



2017-2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Making a Difference

CARDINAL OPPORTUNITIES

Fifteen high school students benefited from the Cardinal Opportunities mentoring program in 2017-2018. This year, the program had five graduates, four of whom will be attending college in the Fall. The program strives to provide Upper Dublin High School students a better chance to



succeed with the assistance of supportive, objective and caring community volunteers. The mentors help the students prepare for the world of high school, post-secondary education or employment. The goals of

this program include: empowering students to use their potential, exposing students to options and opportunities, helping students focus on the future, assisting students in exploring realistic goals, helping students develop self-esteem and encouraging enriching experiences. Cardinal Opportunities receives funding from United Way contributions.



EDUCATOR GRANTS



During this school year, we awarded 21 grants totaling more than \$30,000 to fund unique learning opportunities throughout the district. The UDEF Grant program encourages innovation and helps fund resources that are not addressed in existing school district programs.

2017-2018 Grants Awarded/Programs Funded:

Debbie Bonk (JTES): Mindfulness Training

Rachel Buchman Bennett (SRMS): Scooter Super Set

Mychal Bligen (UDHS): Connections in Action: UDHS Schoolwide Leadership Project

Debbie Einhorn (FWES): Buddy Bench

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Elementary Art Departments: "Hokusai: A Museum Adventure"

Mark Feliciani (SRMS): STEM Increasing Video Creation in the Classroom

Tony Giammarco (UDHS): Flexible Learning Space for Social Studies Alcove

Jennifer Hamilton (MGES): Mindfulness Training

Chris Horn (SRMS, UDHS): Creating Composers on Chromebooks, using SoundTrap

Meg Kowalski (UDHS): World Language/Math Alcove - A Workspace for All

Josh Meyer (TFES): Mindfulness Training

Teresa Milrod (JTES): Playaways for Struggling Readers

Matthew Rooney (SRMS): Standing Desks

Stephanie Sample (SRMS): Alternative/Flexible Seating to Improve Student Success

Jill Snyder (SRMS): A Classroom Built for Collaboration and Creativity

SRMS Life Skills Staff: Fun & Function Corkscrew Chairs for Autistic/Emotional Support

SRMS Guidance: Managing Stress Mindfully - teacher training

Melissa Traber (JTES): Flexible Classroom Seating for Success

Donna Ward (UDHS): Mindfulness Enhancement

Melanie Zamichieli (SRMS): Mindfulness Matters/Yoga Mats

GREENFIELD YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL



Greenfield Youth Film Festival 2018

This year, the Greenfield Youth Film Festival celebrated its 10th anniversary. Twenty-three high schools in the Philadelphia region participated in the Festival, a partnership between the Greenfield Foundation, UDEF and the School District of Upper Dublin. The program includes a full-day academic workshop led by industry experts and college professors and culminates with an Academy Awards-style evening. Designed to educate students about the many facets of filmmaking, the program supports and guides students as they create their own short films and gives them a platform for creative expression. The Greenfield Youth Film Festival (GYFF) is made possible through a \$100,000 grant from the Greenfield Foundation.

NORTH HILLS EDUCATION & RECREATION CENTER

With the help of a Community Development Block Grant (\$30,000) and funding from the School District of Upper Dublin and the Township of Upper Dublin, the North Hills After School and Teen Program served more than 75 children ages 6-19, helping to level the playing field for children in need in our community. In addition, the Greenfield Foundation awarded UDEF a generous \$25,000 grant to help fund this crucial program. In 2017-2018, our certified teachers and aides provided more than 3,300 hours of academic assistance and homework support; more than 1,800 hours of access to our computer lab, internet and printers; about 1,400 hours of reading and literacy support; nearly 2,500 hours of supervised recreation; and more than 1,600 hours of mentoring services.





The North Hills Summer Camp offers academic continuity through an invaluable summer program. In the summer of 2017, we provided nearly 50 students with 2,000 hours of academic programming from certified teachers; nearly 1,000 hours of reading and literacy programming and 4,500 hours of supervised recreation and fun!

SCHOLARSHIPS

UDEF awarded \$13,000 in scholarships in 2018 to the following students:

- Sabrina Taylor, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship
- Julianne Hamm, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship
- Christopher Smith, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship
- Daevonne Nickens, Cardinal Opportunities Scholarship
- Anne Liu, UDEF Music Award
- Preethi Mysore, UDEF Scholarship
- Jennifer Lee, UDEF Scholarship
- Madison Templeton, Bobby McIlvaine Award
- Victoria Hoffner, UD Medal Winner Scholarship
- Corey Bryton, UD Medal Winner Scholarship

Fundraising

Community Engagement & Support

HARLEM WIZARDS (1/27/18)



A high-flying, slam-dunking, rim-rattling basketball show came to town when the world-famous Harlem Wizards took on our Upper Dublin teachers. The Upper Dublin Education Foundation and the Upper Dublin Education Association teamed up for this fun-filled fundraiser, presented by Burn Brae Day Camp. Proceeds of more than \$14,000 benefited the UDEF Educator Grants program and UDEA student scholarships. The event featured a dazzling demonstration of hoops artistry, a pregame "Wiz Kids" warm-up, contests, comedy, awesome slam dunks, audience participation, merchandise giveaways, and more. A sensory break room, sponsored by SPEAC of UD, was available. Key event sponsors included Burn Brae Day Camp; Jill, Ron and Amy Feldman; Beneficial Bank; Fireside Bar & Grille; and Unique Indoor Comfort. Thanks also to our supporters -- Andy Vitella, State Farm Insurance, Dresher Dental, Key Bank, Realtors Rhonda and Larry Rosenthal, Tiffany's Bakery, and Lakeview Dental.

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS CONCERTS (2/27/18, 3/1/18)

More than 500 students, in all levels of musical instruction -- elementary, middle, and



high school -- performed on the same stage, highlighted by a spectacular grand finale. The "color-themed" Vocal Concert focused on songs about colors. The Instrumental (Band) Concert emphasized songs with memorable bass lines. Proceeds from the concerts, more than \$12,000, benefit the district's music program through the purchase and repair of instruments, music accessories and software.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT (3/10/18)

Hosted by UDEF and the Upper Dublin Township, Monte Carlo Night benefitted UD schools with more than \$20,000 in net income. The other half of the proceeds went to local charities selected by the Upper Dublin Board of Commissioners including the UD Committee on Teenage Alcohol & Substance Abuse (CoTASA), Friends of the Upper Dublin Public Library, the UD Township Open Space Fund, the UD Citizens Fund and the UDP&R Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. More than 250



guests enjoyed casino games with professional dealers, bidding on silent auctions, and wining, dining and dancing at the beautiful Mercedes-Benz dealership of Fort Washington. Top sponsors included Mercedes-Benz of Fort Washington; Aquinas Realty Partners, The Goldenberg Group Guidi Homes and South Bay Partners; BET Investments - Dublin Terrace; Boles, Smyth Associates; D'Huy Engineering, Inc.; Wisler Pearlstine LLP; High Swartz LLP, Sal Paone Builders; Saul Ewing; Kades-Margolis Corporation and Jamison Home Services.

FOUNDATION DAY (5/2/18)



George's Market at Dreshertown hosted Foundation Day, an annual fundraiser that has been a community tradition for 20 years. Building awareness about UDEF, this fun-filled day for the community showcased Upper Dublin student performances and STEAM demonstrations, and featured beloved educators bagging groceries and scooping ice cream. Refreshments were provided at super low prices. George's

generous support totaled nearly \$10,000 this year, which includes a donation from George's, vendor contributions and food proceeds.

UPPER DUBLIN MEDALS PROGRAM (5/16/18)

Hosted with the School District of Upper Dublin, Upper Dublin Township and the Fort Washington Business Alliance, the 34th Annual Upper Dublin Medals Reception and Ceremony celebrated extraordinary members of our Upper Dublin community. This inspirational event brought in a net revenue of more than \$9,000. The 2018 winners are: Citizen, Joe Chmielewski; Non-profit, Ambler Area YWCA; Educator, John "Jack" Fuery; and Students, Victoria Hoffner & Corey Bryton.

Major event sponsors included BET Investments; George's Market at Dreshertown; Temple University Ambler, with additional support from the Ambler Area YMCA; Boles, Smyth Associates; Kirkland Printing & Business Solutions; and Timoney Knox, LLP and the Ambler Flower Shop.



UPPER DUBLIN TRIATHLON (5/20/18)



Beginning with a 350 meter pool swim located in the UDHS Athletic Complex, the race also features an 8.3 mile bike and 5k run through the neighborhoods of Fort Washington. Clearly committed to public education, the Upper Dublin Township Commissioners selected UDEF to receive half of the race’s proceeds, which resulted in a \$8,895 donation.

We are grateful.

In addition to the funds raised at our special events, UDEF is grateful for the contributions we have received from government grants, foundations, businesses, and individuals to support our wide range of programs.

UDEF FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS (non-event)

Annual Appeal	\$ 14,742
Bricks/Pavers	\$ 1,050
Staff Tribute	\$ 2,225

LARGE GIFTS (>\$2,000)

Greenfield Foundation	\$125,000
Joseph Alexander Foundation	\$ 10,000
Donna Perrone Memorial Fund	\$ 3,325

MISCELLANEOUS

Community Development Block Grant	\$ 30,000
United Way	\$ 3,502
EITC: Ambler Savings Bank	\$ 5,000
EITC: BB& T Bank	\$ 2,500
Other Donations (company match, AmazonSmiles)	\$ 3,688