

## 2017 Highlights

### Student Literacy



Your contributions supported 42 student literacy projects through our Teachers' Choice program. In this program, students participate in fun, teacher-created projects and keep the books at the project's completion. This year, many teachers tied their projects to the theme "A Wide World of Reading." Through this, students participated in projects looking at anything from geography to folk tales from around the world.

### Music



Music has always been a big part of what we do at REF. We've supplied over 2,100 instruments to classrooms since 2005, but did you know that your support also helps send young musicians to Hochstein? Last summer, fifty students took individual lessons in voice or specific instruments, (like this young lady above), participated in dance classes, and attended one-week intensive arts camps.

### College Access



The road to college can be a rocky one for students. Our college access initiatives work to make that road much smoother. In 2017, our FAFSA Fest volunteers helped over 200 students complete their financial aid forms. We also provided the opportunity for 200 tenth graders to visit local colleges. On these tours, students learned about programs to make college more affordable and who has the best pizza.

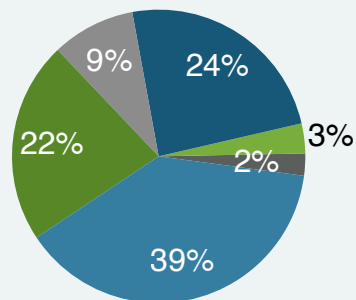
### Partner Programs



We work with groups and individuals to support myriad projects, programs, and clubs. We have enjoyed seeing these partnerships grow and flourish. In particular, we have enjoyed seeing how the student-led gardens at schools #45 and #58 have blossomed! Students take an active role in every aspect of the gardens - from planning to planting to pruning. Students at School #58 even hold an annual harvest festival!

## 2017 Financial Information

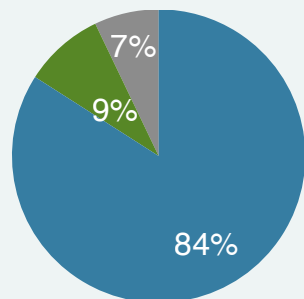
### Support & Revenue



- Gifts, Grants & Contributions: \$184,851
- In-Kind Contributions: \$106,786
- Recognition Event: \$44,148
- Program Revenue: \$116,433
- Investment Income & Gains: \$15,848
- Reclassifications: \$11,687

**Total income \$479,753**

### Expenses



- Program Expenses: \$403,218
- Management & General: \$42,387
- Fund Raising: \$34,148

**Total Expenses \$479,753**

**Net Assets as of 12/31/17: \$268,073** This figure includes funds that were budgeted to be used for programs in the following calendar year. A full report of our financial data is available on our website under "publications" and through the NY State Charities Bureau.

## Thank you to our sponsors!

### Champions of Learning \$15,000 and Up

Daisy Marquis  
Jones Foundation  
Glover-Crask  
Charitable Trust  
Greater Rochester  
Health Foundation  
Rochester Area  
Community Foundation

### Scholars \$5,000 to \$14,999

Jane Braus  
Diana Marquis  
Fred & Floy Willmott  
Foundation  
Guido & Ellen Palma  
Foundation  
Marie C. & Joseph C.  
Wilson Foundation  
Richard T. Bell  
Foundation  
Dr. William Valenti, MD

### Honor Roll \$2,000 to \$4,999

Advantage FCU  
Hon. Jim Alesi  
ConServe  
ESL Charitable  
Foundation  
Foundation to Benefit  
Gretchens Kids, Inc.  
Gannett Foundation  
M & T Charitable  
Foundation  
Nannette Nocon &  
Karl Wessendorf  
Paychex Community  
Foundation  
Wegmans Food Markets

### Top of the Class \$1,000 to \$1,999

Ames Amzalak  
Memorial Trust  
ASAR  
Bergmann Associates  
Patricia Braus &  
Edwin Lopez  
Edward & Margaret Cavalier

Excellus Blue Cross Blue  
Shield  
First Student  
Steve Ford  
Paul & Carol Goldberg  
Karl Kristoff  
Joseph & Leslie Levy  
Jay Lopez-Braus  
Daniel Lopez & Sophia  
Seifert  
Monroe Community College  
Oppenheimer Funds, Inc.  
Barbara Kauffman Stokes  
Juliann Zelazny

### Standard Bearer \$500 to \$999

Paul Braus  
Priscilla & Robert Brown  
Bryant & Stratton College  
Canandaigua National Bank  
Diane & John Caselli  
The College at Brockport  
Frank & Susan Crego  
C.R. & Naomi Erdmann  
Five Star Bank  
John & Kimberly Garlock  
Laurie Haelen &  
Mary McCrank  
Hillside Work Scholarship  
Connection  
Susan Kaufmann  
LaBella Associates, P.C.  
Nazareth College  
Robert Neale  
Rochester Institute of  
Technology  
Rochester Red Wings  
Rochester Regional  
Health System  
Stefan Sydor Optics  
SWBR Architects  
Charitable Fund  
University of Rochester  
U of R Acapella Groups

### Friends of Education \$250 to \$499

Carol Aragon  
Karen & Fred Becker  
Maria Behncke  
Cheryl Breitenbuecher  
Brighton Jones, LLC  
Julie Cook  
Walter Cooper  
Patricia & Gary Dodge  
Carol Eisenberg  
Ruth Freeman

Anthony Green  
Susan & Bryan Hetherington  
Heveron & Company CPAs  
Ellen Kimbrough  
Philip & Jane Lange  
Stephany Moore  
Mike Nazar & Kate Callery  
Sherry Phillips &  
Richard Margolis  
The Seghatoleslami Family  
Dorothy Stansel & Charles Hale  
Gary & Sue Tebor  
Ken & Mollie Traub  
Timothy Treahy  
George Tsanis  
Ellen Yacknin & Catherine  
Mazzotta

### Star Students \$100 to \$249

The Bachelor Forum  
Janice Beck  
Keith & Carie Bradt  
Dean & Steve Brown  
Romolo Celli &  
Elizabeth Forbes  
Alan & Ronnie Frishman  
Shaw-ree Chen  
Cognitive Marketing  
Peter Collinge & Carol Thiele  
Kimberley Collins  
Jeffrey & Triscilla Difulvio  
Eric Dreyfuss  
Reuben Epstein & Jody Siegle  
Lynne Feldman & Tony  
Suchman  
Lori Florack  
William & Ellen Gertzog  
Kathleen Gingerich  
Katherine Hirschman  
Sara Kelly  
Joan Kohout  
Kevin Klein  
Charles & Diana Lewis  
Hilda Lopez  
Brian & Patricia McCarthy  
Geraldine McFadden  
Kimberly McKinsey-Mabry  
Mary Lou Medley  
Kathy & Ted Nixon  
Kishan & Shree Pandya  
Martin Presberg  
Jay & Margaret Rachfal  
Taylor & Mary Reed  
Anne Rodgers  
Rose Samentello  
Jack & Elizabeth Schroeder  
Thomas Smith  
St. John Fisher College  
Kristin Wegman  
Jerry Wein & Valerie Bogart

**Dr. Walter Cooper Fund \$100+**  
V. Sumati Devadutt

**Vincent Fazio Memorial  
Fund \$100+**  
Sharon Biegen &  
Brian Vandenberg  
Richard Coddling  
Juan & Cynthia Gutierrez  
Robert Szwajkos

**Wilson Outdoors Club \$100+**  
Algonquin Campership  
Fund  
Margaret Burchell in  
Honor of Nicholas James  
Brownrig  
Mark & Christine  
Fitzstevens  
Barbara & Craig  
Densmore  
Andrew Hollister  
Scott Ensign Marks  
Simple Tech Innovations

**In Honor of Traci Sarah Allston**  
Mary Elizabeth Allston

**In Honor of Robert  
Stevens for Give Back,  
Give Books**  
Ann Stevens

**In Memory of Robert  
Haney for Spring for Music**  
Theodore Veremeycheck

**In Memory of Dennis  
Monroe for Spring for Music**  
Tim & Cathleen Clancy

**In Memory of Helen Cooper**  
Robert Cooper

**In-Kind Donations**  
Accounting Services  
Heveron & Company  
CPAs

Web Services  
Jim Kane

Jazz Fest  
M&T Bank

Marketing  
Antithesis Designs

FAFSA Fest  
MCC Foundation  
WDKX- A.P.  
Communications  
WROC-TV  
105.5FM The Beat-  
Rochester

Jazz It Up!  
Jimmie Highsmith Jr.

Toast to REF  
The Department Jazz combo

