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This past year, The Foundation @ FCOE found new ways to carry out important work in schools and in the communities of Fresno County. Our work, through the generosity of our philanthropic partners, supported hundreds of Fresno County educators as they responded in extraordinary ways to support students. As we forge ahead, after a year

of unexpected challenges, we at The Foundation @ FCOE believe we are *Agents of Change* and with that comes reimagining and rebuilding to heal and move forward.

Amid the most trying circumstances in recent decades, our faithful donors – *Agents of Change* – continued to nurture the importance of public education through generous investments. As the fundraising arm of the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, the Foundation partners with public, private, and other philanthropic sectors to secure funding for some of the most impactful programs and projects in Fresno County schools.

One such program, Cradle to Career (C2C), received a \$6.7 million grant over two years to bolster supports through collaborative partnerships in areas such as early care and education, equity, health, integrated data systems and home visitation. Working through a powerful civic infrastructure created by school and community leaders – more *Agents of Change*, C2C is taking on a holistic methodology to implement a dual generation approach where children and their parents are supported to reach their full potential in school and in life, TOGETHER!

The FCSS *Agents of Change* – faithful employees – continued to give generously to the Innovation Fund, which annually awards up to \$1,000 to each district, and over 11 years has cumulatively garnered over \$260,000 to fund innovation in schools. Our close partnerships with Chevron, Educational Employees Credit Union, Fresno State, and the Central Valley Community Foundation are integral to student excellence and access creating opportunities across the four *As- Academics, Agriculture, Athletics and the Arts-* and beyond.

To our tireless advocates, as *Agents of Change* your commitment is essential as we seek to achieve positive outcomes for Fresno County students. It is an honor to join forces with you and through judicious stewardship of our resources, we will move mountains for those that need us most. To all of you, we extend our deepest thanks.



Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Executive Director, The Foundation @ FCOE

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

\$442,020

Raised through corporate sponsorships

\$7,449,234

Issued to FCSS Programs

\$6,867,429

Secured in grant funds



14 FCSS Departments Impacted

\$150,600

Sponsorships secured for FCSS student events



15 Student Events supported through sponsorships

10,000

Students impacted by participating in these student events

31 Innovation grants awarded to Fresno County Schools



\$25,012 Raised by FCSS family for the Innovation Fund

4,500*

Students impacted by the grants

157 Employees invest in the Innovation Fund through payroll deduction

7 Districts received grants to support Future Farmers of America programs



52 Education Matters segments aired on KSEE24

We are proud to be the steward of the community's investment in our children. We are fortunate to have contributors who are compassionate and forward thinking about improving the future. Some of our contributors invest in student events and programs that promote and advance excellence, or in access and equity. Last year, the Foundation received its largest grant to date- \$6.7M to support the Fresno Cradle 2 Career community efforts in the arena of child and family services and education. Still other contributors choose to invest in the future, through our endowments and bequests. In all these ways, we are grateful to the many businesses, foundations and individuals for making a difference. Together with our education partners, we look forward to supporting the full development of our Fresno County students and schools today and in the future.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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| Revenue | |
| Cash | \$7,959,975 |
| In-Kind | \$ 112,398 |
| Total Revenue | \$8,072,373 |
| Expense | |
| Cash | \$7,799,761 |
| In-Kind | \$ 112,398 |
| Total Expense | \$7,912,159 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$ 160,214 |
| Net Assets – July 1, 2020 | \$ 941,815 |
| Net Assets – June 30, 2021 | \$1,097,209 |

For a copy of the most recent audited financials, go to www.fcoefoundation.org

FCSS Sponsored Events

Academic Decathlon
African American Student
 Leadership Conference
Career Skills Challenge
Career Tech Expo
College Night
Educator of the Year
Health Youth Corp
History Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests
Mock Trial
Science Fair
Spelling Bee
STEM Conference for Girls
Teen Parent Conference
Young Authors' Faire

FCSS Department Grantees

CTEC High School
Communications and Public Relations
Cradle to Career
CTE/ROP
Early Care and Education
Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services
Instructional Technology Services
Integrated Data Systems
Migrant Education
Scout Island
Special Education
Special Projects
Student Equity and Empowerment
Visual and Performing Arts

** Reflects the number of estimated students to be impacted. Due to COVID-19 this number may have been affected as some projects or events were not completed or funds were diverted to support distance learning.*

Mission

To support students by providing exemplary educational programs and services through a shared community responsibility.

Belief

Guided by the belief that education is preparation for life, The Foundation @ FCOE pledges to promote excellence, access and innovation in education for all students.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT Michael and Linda Rogers



Endowment for the Arts in Fresno County Schools.

An education enriched with art programs and activities helps children develop motor, language and social-emotional skills, and nurtures creativity, teamwork and decision making – essential skills for success in school and in life. The Foundation @ FCOE has sought funding to support arts education in schools since its inception, with one of the most impactful investments made by Michael and Linda Rogers through the Rogers Endowment for the Arts.

An endowment gift is a permanent investment in the future, and in this case, a future filled with children who through arts education become the critical thinkers that drive innovation and advancement in our communities. A percentage of the endowment's earnings are used every year to benefit the designation to arts education in Fresno County schools. The investment is evaluated every year with Mike and Linda to select a school arts program of exceptional merit to fund.

Both Michael and Linda know firsthand how influential the arts are for young people. Michael who is a retired pastor, and Linda a retired Fresno Unified eighth-grade U.S. History teacher, were inspired to establish an endowment for the arts to ensure every student has access to an arts-rich education. This is a shared vision of the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools – and together, the access to visual and performing arts is flourishing in schools whose students need it most.

“Some districts have a lot of quality arts programs, but a lot are struggling and sometimes it just takes a little bit of inspiration from an outside source,” said Michael. “It is gratifying for us to be able to invest the earnings of our endowment every year in a different, unique program. Much to our delight, we have found that once we provide funding to initiate a program, the school often finds a way to match, or even exceed our investment to keep the program going for more students.”

After seven years, the Rogers endowment has helped fund school programs in Firebaugh, Riverdale, Sanger, and southwest Fresno. Two of their favorite funded programs include a ukulele program and a violin program at Edison-Bethune Charter School.

Ensuring teachers, instruments and training for arts education programs takes extra funding, which requires fundraising, business partnerships, grants, and support from people like Mike and Linda Rogers – and for them, The Foundation @ FCOE is grateful.



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