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Annual Report

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

A Message to Our Community

On behalf of the Indian Valley Education Foundation Board of Directors, we are pleased to share with you the 2016-2017 Annual Report. The following pages illustrate the work that has been accomplished and the goals that have been reached. Our mission and purpose has become a vital component to not only supporting, but expanding the resources and opportunities that are available to the students in each of the nine traditional Souderton Area public schools.

Highlighting this year, the Foundation:

- Provided or committed almost \$100,000 in funding to support a variety of educational initiatives throughout the 2016-2017 school year
- Helped implement 1:1 computing initiative at Indian Valley Middle School, Indian Crest Middle School and Souderton Area High School, through our partnership with SASD.
- Continued in our work to increase community awareness of educational challenges and solutions.
- Brought families and community leaders together to strengthen relationships and provide unique bonding opportunities between students, faculty and administrators.
- Provided a vehicle for individuals, businesses and organizations to share resources and gifts with the Souderton Area School District and its students.

As the IVEF begins its 25th year of service to the Souderton Area School District, we do so with gratitude and optimism. Thank you for believing in the power of traditional public education. The resources and opportunities our students have access to each day are changing strengthening our community overall and providing the foundation they need to achieve their dreams.



Kimberly J. Detwiler
Board President, 2016-2018



Ruth E. Potter
Executive Director

"I am so very proud of the IVEF and its many accomplishments to our school district. The depth and commitment of the IVEF Board and volunteers is unparalleled as their efforts continue to benefit our children and our teachers. The IVEF also presents an opportunity for everyone to become involved and positively impact our schools."

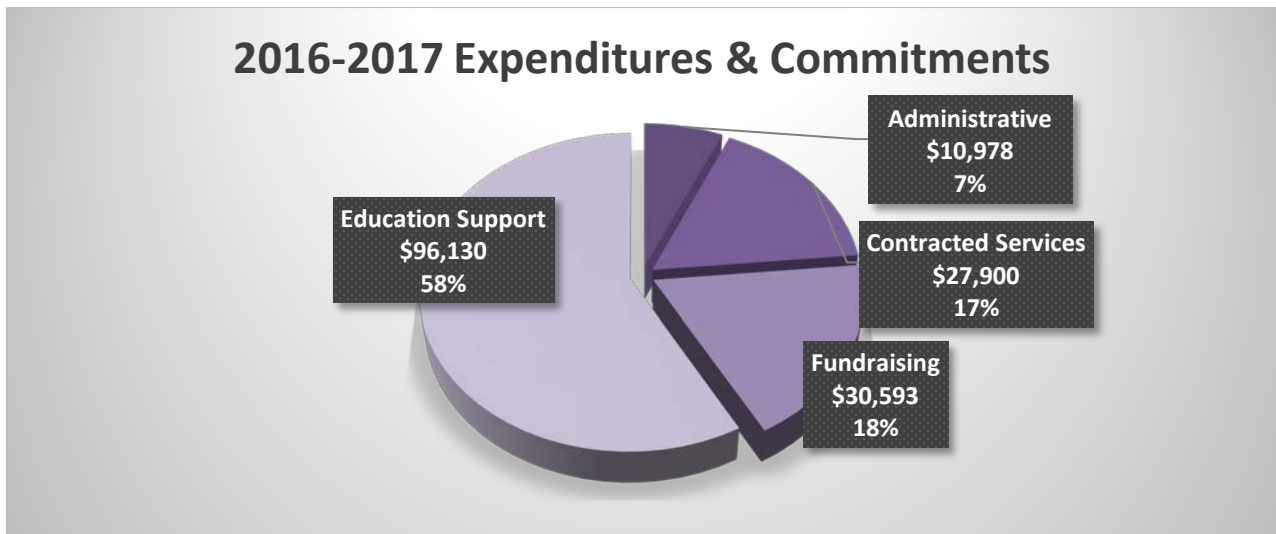
- Frank T. Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools

Financial Snapshot

2016-2017 Revenues



2016-2017 Expenditures & Commitments



For more detailed financial information and to view a copy of our 990 Form, please visit <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/23-2688555>. The IVEF has earned the silver star indicating our ongoing commitment to financial transparency.

EITC: Educational Improvement Tax Credit

The Pa. Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program is administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) under Act 48. Established in 2001, the Program awards tax credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations and/or educational improvement organizations that are on a list approved and published by the DCED. A gift to the IVEF can provide your company with a substantial tax credit. Your contribution can impact the quality of our schools and ensure that the Souderton Area School District remains a premiere community in Pennsylvania. **For more information:** www.NewPA.com/eitc

Classroom Innovation Grants

The Classroom Innovation Grant program brings the resources of community funding to the classrooms. K-12 faculty and principals can apply for grant funding to provide enriching academic experiences in their classrooms and schools.

For the 2016-2017 school year, the IVEF was pleased to have been able to commit over \$18,000 in funding to support innovation in our schools!

EMC Elementary School:

- **Little Free Library:** *BethAnn Harbon, Grades K-5* - Take a book, leave a book: Enabling EMC to be stewards of four free libraries
- **iPads for Investigations:** *Amy Buiting, Grades K-5* - Providing students access to online library research
- **Literacy Enrichment through EDP:** *Anthony Moletierre, Grades K-1* - Teaching children how language works through repetition of rhymes and stories

Franconia Elementary School:

- **Little Bits:** *Gwyn Clark, Grades 2-5* - Engaging students in open-ended creation while teaching the language of technology

Oak Ridge Elementary School:

- **Think Like a Programmer:** *Rachel Irvin, Grades K-5* - Teaching creative problem solving whether students are plugged in or unplugged
- **IEP Progress Monitoring:** *Heather Jacobus, Life skills Grades K-2 & Laura Rhein, Life skills Grades 3-5* - Using the conversion of IEP progress monitoring sheets into Google forms accessible on an iPad to enable quick data collection and analysis review, ensuring appropriate instruction modification for student success

Salford Hills Elementary School:

- **Kindergarten Outdoor Exploration Center:** *Barbara Kulp, Grade K* - Providing problem-solving opportunities and challenging physical, social and cognitive abilities as an extension of the classroom.

Vernfield Elementary School:

- **Worms, Woods and Wonder:** *Sue Mandia, Grade 5* - Connecting students to nature on a variety of levels to encourage exploration, identification and ultimately stewardship of the earth
- **Community Creations:** *Lynne Feighan, Cindy Edgar, Jamie Mazin, Grade 3* - A technology-based platform allowing students to create their very own community
- **Technology for English Language Learners:** *Christine Maine, Grades K-5* - Utilizing technology to support and enhance ELL students to more fully participate in their classroom settings
- **The SKOOG: Music for all:** *Lisa Stover, Grades K-5* - Empowering students of all ages and abilities to play a wide range of instruments intuitively

West Broad Street Elementary School:

- **Dash & Dot Wonder Pack:** *Eric Stover, Grades K-5* - Encouraging creative and interactive music composition methods

Indian Crest Middle School:

- **Coaster Physics:** *Jennifer Odenwald, Grade 8* - Through the study of force and motion, physics students are able to create their own roller coaster
- **Breakout EDU:** *Nicole Bauer, Grades 6-8* - Ultra-engaging learning games that require teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking and trouble shooting
- **ICMS Garden:** *Stephanie Seely, Grades 6-8* - Allowing students to sow, maintain and harvest a shared garden to underscore education about lifestyle, nutrition and food preparation

Indian Valley Middle School:

- **Flexible Classroom:** *Jennifer Bano, Grade 7* - Creative Classroom Space for ELA collaboration

Souderton Area High School:

- **Ukulele in the Classroom:** *Rick Freda, Grades 9-12* - Enhancing music theory concepts by providing students with more hands-on opportunity for creative learning
- **Immersive Experiences with Google Cardboard:** *Susan Van Saun, Grades 9-12* - Bringing virtual reality to any classroom with access to places and experiences not found in a textbook

"Create a culture of innovation in schools. Accept that there will be many successes and some failures, but those failures will drive even more successes."

-Ryan Imbriale, Edutopia

INNOVATORS at work



Little Free Libraries encourage reading and foster a sense of community



Learning Physics by creating roller coasters



Problem solving & collaboration with Breakout EDU



Worms, Woods & Wonder taking the classroom outside



The SKOOG: Empowering students of all ages and abilities to play music

“Flip Your Classroom” Challenge

In the fall of 2016, IVEF and SASD partnered to provide a district-wide opportunity in support of the *SASD Next* initiative. A total of \$9,000 was awarded to help make classroom dreams come true. *SASD Next* is a five-year plan developed to transform teaching and learning. Implemented during the 2016-2017 school year, *SASD Next* created an exciting opportunity for us all to reimagine teaching and student engagement which leads to the development of lifelong learners. Flip Your Classroom Challenge was born from the idea that flexible classrooms give students a choice in what kind of learning space works best for them, and helps them to work collaboratively, communicate, and engage in critical thinking.

The result of this partnership yielded close to 60 grant applications. The award-winning classrooms represent virtually every kind of learning environment! Many of the ideas and information that were shared will be utilized to ensure that, over time, SASD can help to support and create the environments that our teachers and students have identified as the ideal places to teach, learn and collaborate.



Top Left: Oak Ridge Elementary School **Top Right:** Souderton Area High School
Bottom: Indian Crest Middle School

“The Indian Valley Education Foundation is an integral part of the SASD community. The teachers, counselors, and other professional members of the Souderton Area Education Association (SAEA) are distinctly proud of their work with the IVEF, knowing that our students are the sole of the beneficiaries of the Foundation’s efforts. As such, SAEA is proud to actively support the IVEF through our Community Outreach Fund, which has donated over \$25,000 in the past six years. Countless SAEA members have and will continue to dedicate many hours of volunteer service to the IVEF. We understand how powerful this collaborative relationship is, for the sake of our students and the community at large.”

- Carol Luciani, President, Souderton Area Education Association

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A special thanks to our board members who completed their terms in 2016-2017:

Jill Basile, Donna Huff, Tom Ferlick & Erik Lamberth

Your service, creativity and dedication to the IVEF is appreciated!

"I believe when individuals, businesses, and community organizations come together to share resources in a cooperative way and join forces in a spirit of collaboration, the result creates mutually beneficial relationships to achieve our district's needs. Creating the balance of both cooperation and collaboration can only be achieved by the dedicated, committed and driven individual or organization to truly reach their projected goals. Every year, I witness this as the IVEF excels for all the children of this district without hesitation to achieve greater and greater results. I am truly amazed."

-Scott Jelinski, President, Souderton Area Board of School Directors

Giving Opportunities

There are so many ways you can support the IVEF. From financial contributions to sharing your time and talents, we are eager to hear how you would like to help us advance our mission and make a difference. We welcome your involvement with the IVEF, and look forward to connecting with you!

- **Volunteer:** The IVEF relies upon committed volunteers to help us advance our work, and help accelerate our progress in supporting educational programs in the SASD. There are many ways for you to make a positive impact. We would love to help match you with the right opportunity!
- **Fundraising Support:** Throughout the year the IVEF hosts district-wide fundraising opportunities. Teacher Appreciation Campaigns, our annual Golf Outing, and coming in the spring of 2018, our first online auction.
- **Donate:** The generous support of our donors is what allows the IVEF to fulfill its mission. Donations are the key to funding innovative, non-budgeted programs in our schools that benefit all the students in the SASD. Large or small, your donations make a difference!

**For more information, please contact our Executive Director,
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MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Indian Valley Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization serving the Souderton Area School District, is to ensure the highest level of educational opportunity for students through a community partnership with public education.



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