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The **ACES Education Foundation** is a non-profit charitable organization that supports ACES programs and services, by supporting small but unfunded ACES projects as they arise. The Foundation was established in 2003. Funds are raised through contributions from individuals, businesses and other foundations. These contributions are then used to fund innovative programs that challenge and engage ACES students and clients. More than \$48,000 was raised during the 2013-14 fiscal year.



ACES Education Foundation Funds Innovative Programs

This year, a number of creative grant proposals were submitted by staff from ACES five special education and three magnet schools. Eight of these requests were funded for a total of **\$44,645**:



- ◆ **A Day in the Life of ECA** (Educational Center for the Arts, \$9,626): Theater workshops and performances will be provided to 200 7th and 8th graders from eight urban and suburban schools.

- ◆ **Pet therapy** (Mill Road School, \$6,050): Canine therapy visits and an equine therapeutic riding course are the primary activities for this animal-assisted therapy program.



- ◆ **WHN Gallery Café Express** (Whitney High School North, \$3,202): Funding will help pilot an after-school delivery program to bring food to individuals in need.

- ◆ **Professional Development with Columbia University Reading and Writing Project** (Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School, \$8,500): Wintergreen's instructional staff will participate in five days of professional development with staff from the Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.

- ◆ **Village School Therapy Area** (Village School, \$9,877): To purchase interactive equipment to create a therapy area with experiential, multi-modal motor activities. This new resource will benefit all Village School students, through enhanced opportunities in physical and occupational therapies.



- ◆ **Seminars on Behavioral Topics** (Village School, Center for Autism Spectrum and Developmental Disorders, Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention and Behavior Services staff, \$3,000): Seminars will focus on the prevention and treatment of problem behaviors.

- ◆ **Assistive Technology** (Village School, Center for Autism Spectrum and Developmental Disorders, Whitney High School East/West, \$2,680): Communication applications for classroom iPads will be purchased to enhance communication capabilities for 360 students.

- ◆ **Assistive Technology** (Village School, Whitney High School East/West, \$1,710): For the purchase of eye gaze communication program to enhance communication for 25 students with severe communication and motor impairments.



Honorees at ACES 11th Annual Gala with Presenters

ACES Education Foundation's 11th Annual Gala a Success!

Winds swirled around ACES Educational Center for the Arts on March 27th, as gala guests entered to the welcoming sounds of the ACES ECA Jazz Collective. This year's theme, "Living Our Beliefs within Our Community", echoed the considerable accomplishments of the five individuals honored at the gala, including Alicia Clapp, Chair, *ACES Governing Board*; Jack Hasegawa, Executive Director, *4H Education Center at Auerfarm*; Tony Rescigno, *Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce*; and Jessica Sager and Janna Wagner, Co-Founders of *All Our Kin*. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Karen DuBois Walton (ACES Education Foundation Board Member) kept spirits high, while Auctioneer Norm Hicks, and assistants Bob Parker and Wanda Wagner, kept the bidding high. \$43,804 was raised to support innovative programming, through the Foundation's competitive grant process.

Many thanks to media sponsors, New Haven Magazine and Business New Haven; with graphic and printing expertise provided by Untapped Resources and Colonial Business Forms. Catering, to critical acclaim, was once again provided by Jeffrey Arnold and the Whitney High School North Culinary Arts Program. Returning sponsors Sue and Skip Clark, and Rita's Italian Ice and Frozen Custard of Branford provided the evening's fine wines and desserts.

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Many thanks to our **gala committee**: Co-chairs Cheryl S. Saloom and Craig W. Edmondson; Susan Clark, Sharyn A. Esdaile, Sonia Kaminsky, Robert Parker and Judith Terrill.

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