



# Annual Summary

## School Year 2018-2019

### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES — ENHANCING ACHIEVEMENT

#### *Message from the Board Chair*

On behalf of the entire Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) organization, I am pleased to be able to present you, our loyal supporters, with this Annual Summary. While we all recognize the tremendous assets that our School District provides to our students, there are many in our community who face barriers to achieving full utilization of these resources. Our all-volunteer organization partners with the School District to help ensure that all students have equal access to these educational resources.

To help achieve this goal, we have been able to raise over \$300,000 again this year. Since we rely on volunteer support and donated materials, over 98% of these funds go directly to pay for programs in our local schools. These programs have many benefits in addition to academic performance. Several of our programs, such as after school tutoring and leadership training, instill a sense of self-reliance and confidence in students that not only improves classroom performance but teaches important life skills.

The programs that your donations have supported are listed later in this Annual Summary. We continuously review the efficiency and outcomes of these programs to ensure they provide the maximum impact for the funds that are committed.

Although it is tempting to go on and on about the impressive statistics and impact of our programs, I believe the true value of your donations and support are best voiced by some of the students that have participated in these programs. A few quotes from letters that our after-school tutoring program students have written to us are:

- “I want to thank the teachers for being there to help me during homework club. I want to thank the students for being quiet and allowing me to be focused.”

- “Homework club is very helpful and fun. I love the group overall and my grades wouldn't be where they are now without this club.”

- “Thank you for homework club! It allows us to catch up on work and do homework at school with help from teachers. I went to homework club since the second grade and it always helped my grades.”

And finally, a quote from Jennifer Kratsa, Counselor at Conestoga High School. While discussing the unmet needs of some students in our District, she said *“When it comes to advancing our students' educational goals, the T/E School District likes to be able to say 'YES'; FLITE allows us to say 'YES' more often, especially to students that face barriers.”*

With your support, FLITE continues to help make our School District a place of high achievement and one that strives to take care of all of its students. We wish to thank all our loyal donors, School District personnel, program administrators and volunteers. It is the tireless efforts of all these individuals and our supporters that make possible the programs detailed in this Annual Summary.

If you would like more information about FLITE or the programs we support, please contact any Board member or visit our website at <https://www.flite-pa.org>. We are also on social media: Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/flite4kids/>), LinkedIn (<https://linkedin.com/company/flite4kids>), Instagram (@flite4kids), and Twitter (@FLITE4kids).

Sincerely yours,

Vijay Aggarwal, PhD  
FLITE Chair, 2018-19

**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 2018-2019

**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.

**Kindergarten Enrichment:** FLITE provides tuition assistance for Kindergarteners to attend a half-day academic enrichment session either before or after their regular T/E Kindergarten class. The program is operated by A Child's Place located at each T/E 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.

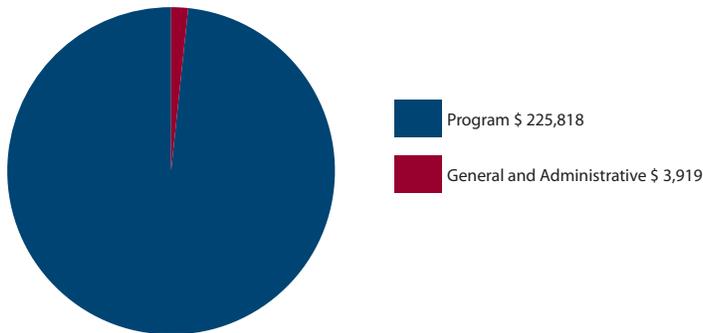
**School Supplies:** FLITE provides funds to T&E Care to help purchase and distribute backpacks and other necessary school supplies for students.

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

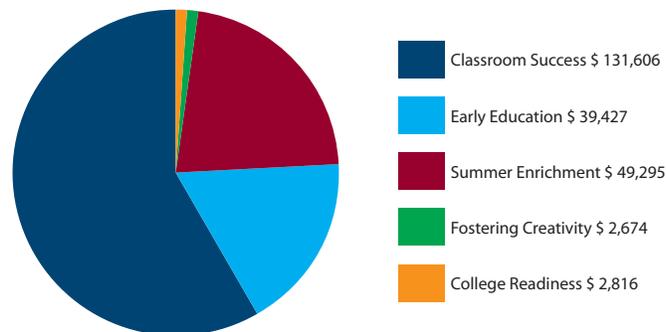
**Thanks to generous in-kind donations of local vendors and the services of our volunteers, over 98% of total expenses were spent directly on FLITE programs in 2018-2019.**

## Financial Summary

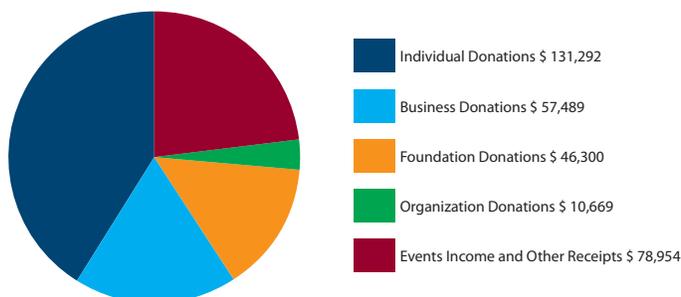
**Total Expenses July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 \$ 229,737**



**Total Program Expenses July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 \$ 225,818**



**Total Receipts July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 \$ 324,704**



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

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**FLITE Volunteers during 2019 Fiscal Year Events, Campaigns, and Activities**

<b>BUSINESS &amp; SPONSOR VOLUNTEERS</b>	Brian Grill <i>TE Connectivity</i>	<b>FOUNDATION GRANTS</b>	<b>HELP FLITE HELP KIDS</b>
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Dana Bails <i>TE Connectivity</i>	Carissa McCann <i>WSFS Bank</i>	<b>GOLF OUTING</b>	<b>WIZARDS GAME</b>
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Meaghan Lynch	Maren Levine	Sue Cheston	Valley Forge Middle School
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