

Congratulations to our Golden Apple Award Winners!



Cherie Taylor,
College Hill High School



Nancy Shaffer,
Corvallis High School



Robyn Chapman,
Linus Pauling Middle School



Margie McShane,
Adams Elementary

Award winner photos courtesy of The Ball Studio

Foundation Launches the Better World Endowment

Gifts for a Better World (GFBW), a local non-profit organization, is celebrating its 27th and final season in Corvallis. To uphold its core values of human well-being, economic independence and social justice, GFBW invested \$50,000 of its remaining assets in the Foundation to launch a new fund, the Better World Endowment for Equity and Inclusion. This endowment will support the the needs of historically underserved and underrepresented students across the Corvallis School District.

Our goal is to match the GFBW gift over the next two years, thereby doubling the initial size of the fund. To learn more, please visit our website at cpsfoundation.org. Thank you, Gifts for a Better World!



2016 Annual Report

Celebrating 20 Years of Supporting Public Education

This year the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation marked its 20th anniversary with a benefit breakfast event called “Hands Across Corvallis.” Nearly 200 people, including founding members of the organization, gathered to commemorate this milestone, raising over \$30,000. Join us on February 3rd, 2017 for the next “Hands Across Corvallis” breakfast!

As we begin our next chapter in support of kids and schools, we continue to:

- ◆ Reduce barriers to education for students navigating poverty and homelessness,
- ◆ Create pathways to graduation for all students, and
- ◆ Expand excellence through enrichment opportunities.



Photo by Dave Eckert

REDUCING BARRIERS

The Corvallis community has changed dramatically in the past decade. Our schools are now more culturally diverse with regard to language, race/ethnicity, and social class than at any previous time. It is a goal of the Foundation to be responsive to these changes in ways that assure a high quality education for all students.

Students from low socio-economic circumstances face a wide range of difficulties that can curtail educational attainment and future success. Thirty-six percent of our students qualify for free and reduced-price meals, and over 250 students are experiencing housing instability. Our ‘Students In Need Fund’ supports students navigating poverty and homelessness. Each year, we provide funds to schools to pay for basic needs, from eye exams to after-school care. Your donations to this fund, which exceeded \$50,000 last year, make a difference to thousands of Corvallis kids.



“We don’t want to see families fall into homelessness, and after paying for rent and food there often isn’t much left. We use funds from the Foundation to support families with some basic needs. Sometimes kids need a second pair of shoes because the first pair gets soaked in the rain. We distribute snacks to students during the school day, food to go home with them, and clothing. We get to know families and we know what their needs are.”

— Kathy McCarthy,
Administrative Assistant at Mountain View Elementary

“A growing number of students are navigating poverty while working to make progress in school. We see a link between a good night’s sleep and regular, healthy meals and the ability to learn. The Foundation is providing important resources to make sure our students’ basic needs are met so that they can be successful at school.”

Ryan Noss, Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENT

Hands Across Corvallis
Benefit Breakfast

February 3, 2016

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Corvallis High School

Please call
(541)757-5857 to register

Financial Summary 2015-2016

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$97,649
Investments	\$1,145,186
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,242,835
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$178,458
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$611,823
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$452,554
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$1,242,835

Trustees

Bill Humphreys Jr., Chair
Karen MacEwan, Secretary
Anissa Arthenayake, Treasurer
Jen Costa • Bronwyn Evans
Elizabeth French • Joel Howe
Lisa Langeliers • Daniel Lopez-Cevallos
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Ex-officio

Ryan Noss, Superintendent
Bill Kemper, School Board Liaison

Executive Director

Liv Gifford, MPH

CREATING PATHWAYS

“This program gave some of our most vulnerable learners a step up as they were allowed to get comfortable at CHS and build a trusting relationship with their teacher.”

— Assistant Principal Paul Navarra, Emerging Multilingual Students’ Newcomer Prep

“Crescent Valley is appreciative of this opportunity to help AVID freshmen learn more about the AVID program and make their adjustment to high school more comfortable and exciting.”

— Assistant Principal Nikki McFarland, Crescent Valley AVID Boot Camp

“Hearing the children say, ‘This is awesome’ shows that we made teaching and learning fun for all.”

— Principal Eric Beasley, Wilson Elementary Summer Skill Boost

“The Foundation has provided a wonderful boost to these students. I believe this program should be provided to struggling students every summer to prevent the summer slide.”

— Principal Lisa Krause, Moving to the Green Zone, Mountain View Elementary



Four years ago, low high school graduation rates were a call to action in Corvallis. Our donors stepped up to the challenge of funding summer programs and targeted interventions designed to get students on track to graduate. Since 2013, donors have given \$125,000 to support this work, and graduation rates are on the rise.

In summer 2016, your donations supported classes at Crescent Valley and Corvallis High Schools aimed at recovering high school credit and meeting essential skills. We also supported camps for emerging multilingual learners and AVID students (AVID is a national program aimed closing the achievement gap by preparing historically underserved students for college and success in society). Linus Pauling Middle School launched a two-week math camp, and both Wilson and Mountain View Elementary Schools offered academic programs.

- ◆ 243 students served
- ◆ 161.5 half-credits earned
- ◆ 54% students navigating poverty
- ◆ 47% students of color
- ◆ 32% emerging multilingual learners; 10 languages other than English represented



EXPANDING EXCELLENCE



Marys Peak Field Trip
(photo by Dave Eckert)



Roots Theater/Teatro Raices
(photo by Claudia Bouvier)



The Salmon Art Project



Digital Storytelling Project

In 2015-16 your donations funded 26 teacher-designed projects totaling \$21,600 and encompassing the arts, literacy, science, technology, and mental health. Below are a few highlights.

The Marys Peak Field Trip took over 400 eighth graders to the tallest mountain in the Oregon Coast Range to learn about its flora, fauna, geology, climate, and Kalapuyan tribal history. Over 50 volunteers joined the students on the Peak, supplying expertise and encouraging the students to photograph, draw, and interpret what they experienced. This project was a collaboration with the Marys Peak Alliance and the U.S. Forest Service.

Roots Theater/Teatro Raices launched a bilingual theater program at Garfield Elementary, exposing all fifth graders to the performing arts. Students developed confidence, self-expression in English and Spanish, and experience onstage. Based on the novel *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, the theater program offered an artistic connection to literature and human rights.

“This was not your average 5th grade play. It was much more sophisticated.” — Garfield Elementary Parent

Breakfast Club at Corvallis High School provided an alternative morning option for students who struggle with attendance due to housing instability, mental health, or social difficulties. The primary goal of Breakfast Club was dropout prevention for high-risk students. Staff aimed to achieve this goal by improving a sense of belonging and school-connectedness, increasing positive peer relationships, teaching emotional literacy, and building coping skills.

“We just wanted to send you a note to tell you how much our daughter has enjoyed Breakfast Club and how much she has gotten out of it. The kids and counselors in Breakfast club have become her support group at school.” — Parent of a Breakfast Club participant

The Salmon Art Project immersed sixth graders at Linus Pauling in a week-long project that combined science, history, culture and art. Students studied the significance of salmon to healthy environments, painted salmon on canvas, and built an outdoor art installation.

The College Hill Digital Storytelling Project empowered students to tell personal stories about overcoming adversity and building community through writing, video editing, and fundraiser planning. Working in collaboration with Linn Benton Community College, students presented their digital stories at The Resilience Film Festival in the Corvallis High School auditorium on May 12th, 2016, where they received a standing ovation!

“We could not do what we do without the incredible support that we receive from the Foundation.” —Alternative Pathways Coordinator Eric Wright

Corvallis School District:

13 schools

6,600 students

52 languages

36% navigating poverty

Foundation in 2016:

\$1,242,835 net assets

\$364,355

donations to school designated accounts

\$221,894

donations to Foundation programs

\$594,563 in

Endowments

- Golden Apple Awards Endowment
- Harold & Alma Moldenke Outdoor School Endowment
- Doris L. Meyers Endowment
- Zel S. Brook Art Endowment
- Ole Hedstrom Scholarship
- Susan Small-Hall Scholarship
- Bicycle Safety Endowment
- Barbara E. Fry Endowment
- Lynn Lahey Somos El Futuro Scholarship
- David Zajecek Golf Endowment
- Eric Gorski Multimedia Scholarship Endowed Fund
- Midge Mueller Fund
- Better World Endowment for Equity and Inclusion