Annual Report of the Organization

Fiscal Year 2017

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
Our Mission
To increase private investment and community involvement in the Woburn Public Schools. Our goal is to support educational programs and initiatives that empower teacher creativity and drive innovation in the classroom beyond that which is possible with public dollars.

Our Purpose
To provide grants directly to educators, opportunities for professional development and investments in technology and curriculum as tools in learning.

Our Work
WCEF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which raises funds in community through:

- Our Women’s Awesome Teacher Tribute campaign, held each spring
- Our annual fall event, the Women’s Forum & Purse Raffle
- Grant writing, to engage local private and corporate foundations
- Partnerships with local businesses through sponsorships and third-party fundraisers
- Direct appeals and solicitations, to encourage community-wide interest and support

2017 Statement of Condition
Fiscal year 2017 was a time of continued growth for the Woburn Community Educational Foundation. Through the interest and generous contributions of our community, we were able to almost double our total revenues over the previous year, which allowed for greater investment in our schools. Partnerships with the Cummings Foundation and Winning Home, Inc. are helping to support programs which address the needs of our most at-risk students, through investments in technology and classroom based programs which provide individualized learning experiences that support student achievement.

To date, our Educator Grant program has awarded almost $50,000 in funds to support creative new programs at every school in the district, impacting thousands of students. These projects cannot be funded by the regular school budget and therefore are only made possible through the generous support of our donors.

We are grateful for the investment by local families, businesses, educators and community leaders in our efforts to inspire and empower innovation in the Woburn Public Schools. Your contributions make a difference and have a positive impact on today’s students and the continued success of our schools.

Thank you for your investment in the potential of our schools and your support of WCEF.

Learn more about WCEF at www.woburnedfoundation.org
2017 Woburn’s Awesome Teacher Tribute Campaign

Held each spring, the Woburn’s Awesome Teacher Tribute Campaign invites any member of the community to make a donation to WCEF in honor of any current or former educator in the Woburn Public Schools. Each honored educator receives an award certificate, personally delivered by members of the WCEF board. Since 2014, the WATT Campaign has raised more than $12,000 for Educator Grants. Congratulations to our 2017 Woburn’s Awesome Teachers, so honored by their current and former students and their families, as well as their colleagues, friends and community:

**Altavesta**
Dale Brazell  
Lucille Collins  
Kristen Downey  
Kelly Knight  
TJ Liquori  
Christy Nickerson  
Rigel Patterson  
Janet Russell  
Victoria Russo  
Jessica Scanlon  
Kathleen Sullivan  
PattiValente

**Goodyear**
Kathleen Cedrone  
Colene Gibbons  
Bonnie Johnson  
Shannon McDonough  
Jennifer Ross  
Jackie White  
Jolene White

**Hurld**
Diane Brogna  
Carol Carney  
Denise Danizio  
Marlene Faulkingham  
Tara Mahoney  
Eileen Mills  
Tricia Tedesco

**Linscott Rumford**
Amy Baker  
Kerrie Bradley  
Candace Chillemi  
Julie Condon  
Cheryl Dubrieo  
Michelle Dionne  
Lauren Healy  
TJ Liquori  
Kerri Moynihan  
Susan Plamondon  
Ellen Richardson  
Ernie Wells  
Jeanne White

**Reeves**
Debbie Carnevale  
Erin Dean  
Karen Dines  
Virginia Doyle  
Elizabeth Fisichella  
Patrice Higgins  
Kristine Hoffman  
Danielle Macdonald  
Lonny Moore  
Jillian Pelissier  
Maryann Scalley  
Kristen Slagmolen  
Joann Toscano  
Juliane Watros

**Shamrock**
Cindy Boudreau  
Shannon Callahan  
Vanessa Giglio  
Lee Ann Hatch  
Angela Herendeen  
Karen Lisacki  
Kelley Mahoney  
Sheila Marshall  
Alicia McNulty  
Janet McGuerty  
Meghan Murray  
Susan O’Connor  
Tom O’Halloran  
Sara Oliveira  
Ellen Power  
Laura Rebello  
Kerri-Ann Richards  
Melissa Richards  
Mary Robichaud  
Michelle Russell  
Kristen Scarvalas  
Katie Sullivan  
Jennifer Swan  
Wayne Clark

**White**
Entire Faculty & Staff  
Rae Allen  
Christine Chute  
Kim Ciasullo  
Denise Delaney  
Amanda Donato  
Cathy Lichoulos  
Kara Martyny  
Lorena Prinzivalli-Bradbury  
Wendy Renna  
Julie Smith  
Tracy Wood  
Joanie White

**Wyman**
Erin Chisholm  
Tammy Favreau  
Kelly Fay  
Kerry Jannergren  
Lauren Kessaris  
TJ Liquori  
Kristin Potamis

**Joyce**
Nancy Borrelli  
Maria-Jose Carreiro  
Joseph Curran  
Kara Dattilo  
Susan Duffy  
Dave Guffey  
Stacey Harris  
Linda McElheney  
Paul McElheny  
Ginny McLean  
Linda O’Brien  
Michael Prior  
Arlene Ratcliff  
Joseph Tuzzolo

**Kennedy**
Kevin Battle  
Yadissa Bello  
John Bonish  
Katelynn Caldwell  
Kerri Hermann  
Diane Flanagan  
Trey Jones  
Joan Murray  
Wayne Simone  
Darcy Tanner

**WMHS**
Loren Baccari  
Ben Bridgeo  
Pam Ciaccio  
Monica Dattilo  
Brian Gilbertie  
Ryan Gill  
Terri Gilstrap  
Jane Hogeland  
Amy Holland  
David Kalpin  
Jen Keenan  
Adam Lapon  
Bob MacCurtain  
Gina O’Rourke  
Daniel Princic  
Mary Ress  
Kristen Rossi  
Kate Shaughnessy  
Brian Skeffington  
Mike Walsh

**Shamrock PreSchool:**
Ms. Alissa  
Mrs. Melanie  
Ms. Ruth  
Mrs. Tricia
Donor Honor Roll

These individuals and businesses have contributed to the continued growth and success of WCEF during the past year. These investments help to fund innovative classroom-based projects that cannot be funded by the regular school budget. Thank you for making an important difference for today’s students.

Individuals

Michelle Allardi  
Wayne Altman  
Louise Anderson  
Sandeep Anjaneya  
Tom Bardascino  
Laura Bardascino  
Jane Bates  
Jessica Bedoya  
Santhosh Beerelli  
Rachel Bennett  
Mary Bonsignore  
Laura Caggiano  
Tony & Cecilia Camacho  
Kate Campbell  
Joan Cavanaugh  
Karen Chaires  
Anthony Ciasullo  
Lynn Clark  
Elwin Clements  
Maura Cox  
Jodi & David Crowley  
Donna Cusato  
Catherine D’Amico-Lichoulas  
Monica Dattilo  
Kara Dattilo  
Bob & Carole DeNapoli  
Claudia de Oliveira  
Roberta Donascimento  
Mark & Julie Donovan  
Shannon & Joe Dooley  
Nathan Driscoll  
Concannon Family  
Jane Foley  
Julie Gage  
Rhonda Garvey  
Laurie Gellman  
George & Colleen Getty & Family  
Abby Gillis  
Cristine Gomez  
Esther Gomez  
Laurie Greene  
Melissa & Dan Greer  
Andrea & Nate Hanley  
Aisha Haroun  
Beth Hegarty  
John Berrigan & Lori Hruska  
Carrie Johnson  
Kimberlee Johnson  
Jennifer Jones  
Alec & Kevin Kealing  
Maureen Kelly  
Deirdre & Peter King  
Engin-Constanza Kiran  
Sandra LaFontaine  
Laura Lowry  
Kathy & Paul Lucero  
Robert E. & Karen Maguire  
John & Susan Marshall  
Michael Martini  
Queila Nascimento & Sandro Martins  
Kelly Boudreau Mary Boudreau  
Rick Metters & Maura Emler  
Carin McConchie  
Nicole & Brian McDonald  
John McLean  
Katherine Meuse  
Carole Michelini  
Amy Morgan  
Nancy Morris-Dhaliwal  
James Moylan  
Peter Nguyen  
Christy Nickerson  
Lisa Nolan  
Valerie O’Brien  
Patrice O’Keeffe  
Satya Palvadi  
Kristin & Jeff Potamis  
Ellen Power  
Lisa Powers  
Don & Janet Queenin  
Caitlyn Queenin Rivera  
Frank Rabuffetti & Rauza Kusainova  
Laura Rebello  
Len & Kelly Rizzuto  
Lauren King & John Russo  
Dasantha Sahabaudhu  
Mahi Seereddy  
Jyoti & Laxmikaut Sharma  
Colleen Sheehy  
Julie Smith  
Amanda Snell  
Maria Sykes  
Maureen Turner  
Margaret & Rick Valentine  
Jaclyn Verrow  
Joan White  
Joanne Young
Donor Honor Roll

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Chipotle Woburn
Cummings Foundation
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E. G. Barker Lumber
Eugene Mickey DMD MPH PC
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Kiwanis Club of Woburn
Little Folks Day School
Massachusetts Independent Bankers
Northern Bank & Trust
Reading Cooperative Charitable Foundation
Salem Five Charitable Foundation
Savings Bank Life Insurance - SBLI
Whole Foods Market
Winchester Savings Bank
Winning Home, Inc
Woburn Host Lions Club
Woburn Pediatric Associates

Financial Report

This is a report on the operations of the organization for fiscal year 2017: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. These financials were approved by the WCEF Board on August 22, 2017.

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Income

- Grants received 37%
- Unrestricted 14%
- Restricted 26%
- Events 23%

Expenses

- Grants Made 83%
- Foundation Operations 11%
- Fundraising 1%
2017 Educator Grant Program

In 2017, WCEF funded a total of 20 new innovative projects in the Woburn Public Schools to support student advancement in learning, positive life choices and creative approaches to teaching. Selected through a competitive review process, these grants totaled $17,885. Educators will submit final reports on the progress of these projects in December 2017.

Jessica Callanan, Woburn Memorial High School
$5,000 for Night School Credit Recovery Program
This project provided funding for subsidies for low-income high school juniors and seniors who needed to attend night school in order to graduate on time. The availability of these funds allowed 15 students, in grades 11 and 12, to recover 23 credits in core subject areas. Through this program, WCEF made it possible for 13 students to graduate this school year with their class.

Sarah Dugan, Woburn Memorial High School
$1,000 for The Everyday Astronaut
This project invited astronaut Tim Dodd to the school, to give a presentation to the study body to “bring space down to earth for everyday people.” Tim’s talk incorporated tenets of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) to inspire today’s students to reach for the stars. As a successful photographer, Tim also met with a group of advanced art students to share his advice and experience.

Diane Ivester, Woburn Memorial High School
$1,000 for Botvin Life Skills Program

Dave Guffey, Joyce Middle School
$880 for Botvin Life Skills Program

Anne Riccadelli, Kennedy Middle School
$880 for Botvin Life Skills Program
This program is an extension of the Health and Wellness curriculum, proven to reduce the risks of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse and to reduce violence by building skills and resiliency in young people. Botvin Life Skills help students resist peer pressure, increase self-esteem, and handle stress and anxiety through enhanced cognitive and behavioral competency to reduce and prevent risky behaviors. All middle and high school students will benefit from this program.

Kristy Russell,
Altavesta Elementary School:
$1,000.00 for iPads for Specialized Instruction
This project uses iPads to create customized learning experiences using supportive media technology for diverse learners of varying academic needs.
Robert Doherty, Goodyear Elementary School
$923 for Ipad Film Project
Through the use of Ipads and professional production staging, students in grade 5 will film and produce high quality video presentations for a variety of uses, including monthly video news features that showcase school activities. This project will increase the creative confidence of these students and expand their knowledge and use of technology.

Linda Burns & Sharon Connolly, Hurld Elementary School
$876 for Document Cameras
Document cameras project a page of a book or a 3-dimensional object onto a screen for the whole class to see. This technology is used to actively engage all students in the learning process across all curriculum subjects.

Marlene Faulkingham, Hurld Elementary Schools
$996 for IXL Technology Based Math Program
WCEF has funded this program for the 2nd year at the Hurld School, as it has shown great potential to advance student’s mastery of math concepts and standards. This program can be utilized at home as well as in the classroom, and engages students in supportive learning which guides and celebrates individual achievement.

Danielle Jo White-Yelito, Joyce Middle School
$115 for Handbells and Percussion
WCEF is proud to fund the purchase instruments for the new Hand-bell Choir and Percussion Ensemble at the school. We look forward to their debut at the Holiday Concert in December 2017, with a performance of “Carol of the Bells”!

Kerri Moynihan, Linscott – Rumford Elementary School: $856.00 for Tablets for the Resource Room
Students with disabilities that affect how they learn benefit from multisensory approaches and multimodal learning strategies. These tablets allow access to differentiated learning programs that provide individualized support, and increase student learning and engagement.

Elizabeth Fisichella, Reeves Elementary School: $433.00 for a Reader’s Theater
Reader’s theater allows students to use scripts adapted from stories in order to improve word recognition and reading fluency. This program addresses a need in the school to improve reading fluency among 1st grade students.
Amanda Sheehan, Reeves Elementary School:
$500.00 for ESL Technology
This project provides access to visual information, a key component in ESL instruction. Students are now able to make connections between English language words and objects and express what they know in a variety of different formats.

Shirley Morgan, Shamrock Elementary School:
$500.00 for Stages Learning Vocabulary Materials
This project offers students opportunities to use authentic visuals across a variety of curriculum areas. These materials assist students in developing basic communication skills and cognitive academic proficiency by expanding their vocabulary through language-based activities geared towards their individual learning needs.

Laura Rebelo, Shamrock Elementary School:
$756.00 for Hands On Learning Project
This project has provided funds to purchase 4 Osmo Gaming systems to facilitate a hands-on, movement driven learning environment. Students now have the benefit of learning how to manipulate numbers, words, art and coding while fostering small group collaboration.

Jaclyn Desmond, White Elementary School
$330 for Reading A-Z Subscription
This project provides educators with a virtual library of level appropriate books that can be printed and shared with students and their families. These books can be tailored to each child’s fluency, comprehension and language skills to encourage learning and a love of reading.

Christina Makinen, White Elementary School
$400 for Hatching Baby Chicks
Through this project, students in the 2nd grade will have the opportunity to observe and care for eggs and chickens. They will gain a greater understanding of biology and life science concepts as well as develop respect and responsibility for living things.

Joan White, White Elementary School
$525 for Motion: Forces & Work Program
WCEF is pleased to bring the Museum of Science program to the White Elementary School! This interactive presentation teaches students how forces create motion, what simple machines have in common, and why they help us perform a large amount of work.

Travis Liquori, Altavesta, Linscott, Hurld, White & Wyman Elementary Schools:
$915.00 for African Drumming
This project addresses the need for musical instruments for elementary students. African drumming promotes expressive communication, stimulates cognitive functioning, and improves coordination, giving it multiple applications across curriculum areas. The purchase of 9 African djembes are being used to facilitate in-class instruction for 2nd and 3rd graders, and also in a new after-school music program at each school.
District Pilot Project Year 2: Lexia Core 5 Reading Program

In 2016, WCEF was awarded a Cummings Foundation “100k for 100” grant to launch the Lexia Core 5 Reading Program in the Woburn Public Schools as a district-wide initiative. Our goal is to improve the reading skills of the lowest performing students in kindergarten through grade 3 so that every student in Woburn reads at or above grade level by grade 4.

The implementation of this project has been tremendously successful. A total of 668 underperforming students in grades K-5 are now using the Lexia Program. The program is serving 218 more students than anticipated, a 48% increase in funding impact. Woburn educators chose to extend the program to 4th and 5th grade underperforming students, to help advance educational achievement for all elementary school students. A report on the impact of this program on student achievement for the 2016-2017 school year will be included in the WCEF 2018 Annual Report.

WCEF Kindergarten Book Program

WCEF was excited to launch a brand new program in September 2016 that welcomes our new kindergarten students to the Woburn Public Schools with a gift of a brand new book of their very own. Through the generous sponsorship of Little Folks Day School, more than 400 kindergarten students received their very special gift during the first week of school, to introduce families to WCEF and to encourage reading at home.
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