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Annual

report

... ENHANCING AND EXTENDING INNOVATIVE EDUCATION AT
THE CLASSROOM LEVEL



LITERACY



PERFORMING
& FINE ARTS



SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY



STUDENT
LEADERSHIP



INNOVATIVE
GRANTS

Enhancing Innovative Education

The Trustees of the Foundation consider it our privilege to work as a partner with District 300 to support all the students and professional educators. The Foundation reached a milestone early this year by earning the IRS status of an established 501(c)3.

We have just ended our **Leadership's Message** sixth year by establishing two major initiatives that promote excellence in education through the Distinguished Educator Award and by acknowledging accomplished alumni through our Distinguished Alumni and Young Alumni Awards.

Our board's commitment to thinking differently on behalf of District 300 students has helped us to raise \$321,000 over the last six years. Thanks to the District 300 community's generous support of our annual campaign and many fund raisers, we are able to offer a wide variety of programs such as our Innovation Grants, providing essential science equipment for the new forensic classes that will be offered at each high school, basic music instruments for several music programs, and providing funding for student leadership in the

first ever special education project.

This year we also included the new charter school Cambridge Lakes as a recipient of one of our 08-09 Innovation Grants.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we want to sincerely thank all of you who have supported us, and we would like to encourage you to continue. If you have not joined us in our efforts, I hope that after reading this report you will be inspired to do so. The Foundation's success is dependent on you. Thank you District 300!



Gratefully,

Mary Fioretti
Chairman

Dr. Kenneth M. Arndt
Superintendent



Distinguished Educator Award Nancy Hatcher

Our inaugural educator is Mrs. Nancy Hatcher. Nancy is a nineteen year veteran currently teaching literacy at Liberty Elementary. Mrs. Hatcher's principal, Ms. Kristin Corriveau had this to say about Mrs. Hatcher: "Nancy's eternal love of learning is evident by her continued dedication to seeking out and researching current trends in reading and writing. She is passionate about not only improving herself as a teacher, but each and every teacher in our building, Nancy makes personal connections with each and every staff member and in return garners the utmost respect from our staff and staff throughout the district."





08/09 Innovative Grants

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand." Albert Einstein

We are excited again this year to award eleven grants to innovative educators. Each year we invite all educators to apply for this competitive grant to explain to us how they plan to use their idea in the classroom to get students excited about

We are excited to present this years Innovation Grant recipients.

SARA FOSTER,
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

learning.

The recipients were present at the Annual Gala to accept their award. This years group of educators crosses each level of education from elementary to middle to high school.

The recipients for this year are:

Sara Carlson, Sleepy Hollow: Guided Reading for Gifted Readers.

Luc Miron, Neubert: Interactive Jeopardy Review.

Rob Piercy, Jacobs H.S.: Milestone Documents in American History.

Marce Kersten (2), Jacobs H.S.: Modern World History Latin America and Government Alive.

Pamela Carlos, Golfview: Weather Trackers. **Higgins Family Memorial Grant.**

Elizabeth Woods, DC: Kids in Chemistry

Tiffany Groh, Liberty; Project Picture Book

Donald Stinson, Jacobs H.S.: Creativity through Composition

Joe Ehrmann, DC, HDJ, HHS: Crime Scene Documentation Kits

Martha Rathbun, Cambridge Lakes Charter School: Detention Pond Monitoring Program

2008 Distinguished Alumni



The Foundation created the Distinguished Alumni Award in order to honor outstanding District 300 graduates who have distinguished themselves with extraordinary achievements in their professional and civic endeavors.

A goal of the award is to introduce positive role models to the high school community of District 300. With student leadership as one of our core beliefs, we believe that outstanding alumni should inspire students and encourage them to adopt high aspirations.

To nominate someone you know for the D300 Distinguished Alumni Award visit here www.d300foundation.org/alumniawards.html



INAUGURAL 2008 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CLASS
LARO TAN, DC '89
DR. DONNA REDMER, DHS '56
BETHANY JAEGER, HDJ '98
CRAIG RAKOW, DHS '58
KEVIN ORR, HDJ '86

2008 INSPRA Public Education Ambassador



One of our own was selected as the Illinois State 2008 INSPRA Public Education Ambassador this past May. Foundation Chairman Mary Fioretti has spent years advocating for literacy, fair funding of Illinois public schools, and innovative teaching. She served on the District 300 School Board, created a foundation to serve youngsters in our eastside schools, created book drives for students, backpack campaigns, and countless other social outreach opportunities for students through out her 16 years of volunteering in D300. D300 spokeswoman Allison Smith noted Fioretti's lasting commitment to D300 students. "Mary believes fervently in the power of public education," Smith said. "She conveys that belief in her every speech and every encounter."

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2008 Large Grant Awards



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Grant: Teamwork Leadership Collaboration (TLC) Program.
 Award: \$2,500
 Serves: Dundee Crown High School, Jacobs High School and Hampshire High School
 Abstract: Special Education leadership opportunities.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Grant: Forensics: Crash, and Forensics: Crime Scene Bodies.
 Award: \$6735.00
 Serves: Dundee Crown High School, Jacobs High School and Hampshire High School
 Abstract: "Crime Scene Bodies" & "Crash Program" and materials



PERFORMING & FINE ARTS

Grant: Music Instruments
 Award: \$5,563
 Serves: Dundee Highlands, Perry, Sleepy Hollow, and Golfview
 Abstract: Basic Music Instruments and stands

Testimonials

Connie Ridl: Student Anthology—CMS

I would like to thank the D300 Foundation for giving me the opportunity to create a student anthology with my literacy students. The students who chose to contribute to the anthology put a lot of work into their poetry. In response to your request, the following is a short paragraph on the success of my project.

Students in Connie Ridl's classes at CMS were given the opportunity to contribute a piece of poetry to a student anthology. Most students chose to participate by selecting their best piece of work from their classroom portfolio. Selections were scanned, printed in color, and bound together. Participating students received a copy of the anthology as a reward for their hard work. The creation of the anthology was a big hit, and the project will definitely be expanded and repeated next year.

Eva Hoffman & Bridget Demetriou: Reader's Theater—Golfview

We would like to thank all the donors for the Foundation Grant 07-08. Through this innovation grant, we were able to order and implement the Reader's Theater at Golfview School.

This program provided third and fourth grade students the opportunity to perform plays based on various fairy tales, folktales, myths and legends for a variety of audiences. The students' excitement about performing enhanced not only their reading and public speaking skills, but their self confidence and self esteem as well. Through this program, students have increased comprehension, fluency, expression, and gained understanding of a character's feelings. Without a doubt, this innovation grant has helped us meet our goal to improve reading at Golfview Elementary School.



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DesksonParade

around the community took a 1960's circa desk and turned it into a beautiful work of art reflecting all kinds of educational elements from *Teacher's Pet*, *Dr. Seuss*, *Navajo Spirit*, to *Vincent Van Gogh*.

Nineteen desks were on display in several locations and even at Roosevelt University in Schaumburg. The artists graciously donated their time and their talent so that the Foundation could auction off the desks with the proceeds benefiting the Foundations many programs.

The Foundation is extremely grateful to the artists, the District and to all the sponsors that made this project a huge success. You can visit www.d300foundation.org/desksongparade.html to see all the desks.

The Foundation participated in the first ever public art event **DesksonParade**. Artists from



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Years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008			2007
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Combined Total	Summary Financial Information Combined Total
Revenues, Gains & Other Support:				
Contributions	\$ 22,794	\$ 3,600	\$ 26,394	\$ 32,275
Foundation Grant	-	5,000	5,000	18,790
Inkind gifts	1,100	-	1,100	-
Special events, net of direct expenses				
Desks on Parade	5,491	-	5,491	-
Spring Gala	4,848	-	4,848	-
Meeting reimbursements, net of expenses	149	-	149	-
Misc income	364	-	364	-
Investment Income	1,074	-	1,074	1,781
Total revenue	<u>35,820</u>	<u>8,600</u>	<u>44,420</u>	<u>52,846</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	6,985	(6,985)	-	-
Functional Expenses				
Program expenses	15,909	-	15,909	41,018
Management and general	9,716	-	9,716	5,177
Fund raising expenses	917	-	917	4,018
Total functional expenses	<u>26,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,542</u>	<u>50,213</u>
Change in net assets	16,263	1,615	17,878	2,633
Net assets - beginning of year	26,876	13,960	40,836	38,203
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 43,139</u>	<u>\$ 15,575</u>	<u>\$ 58,714</u>	<u>\$ 40,836</u>

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