## THIS YEAR'S #s

15 PROGRAMS SERVING OVER 6500 STUDENTS IN ALL 11 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 STEAM SHOWCASE, 9 STEAM GRANT PROJECTS *PLUS* 1 MATH OLYMPIAD COMPETITION

**15,000** FREE BOOKS DISTRIBUTED TO FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE STUDENTS

400+ COMMUNITY, TEACHER & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



# Sandy Springs Education Force

## Sandy Springs Education Force Annual Report 2017-2018

## PUTTING THE WORLD WITHIN THEIR REACH!

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## The Next 10 Years Begin! Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future

In 2008, Carolyn Axt, dedicated education advocate, approached a small group of community colleagues with a challenging task in mind. She wanted to reignite and redefine a nonprofit organization that had a successful record of providing academic support and life skills services for public school students. With a multi-year promise of seed-funding generously offered by the Couchman-Noble Foundation, Carolyn brought Melanie and David Couchman, Julia Bernath, Tamara Carrera, Harold Hamilton and Ava Wilensky together to discuss and commit to re-launching this exciting venture.

Nine months later, they invited Irene Schweiger to join them as Executive Director. There were numerous issues to negotiate as the nascent nonprofit took shape. The complex landscape of a new city, the interface of county-run schools, the primacy of each school's parent population and a growing business interest in public education had to be carefully considered. But perhaps the most challenging issue was the unique mission of SSEF: There were not (nor are there today), any nonprofits that do what SSEF intended to do! The paramount hurdle was to find a way to communicate this truly innovative concept.

It has been 10 years since Carolyn initiated that first meeting. Since then, over 50,000 students have participated in supplemental programs provided by SSEF. Graduation rates have increased significantly and more students are attending college and vocational training than ever before. Both financially vulnerable and economically solvent students have benefited from SSEF's academic and enrichment programs. Students in Sandy Springs have received free books, learned the projects and math competitions, attended academically-based afterschool programs, received proactive SAT and college application assistance and engaged in real-world business enterprises and internships.

It is a fact: None of these opportunities would have been possible without SSEF's focus on and dedication to the public school students of Sandy Springs. This is SSEF's legacy and its future.

And, we are just beginning! Join us as we continue to re-imagine the infinite potential of the next generation of Sandy Springs public school students!



schools, the primacy of each school's joy of reading from dedicated tutors, participated in hands-on STEAM

SSEF's Newly Updated Mission:

To create opportunities that educate, inspire and prepare Sandy Springs public school students for a competitive world



## **Program Partners**

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS/ GSU RESEARCH FOUNDATION ART SANDY SPRINGS: SANDY SPRINGS READS

ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CENTER CREATING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT 100 BLACK MEN – NORTH METRO ROTARY CLUB OF SANDY SPRINGS SANDY SPRINGS PERIMETER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY (WIT)



SLAM STEAM LITERACY AFTER SCHOOL MENTORING/ROLE MODELS

## **SSEF Programs**

#### MENTORING/ROLE MODELS

Business Bridge (200 Students) Ridgeview Charter Middle Sandy Springs Charter Middle Dunwoody Springs Elementary Lake Forest Elementary Spalding Drive Elementary Junior Achievement (800 Students) North Springs Charter High Link with a Leader (210 Students) North Springs Charter High Riverwood International Charter High

Ridgeview Charter Middle Sandy Springs Charter Middle *SAIL (40 Students)* Riverwood International Charter High

*Final Hurdle (80 Students)* North Springs Charter High

#### LITERACY PROGRAMS

*Mini Libraries (6000 Students)* North Springs Charter High Riverwood International Charter High

Ridgeview Charter Middle Sandy Springs Charter Middle Dunwoody Springs Elementary High Point Elementary Ison Springs Elementary Lake Forest Elementary Spalding Drive Elementary Woodland Elementary *Reading Buddies (53 Students)* 

Dunwoody Springs Elementary Ison Springs Elementary

Lake Forest Elementary

#### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

After-School All-Stars (150 Students) Sandy Springs Charter Middle After-School North Springs (30 Students) North Springs Charter High

#### STEAM INITIATIVES

STEAM Showcase (2600 Students) All Schools STEAM Legacy Grants

(350 Students) Ridgeview Charter Middle

Sandy Springs Charter Middle Dunwoody Springs Elementary Heards Ferry Elementary High Point Elementary Ison Springs Elementary Lake Forest Elementary Spalding Drive Elementary Woodland Elementary

Math Hound Bowl (65 Students) Dunwoody Springs Elementary High Point Elementary Ison Springs Elementary Ridgeview Charter Middle Spalding Drive Elementary Woodland Elementary

#### **COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES**

Altrusa Reading Day (120 Students) Ison Springs Elementary CAC Teachers' Closet (1656 Students) All Schools Sandy Springs Reads (870 Students) All Elementary Schools

## 2017-2018 SSEF Board Members

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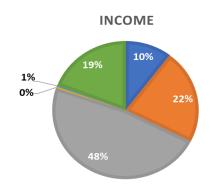


**OUR SSEF STAFF** 

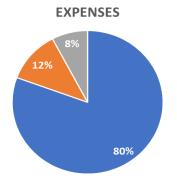
Irene Schweiger - Executive Director Kathy Myers - Program Director Miriam Salpeter - Communications/Marketing Director Penny Rosenfeld - Bookkeeper

## Expanding the Educational Horizons of Our Diverse Students for a Diverse World!

## **Investment in Our Students**



Events - \$108,345 (48%) Foundations & Grants - \$50,346 (22%) Individual Contributions - \$23,360 (10%) Program Fees - \$800 (.6%) Business - \$775 (.4%) In-Kind - \$43,304 (19%)



Programs - \$151,140 (80%) Marketing & Fundraising - \$21,927 (12%) Administration - \$14,461 (8%)

## **Program Patrons & Event Sponsors**

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## Student Success = Everyone's Future!

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Kroger City Walk Mathnasium Mitchell & Shapiro North Springs Spartan Nation Nothing Bundt Cakes Phidippides Primary Care Center Publix Dunwoody Riverwood CulinaryArts Sandy Springs Charter Middle Slope's BBQ Southern Bistro Spalding Drive Elementary Starbucks Abernathy Square Sweet Tomatoes Taziki's Mediterranean Grill Trader Joe's Woodland Elementary

Thanks also to the generous donors who provided books to the Mini Libraries and school supplies to the Teacher's Closet

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