Unlocking student potential…a shared responsibility

We believe that the best way to unlock student potential is through the power of community investment in public education. That is why we build partnerships between businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals throughout Fresno County to work more efficiently and effectively. These partnerships have increased educational opportunities, and maximized resources to help students thrive and transform their lives from what they are today to what they can be, tomorrow.

This past year has been an exceptionally momentous one as the Foundation becomes the recipient of its largest anonymous gift to-date to help fund the first Career Technical Education Charter School under the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS). This will be a school where students will have an opportunity to unlock their potential in an educational environment that combines core academics with real-world application. The curriculum will prepare students for success in college and careers by helping them develop the skills, technical knowledge, academic rigor, and real-world experience for the high-skill, high-demand, world of work.

The Education Matters series completed its third year of production thanks to the generous support from EECU, Table Mountain Rancheria and Fresno State. This program airs on KSEE24 and features positive and compelling success stories about education in the Valley. There is so much value to these stories, which capture student potential at its best.

Pelco by Schneider Electric believes in unlocking student potential by sponsoring Kids Day, an event that provides approximately 1,000 students with moderate to severe disabilities a fun-filled day to experience a multitude of activities provided by local community volunteers. This year, unlocking student potential was transcended at the 2017 African American Student Leadership Conference sponsored in part by Wells Fargo, AT & T and Fresno Housing Authority, where students were imparted methodologies to build self-esteem, trust, and elevate the concept that character is the core competency of leadership. Finally, unlocking student potential starts at home, as evidenced by a large number of generous FCSS employees who continue to fund the annual $1,000 Innovation Grants awarded to each Fresno County school district.

By creating opportunity, convening unconventional partners, and scaling best practices, we believe that we can empower students to unlock their full potential. Thank you for joining us as we work efficiently and effectively to support programs that cater to the diverse needs of Fresno County students. A special thanks to you for supporting the progress chronicled in this report.
At The Foundation @ FCOE, we work to forge business-education partnerships to support the academic student events coordinated by the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. Many of these events are sponsored by local businesses including the Academic Decathlon, Career Skills Challenge, Career Tech Expo, College Night, History Day, MathCounts Competition, Mock Trial, Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Spell-Off, and Young Authors’ Faire. Fresno County was represented by students in regional, state and/or national competitions for Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, History Day, Spell Off, and Science Fair.

The Foundation is also a conduit for grants that support programs and augment services provided by the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. This year, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation awarded $160,000 over 3 years to further the work of the arts through the Arts Business Coalition and Spark!. The Early Care and Education Department received grants from Fresno Unified and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation for the Dual Language Project and the Stuart Foundation awarded $60,000 to implement the i3 Literacy Validation Expository Reading and Writing Course. The Central Valley Community Foundation awarded $20,000 to the Student Intervention and Prevention Department to support the Teen Parent Program.

Every year the Foundation hosts the FCOE Honors Gala sponsored by more than thirty local businesses, which bolsters the unrestricted funds of the Foundation. The heARTbeat fundraiser benefits arts programs coordinated by the Visual and Performing Arts Department such as Fresno County Youth Choir and Stages.

As the Foundation concludes its eighth year of activities, the commitment of unlocking student potential continues to be at the core of all the investments made by generous donors. As the Foundation’s donor base expands, the impact will create greater opportunities for students.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES
Cash $1,500,130
In-Kind $151,006
Total Revenues $1,651,136

EXPENSES
Cash $1,256,271
In-Kind $151,006
Total Expenses $1,407,277

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $243,859

NET ASSETS – JULY 1, 2016 $525,779
NET ASSETS – JUNE 30, 2017 $769,638

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $769,638

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