



# Annual Report 2018

## Rochester Education Foundation

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*Pictured left, Jahshanti with his first flute as a fourth grader. Pictured right, Jahshanti performing at our Toast event October 2018.*

## Dear friends,

Over the last fifteen years, Rochester Education Foundation has made an impact on the lives of thousands of students. With your support, REF has been there for city students- whether it has been providing a child with their first book, a new pair of shoes, help in getting financial aid for college, or by providing two very special flutes to a student named Jahshanti.

When we first met Jahshanti he was in fourth grade at school #20. We had recently supplied his school with instruments through our Spring for Music Program which provided him with his first flute. Little did we know what this flute would mean to him. We kept up with Jahshanti as we heard about his remarkable talent. By his senior year, he had been recognized by the Rochester Philharmonic League and National Flute Association. And this Fall 2019 he'll be continuing his musical journey as a freshman at the Eastman School of Music. Coming along with him to Eastman will be another flute- the brand new one we were able to provide him at our 2018 Toast to REF event. We can't wait to see just where this next flute takes him and know that he couldn't have started this journey without that first flute.

Whether it's a flute, a book, or helping a student with a FAFSA form, your dedication to our students is critical to making a difference in the lives of city students. Thank you for allowing us to be on this journey since 2003 to provide city students with the opportunities and resources they need to reach their full potential.

We appreciate your generosity, and look forward to another great year with your support!

*Stuart Hencke*

Executive Director

*Bob Neale*

Board Chairperson





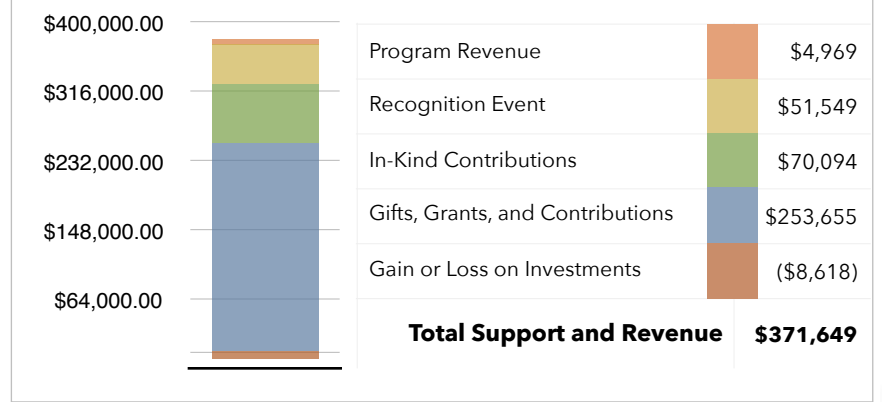
## Opening the door to college at FAFSA Fest

It was a very exciting year for our FAFSA Fest initiative as we were selected by the National College Access Network to take place in the National FAFSA Completion Challenge with 24 other cities to significantly increase our FAFSA completion rate for the 2018-19 school year.

During Fall 2018, 267 students were assisted by volunteers at FAFSA Fest events. For these students, filing a FAFSA is not just an opportunity to apply for financial aid, it is an opportunity to dream big. By the end of the 2018-19 school year, we estimate that 47% of all the FAFSAs completed by city and charter school seniors in Rochester were done so with help from FAFSA Fest.

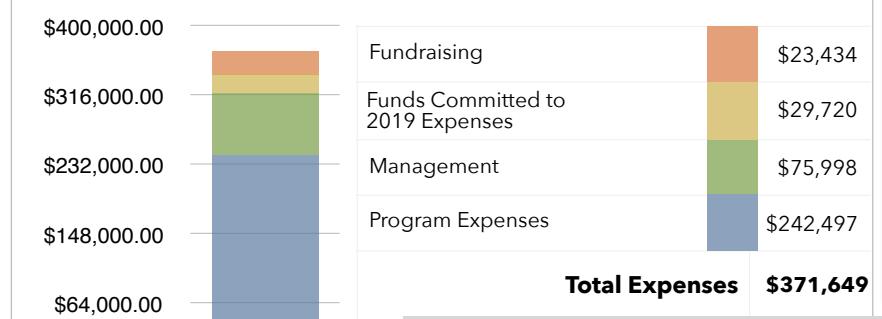
Whether a student is planning to study engineering at SUNY Brockport or complete a certificate program in HVAC at Monroe Community College, dreams shouldn't be limited by the price tag of a college education. FAFSA Fest helps move dreams to reality for our students. *More information including how to volunteer is available at RochesterCAN.org*

## Support and Revenue 2018



**Supporting the Page Turners** book club at School Without Walls is always one of our highlights of the year. Headed by librarian Diane Mohney, the Page Turners meet monthly during lunchtime to discuss their latest title. Before receiving books through **Teachers' Choice**, Mohney would have to visit multiple local libraries to track down enough copies of each title for the students to share. Thanks to your support, not only are there enough copies to share, students can keep a copy of their favorite novel!

## Expenses 2018



A full copy of our latest financial report is available from the New York Attorney General's Charities Registry online at [www.charitiesnys.com](http://www.charitiesnys.com) or 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005 or (212) 416-8401.

## Thanks to our generous supporters!

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