



Annual Summary

School Year 2019-2020

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES — ENHANCING ACHIEVEMENT

Message from the Board Chair

As I write these words in July 2020, I send my hopes that you and your families remain healthy, strong and safe. When reflecting on the last year for the Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE), I am filled with a mixture of pride and gratitude for what has been accomplished.

As the Chair of FLITE during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic, I have seen our all-volunteer organization answer new and urgent calls for help like never before. This report is an opportunity to thank our many faithful supporters, recap the past year and share with you a glimpse into our 2020-2021 fiscal year.

We are all very proud of the hard work that our group has done in raising money for in-school and school-adjacent programs in the fall and winter of 2019. With tireless work and incredible innovation we had the most successful Annual Golf Outing in our history. We had record-breaking attendance and we introduced many people in the community to FLITE and our mission for the first time. We also launched a wildly successful online silent auction and we're excited about leveraging this platform in the future.

With the support of our annual Help FLITE Help Kids campaign, loyal business donors, and generous foundations in our area, we were well on our way to a banner year of fundraising. Since 98% of our proceeds go to the programs we support, the better our fundraising, the more kids we can help.

Then March 2020 arrived, and the day before our annual Harlem Wizards basketball game, we elected to cancel this important event. T/E schools shut down the next day. Little did we know that we would all be starting months of being locked down, with parents working from home, and kids having to adapt to online

instruction. FLITE rapidly responded to a new set of needs: helping direct funds and gift cards to families in need of food and essential items, redirecting summer learning funds to online and virtual camps, and working with the T/E school district to provide the tools required for distance learning.

In short, we pivoted quickly to support the kids and families in our community, including new families who have never needed our assistance. FLITE is continuing to work with the T/E School District to provide assistance as the public health situation evolves. This annual report details the support we have gotten in this school year and the program areas we have been able to support.

We are embarking on a new journey for the 2020-2021 school year. Education for the coming year may be a mixture of online, in-person, technology-based, and everything in between. Unfortunately, the families we serve run an increased risk of falling further behind. According to a recent study by McKinsey, distance-learning may create a learning loss of 6.8 months for many students. For at risk families, this increases to almost one year. As a result, we anticipate serving more students in more ways than ever before. If we don't act now, the learning gap will only widen.

With your continued support, FLITE is up to the challenge!

Vijay Aggarwal, PhD
FLITE Chair, 2019-20

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 2019-2020

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.

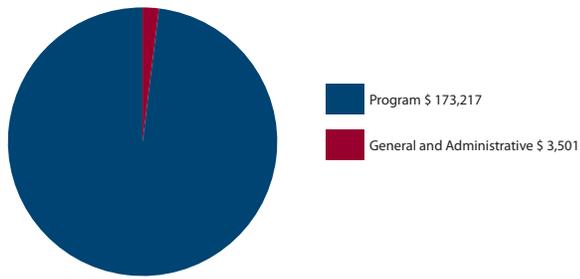
Summer Learning Opportunities: For students entering grades 5 through 12, FLITE provides financial assistance to various academic, fine arts and leadership camps.

FLITE Scholarships are awarded each spring to graduating seniors with financial need who display strong leadership and drive, among other qualities. The current scholarship amount is \$2,000/year for up to 4 years of post-high school education expenses.

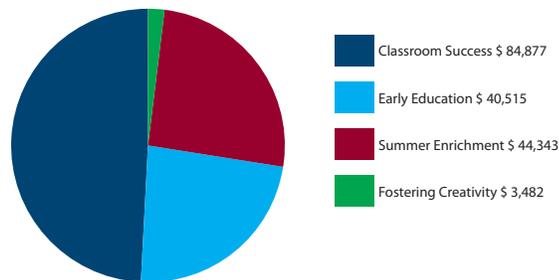
Thanks to generous in-kind donations of local vendors and the services of our volunteers, over 98% of total expenses were spent directly on FLITE programs in 2019-2020.

Financial Summary

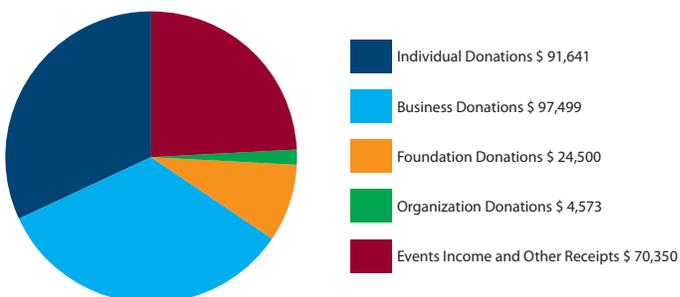
Total Expenses July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 \$ 176,718



Total Program Expenses July 1, 2019– June 30, 2020 \$ 173,217



Total Receipts July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 \$ 288,563



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

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