



## **Annual Report Fiscal Year 2007**

I am pleased to share FLITE's 2007 Annual Report with our many friends and supporters. This Report summarizes FLITE's activities from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007--- the first full year of our existence.

The generosity of many donors and vendors, and the hard work of an amazing group of volunteers, have allowed us to launch a broad array of programs in support of students in the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all who have helped FLITE in its first full year of operation. A simple "thank you" seems so inadequate, but please know how heartfelt it is. There are children in our communities who need your help in special ways. By generously responding to their needs, you are helping to make a difference that will literally last a lifetime.

### **FLITE's Mission**

As a reminder, FLITE's Mission is to:

*"to help to assure educational excellence for the public school children in Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District by providing resources that will:*

- *help students to take full advantage of the opportunities that the District offers*
- *provide for innovative and challenging programs in Tredyffrin/Easttown School District.*
- *As a priority, the Foundation will target its funding toward programs that reach groups and individual students who are unable to take full advantage of what the district offers. This may include preparatory and supplemental programs that help to assure that all children are able to participate fully in the offerings of the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District."*

Some local children cannot participate in some of the District's excellent programs, due to economic issues, home situations, short or long term family crises. FLITE makes special efforts to help assure that every area child can get a good start in life by obtaining an excellent T/E education.

The School District budget can't fund every conceivable support program. And recent State laws will force even more difficult budget choices. Furthermore, when the School District provides certain services to its students, it may also be required to incur additional expense (taxpayer dollars) to provide those same services to private school students. This would make it prohibitive to offer some services or programs.

As a private, not-for-profit education foundation, FLITE has begun to fund supplemental, remedial, and transportation programs in all of the T/E School District's elementary and middle schools. And, with your help, there are even more programs yet to come.

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## **Programs**

In the past year, we funded a number of programs: the Valley Forge Middle School Homework Oasis, the T/E Middle School Homework Club, and the Elementary After School Club in all five elementary schools. As a result of FLITE's partnerships with T/E's professional staff and PTOs, students in these programs receive after school tutoring and homework help, and are then driven to their homes in buses. We instituted a partnership with TEMPO (Tredyffrin/Easttown Music Parents Organization), to provide no-cost musical instruments to students who might otherwise never get to explore a musical interest. Thanks to the generosity of the Delaware Valley Friends School, we were able to place five students in an intensive, five-week summer reading skills program.

Importantly, whenever FLITE awards a program grant, we require the applicant group to identify the indicators that they will use to evaluate the success of the proposed program. These evaluations are then used to decide on program changes and possible renewal. Thus far, the results have been very gratifying.

If you have an idea for a grant request, please visit our web site, [www.FLITE-pa.org](http://www.FLITE-pa.org), for complete information on the grant application process.

## **Fund Raising**

We successfully completed our first annual appeal, the "Help FLITE Take Flight" campaign, and hope to build on its success this fall.

We became an approved participant in the United Way Donor Choice Program (our number is 19698); and also benefited from donors who participate in Corporate Matching Gift Programs.

This was also the first year of the FLITE Payroll Deduction Program for T/E School District teachers, administrators and support personnel. Participation continues to grow.

We initiated a Staff Tribute Program, where students and parents make a contribution to FLITE as a way of recognizing the fine work of teachers or other staff members.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution to FLITE, since we are an approved 501c3 organization. Please send your check to the address below. Further information is available at our website, [www.FLITE-pa.org](http://www.FLITE-pa.org).

## **Annual Meeting**

FLITE's 2007 Annual Meeting is September 20, 2007, at 7:30 pm, at the T/E Education Services Center, 738 First Avenue, Berwyn, PA.

## **In Conclusion**

FLITE has had a very successful year, thanks to our generous donors, Board of Trustees, Advisory Board of Directors, volunteers, and the staff and administration of the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District. I am most grateful to all of them for helping to improve the lives of children throughout our communities.

Thank you for your support,  
*Tom Colman*, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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