



# Annual Summary

## School Year 2017-2018

### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES — ENHANCING ACHIEVEMENT

#### *Message from the Board Chair*

We are fortunate that our school district consistently ranks among the best in the state and nation, offering tremendous opportunities for our children.

However, there are needs in our community that are sometimes hidden. For example, hundreds of children in our district qualify for free and reduced lunch. These families often cannot afford some items to support their success in school.

That's why I'm thrilled to report that the Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) raised over \$300,000.00 in the 2017-18 school year.

Without FLITE, many children would not be able to play a musical instrument, go to summer academic camp, attend preschool, own graphing calculators, or participate in experiences many of us take for granted.

FLITE raises funds through direct donations from individuals and businesses, as well as through grants and events. As an all-volunteer organization, 98% of the funds raised go directly to our programs. These programs promote confidence and respect, develop relationships between students and mentors, and engage children as they learn lifelong skills.

Last year, FLITE funded 12 programs for students from preschool to high school. Programs like the After-School Homework Club, which supported 134 students in all elementary and middle schools. There,

TE teachers help students complete their homework, and work on projects and presentations. As one Homework Club teacher noted:

“Many of our students come from homes with parents who may work difficult schedules. For them to know that their child is getting his/her homework done while they need to be at work is a huge relief.”

Some other highlights:

- FLITE made it possible for children to attend summer camps focused on general academics, science and technology, or leadership skills.
- Nineteen children received tuition assistance to attend preschool. Without our help, they could have entered kindergarten at a disadvantage.

Living in a community that takes care of all of its members is something that cannot be measured. We sincerely thank all donors, school district personnel, program administrators, and volunteers. Each of you plays a vital role in enhancing the education of our students.

With gratitude,

Karen Reaume  
FLITE Chair, 2017-18

**What Is FLITE?** The Foundation for Learning In Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) is a local non-profit foundation that helps to ensure that all students in Tredyffrin/Easttown Schools, especially those who face barriers to their educational success, have the academic tools, opportunities and support they need to succeed in school.

# FLITE-funded programs help hundreds of students each year.

## FLITE-Funded Programs School Year 2017-2018

**After School Homework Program:** This afternoon program, staffed by T/E teachers, instructional assistants and school counselors, helps elementary and middle-school students to develop good study skills and to complete homework assignments. Additionally, FLITE provides transportation for students.

**College Readiness Program:** Selected Conestoga High School students are introduced to post high school education opportunities through FLITE-funded campus visits and tours. The goal is to inspire and motivate students to view college as a viable and attainable option to consider after graduation.

**Computers for Kids:** FLITE provides funds to T&E Care for their purchase of computers to distribute to students for their use at home and in school. Access to a computer has become an essential resource for all students.

**Delaware Valley Friends School Summer Academic Program:** This five-week summer program for middle and high school students provides intense, consistent, and individualized instruction to help students improve their reading, math and assistive technology skills.

**Graphing Calculators:** Every student at Conestoga is required to take three years of high school math and many middle school students are in advanced math classes. The students are required to use graphing calculators. By providing the students with their own calculators they are able to take advantage of the curriculum instruction and be on par with their peers.

**Independent Reading Nook:** Conestoga English Department has created an inspirational “book rich” environment to help encourage reluctant readers. The reading nook provides a inviting and comfortable environment for students to aide a greater reading experience and discussion opportunities. This effort is targeted to engage all learners through independent reading where the classrooms come alive with this initiative.

**Kindergarten Enrichment:** FLITE provides tuition assistance for Kindergarteners to attend a half-day academic enrichment session either before or after their regular TE Kindergarten class. The program is operated by A Child’s Place located at each TE Elementary School.

**Music in Our Schools:** This program provides funding for instrument rentals to those students who would like to be involved in the music program, but otherwise may not be able.

**Preschool Tuition Assistance:** In partnership with local preschools, FLITE provides preschool tuition assistance to young students residing in Tredyffrin and Easttown who meet certain financial criteria.

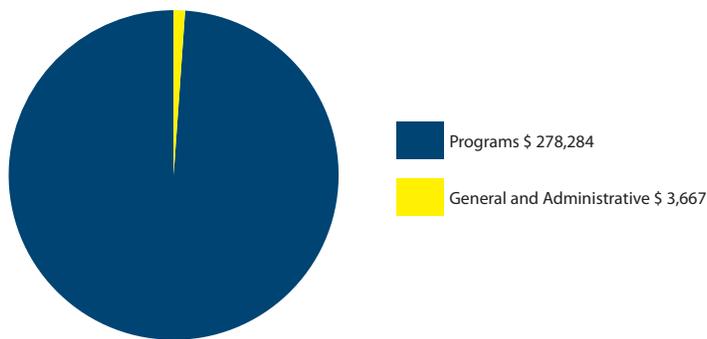
**School Supplies:** FLITE provides funds to T&E Care to help purchase and distribute backpacks and other necessary school supplies for students.

**Summer Learning Opportunities:** For students entering grades 5 through 12, FLITE provides financial assistance to various academic, fine arts and leadership camps.

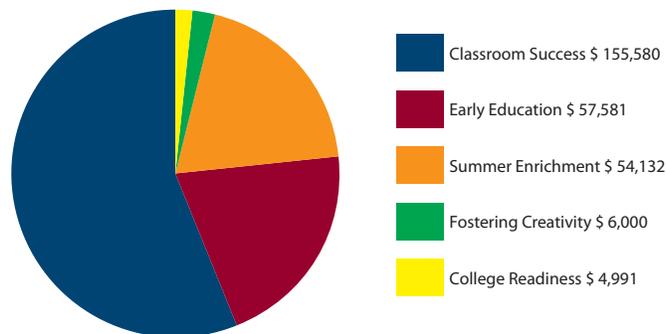
**Thanks to generous in-kind donations of local vendors and the services of our volunteers, over 98.7% of total expenses were spent directly on FLITE programs in 2017-2018.**

## Financial Summary

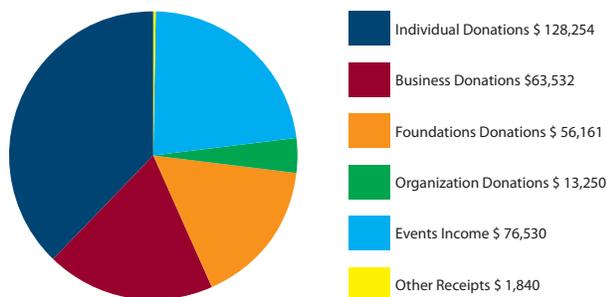
**Total Expenses July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 \$ 281,951**



**Total Program Expenses July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 \$ 278,284**



**Total Receipts July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 \$ 329,567**



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Advisory Board of Directors provides additional leadership.  
Dedicated volunteers provide support.**

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