



North Thurston Education Foundation

Partners
for Kids



REMOVING BARRIERS | ENHANCING LEARNING | ENRICHING LIFE

Our Mission

To mobilize financial, leadership, and other resources necessary to enrich programs and enhance educational opportunities for students and staff of North Thurston Public Schools.

2017

Year in Review

This was a year of transition and growth for the North Thurston Education Foundation (NTEF). Our work focused on two main areas; refining the scope of our new executive director — Michael E. Jones — and improving the NTEF's visibility within North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS).

The Role of the Executive Director

In 2016, the board voted to change the role of executive director from a volunteer position to a paid position. In 2017, we worked to define and refine the scope of this role. We determined the highest priority for the position was to strengthen donor relations and increase NTEF awareness with NTPS staff. We improved donor relations and communication by purchasing Compass 360, a customer relationship management software.

Improve Communication and Visibility within our Schools

We worked to strengthen our partnership with NTPS. We identified a need to improve communication channels with our schools — including the district, the school administrators, teachers and parents — how to utilize the Student Assistance Grants (SAGs), and the process for receiving Learning Improvement Grants (LIGs).

We made presentations to district leaders and school administrators at the annual summer training and orientations, and visited schools in the district, meeting with administrators and any support staff involved with execution of the SAGs and McGimpsey Pantries. We outlined the grant process and explained how to access NTEF funding. In addition, we streamlined the approach of meeting with new employees to introduce them to the NTEF and outlined the role of the foundation as it relates to supporting academics and school success. We increased funding and provided three additional grant application cycles.

Other Successes

Our annual Partners for Kids luncheon was a great success. We implemented a strategic plan to target donors and increase visibility with service organizations and within the business community. We outgrew our new venue in one year. We continued to develop our succession plan and provided clear operational direction, so anyone could successfully step into the role of president or on to the executive committee. The plan focused on a road map for NTEF, so we might all know where we are going.

We continued to expand and build support for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, which authorizes the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program. We worked with schools to create closets filled with supplies, clothing, and gas cards for out-of-district students. In 2017, we hit the \$3 million mark in our asset funds and we acquired a new scholarship. Additionally, in 2017, we gave out the most scholarships ever — 29 scholarships worth \$104,000. We support the Vocational Opportunities in Community Experiences Program, which enables students with disabilities to continue learning in the public school system until age 21.

Looking Ahead

I would like to thank the NTEF Board of Trustees and membership for electing me to serve as their president for the past seven years. Although my term on the board does not end until January 2019, I stepped down in January 2018 to provide support for the transition.

During my tenure with NTEF, I am proud to have been a part of the efforts to expand our community outreach support programs, educational support resources, and increase our SAG funding to include assistance for our 900 McKinney Vento students and their families. We have increased scholarship awards, donors, cultivated and maintained donor relationships, and increased our visibility through publications, branding, and social media.

The Foundation has established a formal partnership with NTPS, improved visibility with our district staff, and increased our visibility within the scholarships awarded. In supporting our students, we also saw a need to provide additional funding for teachers in order to diversify their classroom teaching to meet the learning styles of all students. It was exciting to allocate more funding to the LIG for teachers.

As president, I always kept my focus on our purpose of removing barriers, enhancing learning, enriching life and providing support when a child needs it. I commend NTEF in moving toward hiring a full-time executive director to take the Foundation to the next level of growth. The NTEF has become a vital source of funding resource to the students of NTPS, and it has been an honor to have served as the president and — hopefully — an instrument of change.



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Carletta Garraway, President

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2017 Highlights



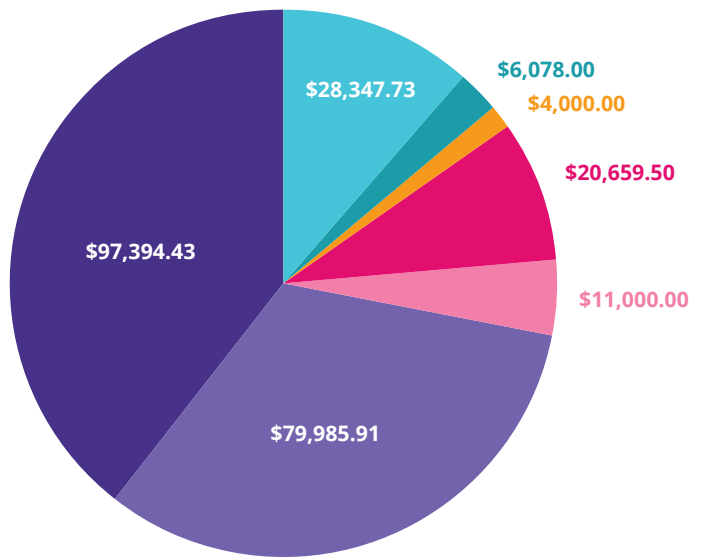
- 410 Donors (154 New Donors)
- 117 NTPS Monthly Donors – \$2,122/month
- \$79,000 in Grants
- \$245,515 in Total Donations
- Luncheon was a BIG success
- \$247,375 disbursed on programs (**Record High**)
- Student Assistance Grants helped over 1,300 students
- Food pantries are now in all 22 schools
- Sandra Hill Grants - most of the grant spent
- Two New Hawthorne Scholarships Awarded
- Nicholas T. Walker Memorial Scholarship Created
- Community Awareness GREATLY Increased (Thurston County Chamber, IN Team, Lacey SS Chamber, Rotary)

2018 Opportunities



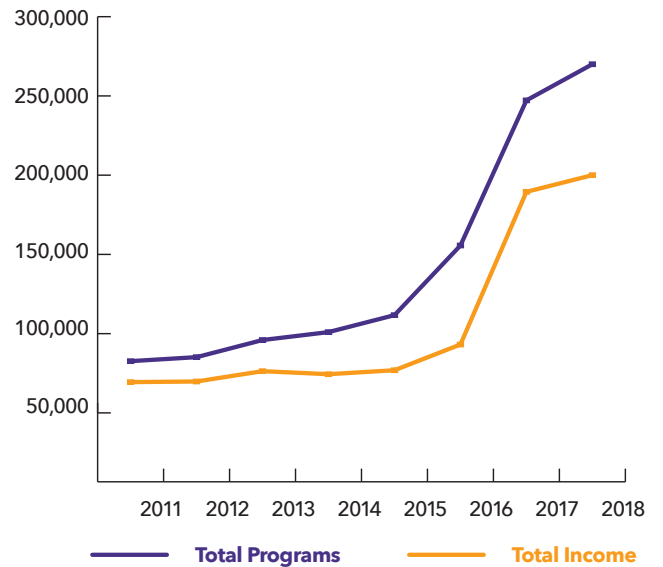
- 850 Homeless Kids & 15 Families Living In Vehicles
- Facebook & Web Marketing
- Update Policy and Procedure Manual
- Fund Development/Grant Committees
- Scholarship Coaches/Scholarship Reception
- Learning Improvement Grants Reception
- Resource Rooms in Every School

2017 Programs



- Scholarship Awards
- McGimpsey Student Assistance Grants
- McGimpsey Pantry
- Donor Dedicated (SA Directed)
- Board Discretion/Org's Awards
- Compassionate Lunch Fund
- Learning Improvement Grants

Programs vs. Income



2017 Program Expenditures

Programs	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Compassionate Lunch Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,078
Board Discretion - Organization Awards	-	-	-	-	\$5,200	\$3,800	\$3,000
Donor Dedicated (SA Directed)	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,848	\$20,659
Board Discretion - Student Enrichment	-	\$1,214	\$4,772	\$808	\$2,500	\$2,436	-
McGimpsey Pantry	\$4,300	\$5,300	\$4,300	\$5,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$11,000
McGimpsey Student Assistance Grants	\$36,232	\$35,383	\$39,251	\$42,650	\$39,200	\$47,811	\$79,895
Scholarship Awards	\$37,000	\$40,500	\$38,926	\$44,073	\$54,890	\$71,578	\$97,394
Learning Improvement Grants	\$5,112	\$2,767	\$8,717	\$7,932	\$5,378	\$23,647	\$28,347
Total Programs	\$82,644	\$85,165	\$95,966	\$100,965	\$111,668	\$155,622	\$247,375

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