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LAWRENCE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION | LEAP
2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Our work at the Lawrence Schools Foundation is to bolster student achievement and teaching excellence in Lawrence Public Schools. Your support is instrumental in changing young lives at a time when our schools need us now more than ever. Please include the Foundation in your charitable giving. It’s easy to give, and every amount is welcome!

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Greetings!

People often ask me about my “why” and my passion for the Lawrence Schools Foundation and the Lawrence Public Schools district. My answer is simple: I truly believe that there is no higher calling for a community than to educate its children. As a mother of three, I know public education worldwide is a critical gateway to ensuring that a bright future is available to all.

The Foundation’s fundraising philosophy has stewardship at its core. We recognize that you count on us to support a high-quality, visionary education for every child within the Lawrence Public Schools. We are committed to building a strong relationship with our community and demonstrating the efficacy of Foundation-funded programs and opportunities for our classrooms, students and educators.

As we look toward the 2017-2018 school year, the trustees and staff of the Foundation are committed to exploring new ways to expand our reach within the community to strengthen and grow our support for each child, each classroom, each educator.

On behalf of the Foundation, I thank the many volunteers who work community wide on behalf of early learning, our partners who share in our commitment to quality education, and the many who directly deliver the services that create the foundation for successful learning for our children and their families.

We hope that you will discover your “why” that will inspire you to help us grow the Foundation. Thank you for believing in what we do and for your continued generosity!

Dena Johnston
Executive Director, Lawrence Schools Foundation
REMEMBERING TO GIVE:
ANGELA (BUENNING) FILO
AND SRINIJA SRINIVASAN

Srinija Srinivasan and Angela (Buenning) Filo were the best of friends growing up in Lawrence where they attended Lawrence Public Schools and graduated from LHS in 1989. Their lives were intertwined at every stage. They attended each other’s birthday parties and had sleepovers in elementary school. They played volleyball and basketball together at West Middle School. At Lawrence High they were on the volleyball team; they were in Latin Club, student government and homecoming court; and they were locker partners.

Both attended Stanford University where they were roommates as seniors. Today they both reside in Palo Alto, Calif., less than two miles apart, serve together on the Stanford Board of Trustees and remain “like sisters.”

They share common interests including ethnic food, jazz and cultural events. And despite living 1,800 miles away from their childhood homes, they also share the same interest in making a difference in the lives of Lawrence Public Schools students, as both are donors to the Lawrence Schools Foundation.

“I was aware of the challenges of funding the public schools in the state (of Kansas),” Srinivasan says. “And yet, how lucky I was to have the breadth of experiences that were available to me in Lawrence Public Schools. It wasn’t just the great teachers, but also the extracurricular opportunities. For example, art programs were regular, recurring classes that could be part of my day.

“I started wondering about how we as a broader community make choices about what we are supporting in public schools and arts in the public schools. I wanted to find out if there was a way I could be of use to the public schools.”

At that time the Lawrence Schools Foundation had completed a survey to get a sense of what needs were being met and were not met in the schools.

“The biggest need was discretionary funds for teachers,” Srinivasan says. “It occurred to me to do something to spur private giving to public education in Lawrence the way I was seeing it here (in Palo Alto).”

Srinivasan spoke at the Foundation’s first fundraising Community Education Breakfast in 2002 when she was the editor of Yahoo and was part of a campaign to encourage the community to support the Foundation.

Angela Filo was one who responded.
“Strong public schools are essential to our democracy and we see that in so many ways.”

—Angela Filo

“Srinija put (donating) on my radar,” Filo says. “My husband Dave and I care very deeply about helping all students have access to a high-quality public school system.”

Filo established the Yellow Chair Foundation, which awards grants to organizations focused on education, civil liberties, gender equity and the environment. “Strong public schools are essential to our democracy and we see that in so many ways,” she says.

Srinivasan and Filo are proud to provide resources to teachers and hope others in the community feel the same way.

“I applaud the Lawrence Schools Foundation’s grants to allow teachers to make their ideas a reality in their classroom. I believe we need to lift up teachers and give them the tools they need to help every student succeed,” Filo says. “It is important to engage community members to support public education however they can.”

Today, half a country away from where their friendship began, they continue to provide opportunities for today’s students, in hopes that they have the best possible education they can receive — right here in Lawrence.

UP FOR DEBATE: JOHN DAVIDSON III

Many different special funds, with many different purposes, are managed by the Lawrence Schools Foundation. Donors have established and contributed to funds for that support music, AP testing, math and science, visual arts, computer science, school gardens, marathon clubs and more.

Because of the generosity of donors to the Foundation, our students get to do more — they can see live performances at the KU Lied Center, take music lessons, get help to pay for college admission tests, receive school supplies, be a part of the robotics team, etc.

The Davidson Debate Fund was started by Lawrence High School graduate John Davidson III in 2004. These monies have helped defray or cover any fees or travel expenses for high school students on the debate and forensic teams when they qualify for competitions.

Jeff Plinsky has been the debate team coach at Lawrence High School since 2005. In that time, 44 students from LHS have qualified for the national speech and debate tournaments. These trips cost money.

“The Davidson Fund has been an invaluable partner,” Plinsky says.

“Roughly 25 percent of the students LHS has qualified for the national tournament also qualify for free or reduced lunch. This means that they would have been significantly burdened by the task of fundraising, while finishing the semester and preparing for the competition.”

Davidson knows the value of what students receive from being on the debate team.

“Debate was the single-most important activity in which I participated in high school in terms of my future academic and career development,” says Davidson, now president and chief operating officer of The Options Clearing Corporation in Chicago. “The teamwork and intensity of the competition were amazing, but most important were learning to think on your feet, organize your thoughts into a persuasive message, and communicate cogently with your audience. Those are life-long skills.”

He says the extracurricular programs provided by the Lawrence Public Schools helped him become a better person, and the skills and lessons learned from these opportunities have carried over to adulthood.

“I was a pretty introverted, nerdy kid,” Davidson says. “Debate and Forensics and the instrumental music program got me out of my shell. Public speaking has been instrumental in my career and music has been a critical means to relieve the stress of a career on Wall Street.”

“My wife Shirley Shaeffer and I strongly feel that activities which promote life-long skills should be universally accessible, irrespective of the financial wherewithal of individual families or the constrained spending priorities of the school district.”

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—John Davidson III
FEATURE
student achievement
making their way in the world

LEARNING SUCCESS: CHLOE O’DELL

In 1996, 4-year-old Chloe O’Dell was diagnosed with ADHD and OCD. According to her aunt, Becca Booth, Chloe was always incredibly bright, but had a very hard time fitting into a “standard” daycare and preschool.

At that time, a Lawrence Public Schools preschool program was in the groundbreaking stage, with the goal of having “all children start kindergarten ready to learn.” The Lawrence Early Childhood Educational Readiness Program turned out to be a perfect fit for Chloe. She was enrolled in the very first class.

“Chloe thrived in the environment,” Booth says. “She learned that she really could be successful.”

Today Chloe is working on a double major in psychology and women’s studies with a minor in Spanish, on a nearly full-ride scholarship at Vanderbilt University. Her future includes earning master’s and doctoral degrees and working with young people.

“I want to pay it forward,” Chloe says. “A lot of people might have written me off, but the Early Childhood program didn’t do that. I was never forgotten.”

PAYING IT FORWARD: SPENCER CHESTNUT

As a senior at Free State High School in 2010, Spencer Chestnut received the Brian Shirk Memorial Scholarship.

The $500 gift did more than just help buy books and offset fees in college. It went much deeper.

Fast forward six years and the impact of the scholarship was confirmed when Chestnut, now a process scientist at Elanco Animal Health, decided to establish an annual scholarship for a Free State student interested in pursuing a degree in one of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields.

“Receiving the Brian Shirk Memorial Scholarship showed me that serving your community is a personal commitment,” Chestnut says. “It is not just a task for other people or institutions; it is our personal responsibility to support our neighbors. My scholarship is just my small contribution to a community that has made an enormous contribution to my life, and it is my small way to empower the next generation of students.”

“A healthy community that supports and strengthens the next generation does not just appear from nowhere,” he says. “Healthy communities form only when hundreds of individuals are intentionally seeking to improve their schools and their neighbor’s lives.”

See the full versions of these stories and more at www.lawrenceschoolsfoundation.org.

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—Spencer Chestnut
award-winning students

STUDENT CHAMPIONS Each year seniors from both high schools are recognized at the annual Community Education Breakfast. Students are selected by their counselors on the basis of scholarship and leadership. The 2016 champions were Francisco Flores and Kahler Wiebe of Free State High School, and Cole Brungardt and Carson Drake of Lawrence High School.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS In 2016, more than $51,000 in scholarships administered through the Lawrence Schools Foundation was awarded to seniors at Lawrence High School and Free State High School. These recognition scholarships range from $500 to $2,500 and go towards assisting seniors with their post-high school learning. They are made possible by individuals, families and organizations, often in honor or remembrance of someone special and/or to encourage young scholars to pursue a particular field of study. To see a complete list of scholarships provided and the year-by-year recipients, visit www.LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org and click on the programs link.

Aimee E. Ziegler Memorial
Al Deiser Memorial
Al Woolard Memorial
Arthur “Mike” Browning Memorial
Barbara Burnett
Bill and Gunnar Zimmerman Motivational Award
Bill Self’s Assist Foundation
Bob and Pauline Johnson
Brian Shirk Memorial
Carl Milbeck
Carol J.C. Church
Central Bank of the Midwest
Chantel Anderson Memorial
Chestnut STEM
Coach Kermit D. Aldridge
David “Doc” Johnson Memorial
Debbie Green Memorial
Del and Don Fambrough Memorial
Elmore Family
Erin Dayton Memorial
Ethel and Raymond Rice Challenge Award
Geoffrey Tyler Gaston Music
Gerald M. “Gerry” Vogel
Haskell Award
H.C. Stuart Memorial
Irish Award
Jan Green Memorial
Jason W. Alldredge Memorial
John K. Bork Memorial
John P. Saunders Memorial
Jonell Williams
Latino Exito
Lawrence Medical Managers
Leona Deiser Memorial
Mary E. Gauthier 90th Birthday
Max and Lucile Stalcup Memorial
McCownGordon
Perfect Test Score Award
Pete Deiser Memorial
Preston Scheibler Memorial
Promise Award
Randy Weseman and Emprise Bank Leadership
RD Johnson Excavating
Ryan Walker Jazz
Sarah Elbayoumy
Stan Roth Science
Susan Satriano Foundation
Travis Glass Memorial
Troy Tate Wrestling

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donor spotlight

COME OUT AND PLAY: RYAN GRAY PLAYGROUND FOR ALL CHILDREN

“There is so much joy in Abigail’s face when she swings alongside her friends,” says the mom of a child who uses a wheelchair.

Since 1994 the Ryan Gray Playground for All Children (RGPAC), on the grounds of Hillcrest Elementary School, has provided the only accessible playground for people with mobility disabilities in Lawrence. The years, the many children, and Kansas weather had taken its toll on the playground, and it was in disrepair. The Lawrence Schools Foundation partnered with Lawrence Schools, Hillcrest PTO and the RGPAC Steering Committee to raise $130,000 to renovate and improve the RGPAC into a more accessible inclusive playground for community members with disabilities.

Thanks to the Lawrence community, Hillcrest PTO, the Assists Foundation, City of Lawrence, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, Douglas County Community Foundation, and the Ash Grove Foundation, we were able to meet our goals.

On October 1, 2016, more than 250 people, including 44 adults and children with disabilities, celebrated the reopening and rededication of the RGPAC by enjoying the playground, playing wheelchair basketball, and participating in a playground scavenger hunt. As one 6-year-old attendee exclaimed, “We will celebrate Ryan every time we play here!”
CODING FUN:
DASH AND DOT ROBOTICS

Bringing robots to life through the creation of code is what students at Langston Hughes Elementary School were able to do after library media specialist Jennifer Williams received an Innovative Teaching Grant from the Lawrence Schools Foundation.

This interactive project was tied into topics the students covered in class and led to deeper learning in addition to the coding lessons. Fourth graders learned about the Iditarod through reading and researching and then coded a robot to try to follow the trail.

Third graders studying about Quantrill’s Raid, slavery and the Underground Railroad were able to code a robot to see if it could follow a path, not unlike escaping slaves seeking freedom. This led to a great conversation about how all slaves who tried to follow the Drinking Gourd might not have made it to freedom and allowed us to also talk about what may have happened to those who were caught,” Williams says.

“It has been really exciting as a teacher to see them so interested and eager to take part in an activity that, while fun, is really preparing them for a great day of what their future may hold,” says Williams.

BUILDING CREATIVITY:
HANZLIK HANDS-ON ACADEMY TEACHER GRANT

Thanks to a special Lawrence Schools Foundation grant that provides opportunities for hands-on experiences, fourth graders at Hillcrest Elementary were able to turn their classroom learning into active work.

After learning about renewable energy in school, students were transported by bus to the Lawrence College and Career Center three days in a row to design and build models that would harness renewable resources such as wind energy, water energy and solar energy, and convert those into electrical energy.

This opportunity was made possible by the generosity of Robert and Lois Hanzlik, who established an annual Hanzlik Hands On Academy Teacher Grant with the Lawrence Schools Foundation in the summer of 2016. The grants are made available in the fall to all Lawrence Public Schools elementary teachers.

“One thing they got out of this was that building and spending days working and not doing pencil and paper stuff is hard,” says Hillcrest teacher Tyler Gill. “They definitely learned some cooperative skills and team-building skills. They had to be creative and use the problem-solving and creative thinking parts of their brain. We definitely grew from day one to day three.”

“It has been really exciting to see them so interested and eager.”

—Jennifer Williams
teaching grants

The Foundation awards a number of teaching grants each year, courtesy of our generous donors. Teachers and educators are encouraged to apply.

INOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS are awarded to teachers who implement innovative and unique programs or projects for their students that enrich learning, result in increased student achievement, and engage students in critical thinking and problem solving. Twelve grants totaling $23,175 were awarded this year.

SCHOOL ASSISTANCE GRANTS fund defined areas of use for needs that are not being met with state or federal monies. Five grants totaling $8,950 were awarded.

MUSIC WORKS! GRANTS provide music educators funds to enhance access to, enrich the quality of, and expand the educational experiences of their students. This year, six grants were awarded, totaling $7,416.

HANZLIK HANDS-ON ACADEMY TEACHER GRANT supports elementary teachers who will instruct or expose kids to the areas of design and build activities to incorporate a hands-on learning experience within their classroom curriculum for areas such as physics, math and science through a makerspace connection with the Lawrence College and Career Center. One grant of $2,820 was awarded this year.

McCOWN-GORDON TEACHING GRANTS support teachers who will instruct or expose kids to the areas of construction, engineering, or architecture. Two grants were awarded this year, totaling $1,500.

CARL KNOX STAFF DEVELOPMENT GRANT (NEW IN 2017) fund professional development experiences, such as summer institutes, action research, mentoring experience, or lesson study. Two grants were awarded this year to three educators, totaling $1,000.

donor spotlight

MUSICWORKS! GRANTS

Dr. Bob and Katherine Dinsdale know the effect music education has on individuals. There is research which shows students who participate in music typically produce better math and reading scores. When the funding of music programs started to become an afterthought in the schools, the community, with the Dinsdales’ leadership, became involved and established a music fund through the Lawrence Schools Foundation.

Each year music teachers can apply for a MusicWorks! Grant, which provides funds they need to enhance access to, enrich the quality of, and expand the educational experiences of their students.

“Music education must be available to everyone,” Dr. Dinsdale said. “It helps young brains learn. It fosters community and teamwork in our schools. It exposes students to different ways of expressing themselves, other cultures, and other languages. Lawrence has an incredible array of music educators and talented students and we need to treasure and support them. It will benefit all students.”

Kirsten Wondra, the district’s assistant director of curriculum, instruction and assessment, appreciates the community support.

“Music has transitioned in importance throughout the years, especially since it is so rarely tied to funding streams and standardized testing,” Wondra says. “However, Lawrence has embraced a proud tradition of support for music and the arts and it continues to hold a place in the overall educational program.”

teacher awards

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING / BOBS AWARD ($10,000)
- Scott Forkenbrock, computers and multi-media, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

DEDICATION TO EDUCATION / SONS OF BOBS AWARD ($5,000)
- Kim Fuller, special education para, South Middle School

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR / GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS ($1,500 each)
- Jenny Humburg, kindergarten, Deerfield Elementary;
- Carol Souders, social studies and English language arts, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

ALLEN PRESS DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD ($500)
- Michael Carriger, English department head, Lawrence High School

BARBARA HODGSON DREAM TO ACHIEVE AWARD ($100)
- Amy Lekey, first grade, New York Elementary

ALLEN PRESS DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

It is one thing to write a nomination of a teacher for an award. It is quite another to read that nomination in front of an auditorium filled with people while your nominee stands beside you.

Allen Press, Inc. has sponsored the Distinguished Teacher Award at Lawrence High School since 1986. What makes this award unique is that the process is student run with the top 10 percent of the senior class nominating a teacher they believe has enriched their educational experience. Class valedictorians select a winner from the top-five vote getters.

“It is very rewarding to see the students get involved and nominate their favorite teacher,” said Allen Press CEO Randy Radosveich.

The award is presented on the night of the Senior Recognition Ceremony. The five finalists are brought to the stage where five students read their nominations of their respective finalists.

“That is what makes it so meaningful,” says LHS vice principal Mark Preut about the students presenting their nominations. “You hear first-hand how teachers have impacted the students and their peers. The students have to stand up in front of a full auditorium and present their nominations. Then it is so great for the teachers to hear these presentations and get that affirmation.”
For more than 24 years, the mission of the Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) has been to create and build community partnerships that support and enhance student achievement and success in the Lawrence Public Schools.

Each one of our schools, including the Lawrence College and Career Center, has LEAP partners. Some businesses and community organizations are districtwide LEAP partners, which means that any school in the district may call on them for assistance. LEAP partners may focus on scholastic enrichment, such as reading to kids in class, tutoring or donating classroom supplies. Others volunteer to help at school events or make monetary or in-kind donations to support these events. Many of our LEAP partners sponsor Lawrence Schools Foundation signature events and purchase tables or donate goods and services to make the Foundation Follies and the Community Education Breakfast successful. Our LEAP partners enjoy being involved with the schools and learning from the students or teachers. The Lawrence College and Career Center offers new opportunities for LEAP partners to mentor and train students.

While we consider every single person who volunteers to support our schools a superstar, some organizations stand out because their combined support totals $10,000 or more in a school year for their partner school, the district or the Lawrence Schools Foundation. Thank you to the following 2016-2017 Master LEAP partners:

• Big Brothers Big Sisters: districtwide partner
• The Merc Co-op: partners with Hillcrest Elementary, Sunset Elementary and West Middle School
• Lawrence Memorial Hospital: partners with Pinckney Elementary and Project Search
• Lied Center of Kansas and U.S. Bank “Adventures in Imagination”: districtwide partners
• Pelathe District, Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America: districtwide partner
• Printing Solutions: partners with Lawrence High School and South Middle School and districtwide
• Truity Credit Union and Truity Education Foundation: partners with Langston Hughes Elementary, Prairie Park Elementary, Lawrence Free State High School, Lawrence High School and districtwide

### LEAP TOTALS (2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR)

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2016-2017 LEAP PARTNERS

Brookdale
Capital City Bank
Cottin’s Hardware & Rental
Dairy Queen–Mass. Street
Dillons Stores–Mass. Street
Lawrence Noon Rotary Club

Prairie Park
Capitol Federal Savings
Hy-Vee–Clinton Parkway
Peoples Bank–Harper Street
Truity Credit Union

Quail Run
Berry Plastics
Hy-Vee–6th Street
Legends Dental Center
Pioneer Ridge
Premier Martial Arts
Zaxby’s

Southwest Middle School
Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc.
Hy-Vee–Clinton Parkway
McDonald’s of Lawrence
t.Loft

West Middle School
Commerce Bank–Iowa Street
Sonic–6th Street
t.Loft
The Merc Co-op
Zaxby’s

Lawrence College
and Career Center
Amarr Entrematic

Lawrence Free State High
Amarr Entrematic
Capital City Bank
Central Bank of the Midwest
Commerce Bank–Wakarusa Street
Eileen’s Colossal Cookies
Go Driving School
Hy-Vee–6th Street
Juniper Hill Farms
McDonald’s of Lawrence
Raising Cane’s
t.Loft
Therapy Works
Trenor Architects
Truity Credit Union
Zaxby’s

Sunflower
Central National Bank
Freddy’s Frozen Custard &
Steakburgers
Hy-Vee–Clinton Pkwy
Premier Martial Arts

Sunset Hill
Meritrust Credit Union
Stephens Real Estate
The Merc Co-op

Woodlawn
Bowersock Mills &
Power Company
First State Bank & Trust
ICL Performance Products
Noodles & Company

Liberty Memorial Central
Middle School
Cottin’s Hardware & Rental
KU Natural History Museum
Lawrence Arts Center
Rodrock Chiropractic &
Acupuncture
The Summit
Wakarusa Valley Credit Union

South Middle School
Mainstreet Credit Union
McDonald’s of Lawrence
Printing Solutions
Raising Cane’s

Districtwide–Community
Connections/C-Tran
Applebee’s–Iowa Street

Districtwide–Early Childhood
Dr. James Otten, D.D.S.
Dr. Sharon Michel Green, O.D.
Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary

Districtwide–Fine Arts
KU Theater
Lied Center of Kansas
Theatre Lawrence
US Bank

Districtwide–Project Search
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
KU Dept. of Human Resources
Joblink, a Division of
Cottonwood
United Way of Douglas County
making a difference all year

PLAY

events in review

middle school and high school students performed at the inaugural Ovation! Talent Show.

Four seniors were recognized as student champions at the 2016 Community Education Breakfast.

major events

COMMUNITY EDUCATION BREAKFAST  More than 500 guests joined us in September 2016 for the annual Community Education Breakfast. Our keynote speaker Karen Hough, a 1985 graduate of Lawrence High School, is founder and CEO of ImprovEdge and an Amazon bestselling author. Hough used her improvisation know-how to get us thinking about creative problem solving. More than $45,000 was raised for Foundation programs through sponsorships and ticket sales.

TGIFOLLIES  The annual Foundation Follies raises money for the Foundation’s Innovative Teaching Grants and School Assistance Grants, helping teachers implement creative ideas in the classroom and bolstering student achievement. In May 2017, nearly 150 talented teachers, staff and administrators put on another fabulous show and had a chance to unwind as the school year drew to a close. More than $20,000 was raised.

LIEd CENTER / LSF EXPANDING ARTS ACCESS DINNER  Nearly $6,400 was raised at this year’s annual event that supports free performing arts access for students in the Lawrence Public Schools.

new this year

OVATION!  Middle school and high school students from across the district performed on the main stage of the Lied Center auditorium. This new talent show, created and produced by Lawrence High School student Graham Edmonds and sponsored by Wilkerson, Saunders & Anderson, DDS, raised $4,000 for Foundation programs.

DECEMBER DINE AND DONATE  Supporting our schools never tasted so good! Thank you to all of our 2016 participation locations: Quinton’s, TEN at The Eldridge, The Burger Stand, Raising Cane’s, Chili’s, Bird Dog Bar at The Oread, HyVee Market Grille and t.Loft. Approximately $2,500 was raised.

CASUAL FOR KIDS  People throughout Lawrence gave our schools a boost up when they dressed down and donated at work on Friday, November 18, 2016. Donations totaled $700.
2016 financials

fiscal responsibility

Donated:
Via Campaigns and Events $170,877
For Specific District Betterment Programs $247,474

Granted:
To District for Programs and Support $351,780

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS
Cash & Equivalents $192,241
Investments at Fair Value 1,682,507
Total Assets $1,874,748

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current Liabilities $61,389
Net Assets
   Endowed Funds 519,229
   Temporarily Restricted Funds 763,294
   Unrestricted Funds 530,836
Total Net Assets $1,813,359
Total Liabilities and Net Assets $1,874,748

ways to give

MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFTS You may donate in honor or in memory of someone special. At your request, the gift can benefit the unrestricted fund or be earmarked for a special purpose or scholarship.

EMPLOYER MATCHING GIFTS Please check to see if your employer has a matching gifts program. All or a portion of your donation may be matched.

PAYROLL DONATIONS In 2016, Lawrence School District staff contributed over $24,000 to help support Foundation programs. 100% of the money collected from staff goes directly back to our schools to support our students, classrooms and educators.

PLANNED GIVING AND TRUSTS The Foundation can accept gifts through bequests, charitable remainder trusts (annuities and unitrusts), charitable lead trusts, appreciated stock, life insurance, real estate, individual retirement accounts, and company retirement plans. A bequest through your will or living trust may result in tax savings to your estate. In your will, you may designate a specific gift, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder after specific distributions are made. Please talk with your attorney.

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