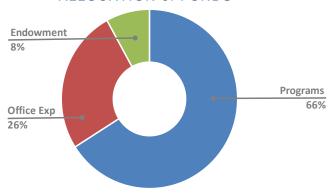


PCEF ENSURES THAT OUR RESOURCES
SUPPORT STUDENTS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS
IN THE DISTRICT. WE ALLOCATE OUR
GRANTS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS FROM
INTERVENTION TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO ACADEMICS.

#### PROGRAM ALLOCATION



#### ALLOCATION of FUNDS



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