

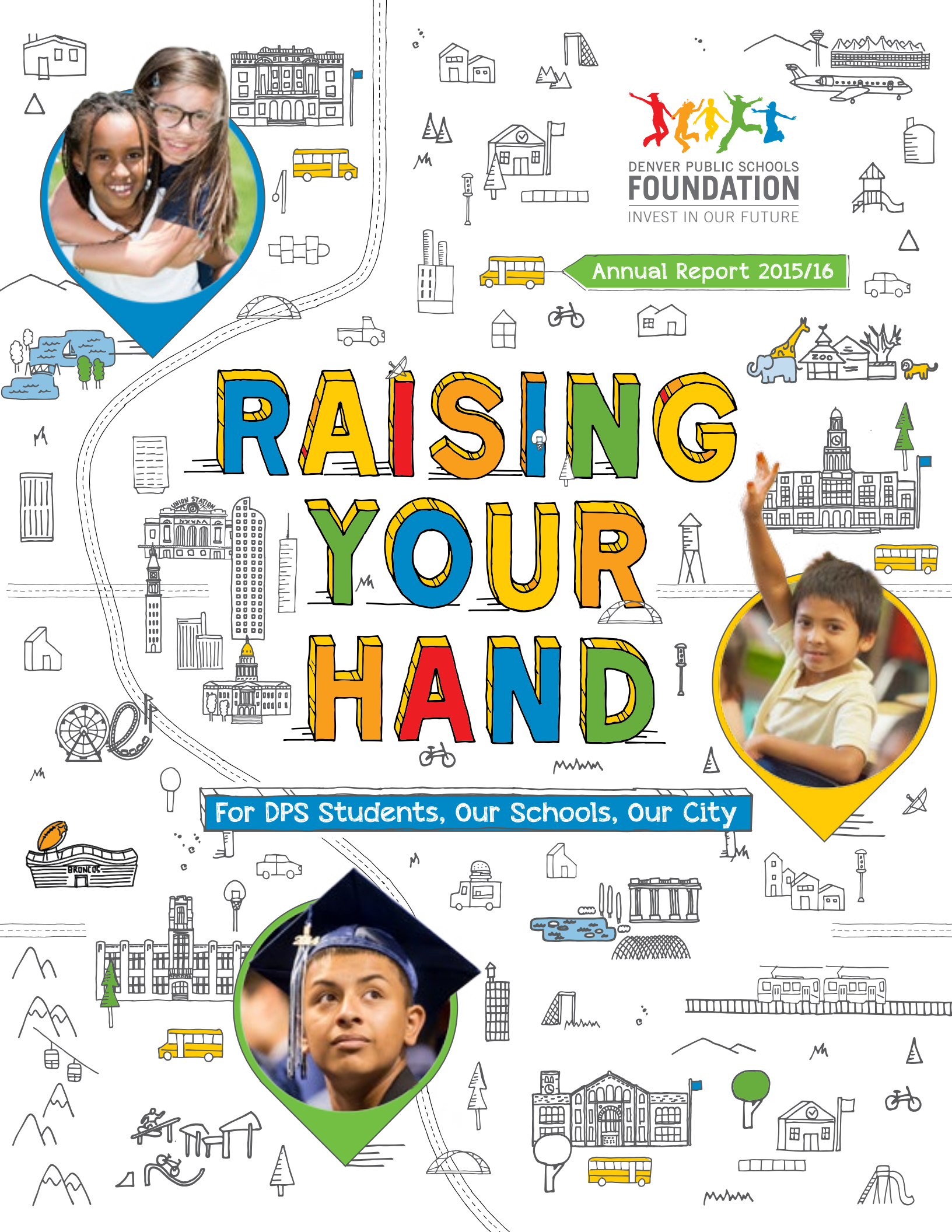


DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION
INVEST IN OUR FUTURE

Annual Report 2015/16

RAISING YOUR HAND

For DPS Students, our Schools, Our City



¡Saludos, DPS Foundation Partner!

Thank you for already showing your support by Raising Your Hand for our kids and our schools. What would it look like if everyone in Denver raised their hand for DPS students? *Every third grader would be reading at grade level, and 100 percent of our students would graduate from high school ready for college and career. If everyone raised their hand, we'd have high quality schools in every neighborhood, regardless of socioeconomic status. We'd be better able to give kids access to opportunities they might not otherwise have.*

It truly takes all of us to achieve our vision of *Every Child Succeeds*. Denver is one of the nation's most thriving cities with a growing economy and diverse culture. We are fortunate to be able to call such a great city home; however, without quality education, Denver would not be the place it is today and aspires to be in the future. **It is imperative—and our responsibility—that Denver Public Schools, one of the fastest growing urban school districts in the country, be the finest in the state—and in the nation.**

Your continued support of the DPS Foundation is the action that collectively moves us closer to our vision. In 2015-16, we graduated our largest senior class in DPS history with 4,300 high school students graduating, which represents the largest one-year increase ever. Your investment contributed to this impact, and is also at work improving literacy efforts, giving children a safe place to go after school, providing middle school computer science curriculum and sports, expanding workforce-related high school STEM curriculum, and ensuring all students are college and career ready when they graduate from high school. **The DPS Foundation family is incredibly grateful for your dedication to the lives of Denver's students, ensuring that all children have a chance to realize their full potential.**

You are an important member of Team DPS, and you play a crucial role in bettering our students' lives. Thanks to you and others, we raised more than \$14 million in 2015-16, benefitting DPS students and schools. We are excited to share with you all our triumphs and accomplishments this past year in our Annual Report. *¡Gracias!*

It takes ALL of us for Every Child in Denver to Succeed. *Juntos lograremos que cada niño en Denver alcance el éxito.*

Today and always for OUR kids,

Verónica

Craig

Tom



Verónica Figoli

President & CEO,
Denver Public Schools Foundation



Craig Umbaugh

2015-16 Board Chair,
Denver Public Schools Foundation,
Partner, Hogan Lovells



Tom Boasberg

Superintendent,
Denver Public Schools

What is RAISE YOUR HAND?

What does it mean to Raise Your Hand for DPS Students?

It means making a commitment of support for them. Choose to be a **champion**, **give** financially, or **volunteer** in our classrooms—or even do all three! Many in the community are raising their hands for DPS students. Susana Cordova, DPS Deputy Superintendent, stands out as a prime example of a true champion and partner for DPS who hasn't hesitated to raise her hand—ever. As a life-long Denver resident and DPS graduate from Abraham Lincoln, married to North High School alum Eric Duran, with two DPS children of her own, Susana has a unique understanding of what life is like in DPS. During spring semester 2016, she served as the Acting Superintendent, continuing to move forward Tom Boasberg's and the district's efforts to ensure *Every Child Succeeds* and has an opportunity for a bright future. Throughout her more than 20 years of service at DPS, Susana has been a middle and high school teacher, a student advisor, an assistant principal and principal, director of literacy, and Chief of Schools. Additionally, she has touched the lives of thousands of kids through her work on the development of quality English Language Acquisition services for students.

In addition to her time and expertise, Susana continues to give financially to the DPS Foundation, including this year as a sponsor of our Achieve Gala 2016. What drives Susana? She says, "This is not a time for us to pause. DPS students only have one shot at the grade they're in now." We are grateful for people like Susana who have raised their hand for DPS students by living our DPS values and choosing students first.

"This is not a time for us to pause. DPS students only have one shot at the grade they're in now!"

— Susana Cordova,
DPS Deputy Superintendent



Susana's life—and impact—in DPS:

Attended Kepner Middle School

Horace Mann Middle School—
Susana's first teaching assignment

DPS Director of Literacy

DPS Deputy Superintendent

DPS Chief of Schools

Principal at Remington Elementary School

Graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School

Attended Barnum Elementary School



DPS Champion

JANUS CAPITAL GROUP

Janus has always believed in the power of education to allow students—and communities—to thrive. And, for nearly a decade, the Janus Foundation has invested in Denver Public Schools students through the DPS Foundation, focusing on innovative initiatives. From helping to attract and retain the best teaching talent, to establishing a blended learning program that combines technology with traditional classroom learning, Janus has worked closely with DPS to identify challenges and address them head-on.

Janus also works directly with students by providing volunteers for the DPS Foundation's School Partners Program. Furthermore, Janus was the first company in Colorado to partner with Innovation for Learning's TutorMate program, through which more than 50 employee volunteers, including Janus CEO Richard Weil, dedicate time each week to tutor a DPS first-grader in reading. Over the years, Janus has also served hundreds of students through its annual school supply and food drives, ensuring DPS students have the resources they need to be successful in school and life.

“Investing in the future thought leaders [in DPS] creates a pipeline of talent... With an educated community, we believe our city will thrive.”

– Demesha Hill, Community Relations Manager at Janus

Partnering with the DPS Foundation and investing in DPS students is part of Janus' strategy to work together for a better future. Janus believes that, by focusing on the thought leaders of tomorrow, they will create a pipeline of talent that benefits all Denver businesses and strengthens the overall community.



OVER 50 JANUS EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEER WEEKLY TUTORING DPS 1ST GRADERS



DPS Champion

MARCO CAMPOS

Marco Campos is a dedicated, all-around supporter of the DPS Foundation. Being aware that his industry, engineering, does not attract enough women and people of color, Marco decided this was an area where he and his company, Campos EPC, could make a difference in DPS, where he was a student.

Campos EPC, DPS and the DPS Foundation joined together to fund SmartLabs, a fully integrated learning environment that supports hands-on learning in STEM to motivate and engage students. Campos EPC has committed \$607,000 to fund seven different schools that will receive a SmartLab classroom over the next few years. Marco says, “It's truly worth it to see these kids getting so excited about [SmartLabs]. We really see a priceless return on the investment.”

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– Marco Campos, Founder & Managing Principal at Campos EPC

Volunteerism is important to Marco as well. His company provides job shadowing opportunities, giving youth a chance to work in an office environment right in the heart of downtown Denver. His employees love participating because many have DPS students in their families, and giving back creates a positive work environment that gives his employees a sense of pride.

DPS Programs that Campos EPC Helped Make Possible:

EngineerMe (CU-Boulder) and EnVision (CSU):
80 students served via Campos EPC in 2016 summer programs

CareerX 2015-2016:
71 students served via Campos EPC

K-8 STEMConnect:
1,720 students served from Campos EPC-funded SmartLabs



DPS Champion

WESTERN UNION

Western Union (WU) makes a global imprint with its philanthropy, with employees giving back to their local community in Denver and by choosing the DPS Foundation as a leading partner. One of the company's foundational principles is "education for better," meaning that the company believes in education to create better lives, better communities and a better world. As the company looked at its employee base, many had students in DPS. And when the company looked at its customers, they understood that many in Denver were using their services to send money to family members to help them access education and educational opportunity in their home countries. So, DPS was a natural fit.

Western Union's investment in DPS is in both time and resources. Thanks to WU and its employees, students have been a part of mentoring programs and have received grants for furthering education. Western Union Volunteer Peg says, "For me, while I am not a parent, I can't think of anything in this world more important to me than educating our children." Western Union employees volunteer with students in the classroom, visit their partner school, Denver Center for International Studies, to interact with students and to donate school supplies, and donate to the DPS Foundation via their company's employee giving campaign. This year WU also served as the Achieve Gala's presenting sponsor, with many members of the team joining the gala celebration and festivities. "Everyone on our campus gets very energized about how we help with education in the Denver area," said Sandra, another WU employee and volunteer, who has worked closely with the DPS Foundation.



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- Peg,
Employee at Western Union



DPS Champion

LIBBY ANSCHUTZ

The Anschutz Foundation (TAF) is one of the major philanthropic organizations in Colorado. The foundation believes that education is one of the key building blocks in a person having a successful future, and that having a community that values education creates a positive environment for society as a whole. The Anschutz family calls Denver home, making TAF's support of the DPS Foundation a natural community investment.

Due to a passion and talent for music, Libby Anschutz has chosen to contribute her own time and investment in music and Denver Public Schools. In 2014, she started a rock concert with a Christmas twist, Sing It To Me Santa, Colorado Rocks for Teachers. The concert is now an annual signature holiday rock 'n' roll party raising funds and awareness for the DPS Foundation. Established to provide a new formula for what a benefit fundraiser looks like, those who attend don't need to dress in "black tie" attire or be a "big dollars" supporter. Rather, Sing It To Me Santa is an affordable, fun concert where the general public can give back and be part of supporting the professionals that support our kids' every day—teachers. Sing It To Me Santa has included local favorite performers like Todd Park Mohr of Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Isaac Slade of The Fray, Billy Nershi of String Cheese Incident, Gov. Hickenlooper (yes, playing banjo!), and Libby's own band, Tracksuit Wedding.

"Education can create the building blocks toward a successful future for students." – Libby Anschutz, Community Leader

Libby and The Anschutz Foundation also introduced DPS to Little Kids Rock, an organization that trains teachers and provides "modern band" instruments and curricular resources to the classrooms, offering students an opportunity to learn how to play contemporary, popular music. Thanks to a generous grant from TAF, Modern Band is being piloted in 20 DPS schools in the upcoming school year. Libby wished that she had been exposed to the Little Kids Rock teaching methodology when she was a student rather than the traditional teaching she had. Believing that learning to play and perform music are ways that students can gain self confidence that can benefit them for life, Libby is a big fan of how music education supports the Whole Child—one of DPS' Denver Plan 2020 goals. Thanks to generous support from Libby, TAF and other sponsors, attendees and hosts, Sing It To Me Santa 2015 raised more than \$160,000 in support of DPS students and schools!

LIBBY ANSCHUTZ



YEAR IN REVIEW

Goodbye, Kristin

After seven years of service to DPS students and schools, DPS Foundation President & CEO Kristin Colon moved on to new adventures.

Thank You, Kristin!

I Give for Team DPS

November – December 2015

DPS Employees Generously Gave \$60K

Teach To One Math

Janus Capital Group granted **\$800K** over three years.

\$800K

Challenge 5280

November 2015

220 DPS High School Students Participated

Students presented creative solutions to the community's most pressing social challenges.



Sing It To Me Santa,

Colorado Rocks for Teachers

December 12, 2015 – Ogden Theatre

Rocked with Todd Park Mohr, Billy Nershi, Tracksuit Wedding and special guests Isaac and Anna Slade.

More Than \$160K Raised

See page 6 to read more about Libby Anschutz and The Anschutz Foundation.



Achieve Gala

April 21, 2016

More than \$930K Raised

See page 5 to read more about Achieve Gala 2016 Presenting Sponsor Western Union.



DPS Shakespeare Festival

April 29, 2016

3,500 DPS Students Performed Works of Shakespeare



Project Lead the Way

Lockheed Martin invested **\$800K** for STEM Education

Colfax Marathon

May 14-15, 2016 – City Park

More than 200 runners on our team. **More Than \$22K Raised/Earned**



Go Broncos! Go Noble Energy!

Noble Energy donated \$1,000 for every Broncos Red Zone appearance.

Totaled \$32K



6 New SmartLabs

Marco Campos donation opened more SmartLabs. Samuels Elementary is first site for 21st century learning lab; six more to follow.

See page 4 to read more about Marco Campos and SmartLabs.



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School Partners Program

83 School Partners donated more than **8,000 hours** of volunteer service, including **5,519 volunteer hours reading** with students to support early grade literacy goals.

See page 3 to read more about School Partner Janus.

8K HOURS

\$30K Raised

Cause Marketing

More Than \$30K Raised

Cause marketing partners included:



A to Z Fund Classroom Grants

98 classroom grants awarded to teachers.

Totaled More than \$140K in Funds Supporting the Whole Child



New Leadership

April 2016

Verónica Figoli welcomed as President and CEO.



THANKS TO YOU!

More than \$14 million was raised, benefitting DPS schools and students! Thank you!

See page 11 for more information on our 2015-16 financials.

SCHOOL PARTNERS PROGRAM



The School Partners Program creates meaningful partnerships between Denver's community and Denver Public Schools. The program, a collaboration between the DPS Foundation and Mile High United Way, provides a combination of volunteer time, in-kind contributions and financial resources to meet the specific needs of the partnering school.

This year, at Achieve Gala 2016, the DPS Foundation and Mile High United Way recognized outstanding businesses for their work in supporting their DPS partner school. Janus Capital Group received the award for Legacy Partner of the Year and Ping Identity received the award for Small Business Partner of the Year. Thank you to all of our School Partner nominees for your time and service!

ACHIEVE GALA 2016

This year, the DPS Foundation celebrated our 14th annual Achieve Gala. The event was a huge success, with hundreds of DPS supporters in attendance. **We raised more than \$930,000 in support of DPS schools and students!** Everyone in attendance, from DPS educators to Denver community leaders, was able to enjoy a night of entertainment, inspiring students telling their own stories, and giving back. Thanks to our gala chairs, sponsors, attendees, students, teachers, and hosts who make this event what it is each year.



Our 2016 keynote speaker, Lisa Rhodes, senior at Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Early College, spoke about growing up in the foster care system before eventually being adopted. Lisa shared how in the midst of adversity, school and her teachers were her constant, allowing her to become the successful student that she is today. She thanked the audience for helping support her—through their support of the DPS Foundation—during her struggles and announced that she'd be attending CU-Boulder this fall!



Another big hit of the evening was the student mariachi band performance from El Mariachi Juvenil de Bryant Webster from Bryant Webster Dual Language ECE – 8 School. They performed an original Mexican song and stole the show in their amazing and authentic mariachi outfits. This is just one example of the incredibly rich cultural heritage of our students and community.



THANK YOU, GALA CHAIRS TRAVIS WEBB, JENNIFER HALLAM, AND RUTH & STEPHEN ROHS



JOIN US!
ACHIEVE GALA 2017
A Fundraiser to Support Denver Public Schools
April 27, 2017

Chris Barkley.

2nd Year TutorMate Volunteer, Ball Corporation

The online TutorMate Literacy program allows volunteers to read with a DPS first-grade student once a week without ever leaving their offices. Tutors connect with students using a telephone and an innovative shared-screen program. "While I have no kids myself, education has always been something I strongly valued. One of the pillars for Ball Corporation is community outreach, particularly around education and supporting the community in which we live. TutorMate was a convenient way to have fun and build a relationship with my student and watch him grow. My student, Ismael, really enjoyed the one-on-one attention that he received. He was always so excited to talk to me—and it was mutual! It was nice to be the dependable person he could count on to read with him. The progress he made over the year was amazing. His reading level and ability to problem solve improved, which helped his overall confidence as well!"



SCHOOL PARTNERS PROGRAM



NUMBERS

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

We value that our donors trust their dollars are put to use in the most meaningful and lasting ways to affect positive change in our schools.

REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

Contributions:	
Family and grant-making foundations & organizations	\$9,684,000
Corporate & corporate foundations	3,430,000
Individuals	311,000
Local government & agencies	81,000
In-kind	48,000
Special events, net	948,000
Investment income	(42,000)
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$14,460,000

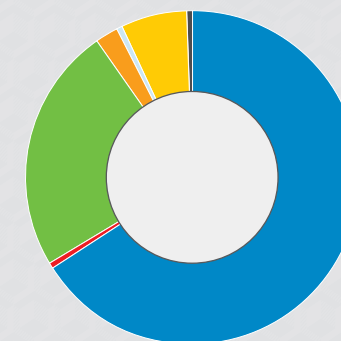
EXPENSES

Program services & grants	\$12,568,000
Management & general	584,000
Fundraising	609,000
Total expenses	\$13,761,000
Change in net assets	\$699,000
Net assets, beginning of year	6,780,000
Net assets, end of year	\$7,479,000

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

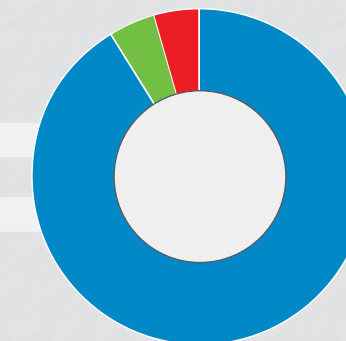
Denver Public Schools Foundation received an unmodified opinion by independent auditors Kundra, Corder & Engle, P.C. for the year ended June 30, 2016. The complete Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements is available upon request.

TOTAL REVENUES



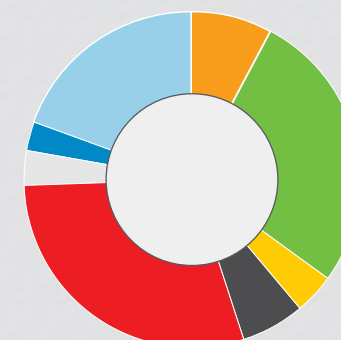
- 67% Family and grant-making foundations & organizations
- <1% In-kind
- 24% Corporate & corporate foundations
- 2% Individuals
- <1% Local government & agencies
- 6% Special events, net
- <1% Investment income

TOTAL EXPENSES



- 91% Program services & grants
- 4% Management & general
- 5% Fundraising

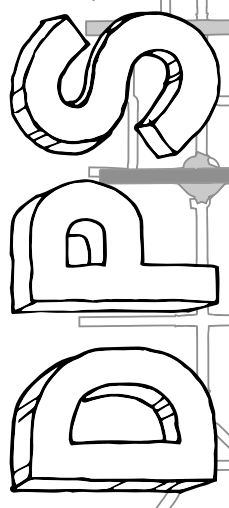
TOTAL GRANTS FUNDED



- 30% Teacher effectiveness
- 3% Literacy
- 3% Health & wellness
- 19% Culture & leadership development
- 8% Classroom resources
- 27% Innovation
- 4% CareerConnect
- 6% Afterschool & enrichment

\$12,439,000 IN GRANTS FUNDED!

2015-16 DPS FOUNDATION IMPACT MAP



More than 200 schools in DPS.
119 directly served by the DPS Foundation
as illustrated in this map.

- Afterschool & Summer
- A to Z Fund
- Literacy
- School Partners Program
- CareerConnect
- STEM
- Whole Child
- Student Leadership



In addition to the above, the DPS Foundation raises funds for system-wide innovative and core programs to address the areas of greatest priority to advance student achievement. This impacts every school and student.

DONORS 2015-16



\$250,000 or more

The Anschutz Foundation
 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
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 Carnegie Corporation
 The Janus Foundation
 Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

\$100,00 to \$249,999

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



\$25,000 to \$99,999

Aegon Transamerica Foundation
 BBVA Compass
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 Connie Burwell White
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 Denver Broncos Football Club
 The Denver Post Season to Share,
 a McCormick Foundation Fund
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 Xcel Energy














\$5,000 to \$9,999

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 Ashford University
 Barton Family Foundation,
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 Mortenson Construction
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 Project Lead The Way, Inc.
 RBC Capital Markets LLC
 RBC Wealth Management,
 The Denver Complex Team - Dan Ball
 RBC Wealth Management,
 The DeRose Investment Group
 SCL Health
 Semple, Farrington & Everall, P.C.
 Patricia & Aaron Slaughter 
 The Swinerton Foundation



Patrice Hall Pierce, member of the DPS Foundation's Future Society

Patrice worked as a special education teacher for Denver Public Schools for 29 years and was the first designated teacher of children with autism in Denver Public Schools. Patrice is establishing an endowment fund, the Patrice Hall Pierce Fund for Special Education, to address some of the hardships faced by students with special education needs, their families and their caregivers, especially those who have limited financial resources. Due to Patrice's lifelong passion for DPS, she has chosen to continue her commitment to special education beyond her lifetime, making her a member of the DPS Foundation's Future Society.

To learn more about the DPS Foundation's Future Society, contact MMcgee@dpsfoundation.org





All Society for Educational Excellence in Denver (SEED) donors are marked with "D." SEED – the Society for Educational Excellence in Denver – is the Denver Public Schools Foundation's major giving initiative. For more information visit dpsfoundation.org/seed.

**Gaby Ruiz, a true DPS Champion**

For Gaby Ruiz, putting students first is very close to her heart. Gaby, a math fellow coordinator at Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College, ran the 2016 Colfax Marathon for the second year in a row. Both years she has chosen to run for the DPS Foundation to raise awareness and to make an impact via her fundraising efforts. Gaby takes her fundraising goal very seriously, as she feels it is a way to get others involved in giving back to Denver students.

**\$2,500 to \$4,999 cont.**

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Tim Walmer, Communications Specialist for Choice and Enrollment at DPS, has officially been a part of DPS for one year now, however his wife worked at DPS for several years. Even though their kids don't attend DPS schools, he says they truly consider themselves a DPS family! Growing up, Tim talks about the great opportunities and quality schools he had access to in his neighborhood.

Tim believes all students should have the same opportunities that he had and therefore, does anything that he can to help. According to Tim, the DPS Foundation makes giving easy. He heard about the **I Give for Team DPS** employee giving campaign last year, signed up online and the rest was history! Tim says he will continue to give and has actually elected to give more this year through the DPS payroll deduction option!





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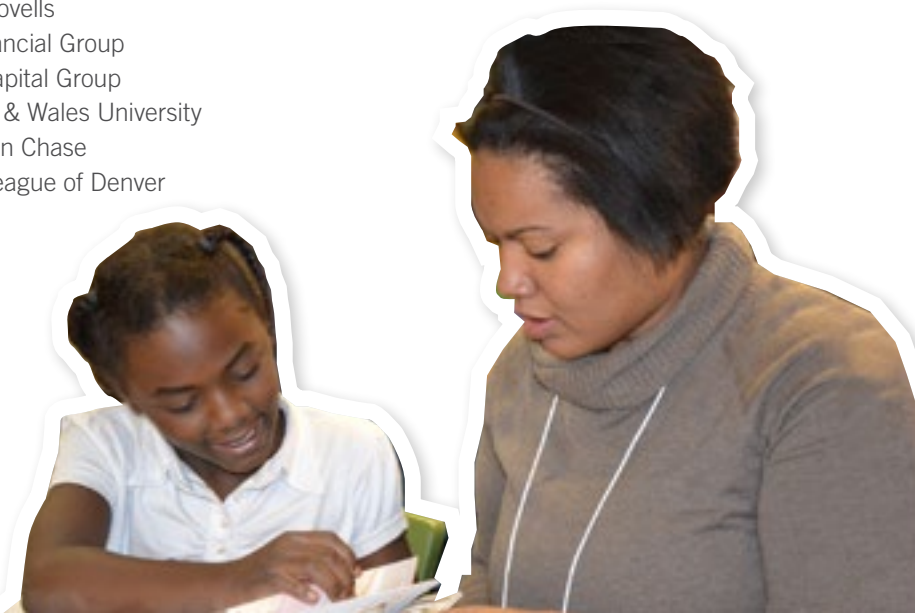
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