



ANNUAL UPDATE 2015-2016

Helping ACES Help Children



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Founded in 2003, the ACES Education Foundation educates the public about how ACES (Area Cooperative Educational Services) benefits students, clients, member school districts and the south central Connecticut community. The Foundation raises funds that are used to enrich and enhance educational experiences in ACES schools and programs. It grants awards for innovative projects developed by ACES teachers and staff.

Since its inception, the Foundation has raised over \$600,000 and has helped over 30,000 ACES students and families. In 2015-16, the ACES Education Foundation raised \$88,000, and awarded \$62,656 in grants and fund-a-need initiatives, and \$3,000 in scholarships.

LUCKY 13

ACES EDUCATION FOUNDATION 13TH ANNUAL GALA

On Thursday, March 31, 2016, the ACES Education Foundation honored community leaders, James Barber, Director of Community Engagement, Southern Connecticut State University and Dr. Robert LaCamera, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Nursing Emeritus, Yale School of Medicine; the Platner Family Foundation, USI Insurance Services, and two ACES alumni, Anthony Earl and Ricky Rosa at its "Lucky 13" Gala.

Close to 300 people attended the event held at Cascade in Hamden which raised over \$82,000 to support ACES special needs and magnet school students. Special thanks to the Gala 2016 Committee: Carol Bunk, Gene Crocco, Thomas M. Danehy, Gina Drury, Karen DuBois-Walton, Co-Chair; Sharyn A. Esdaile, Nancy Hill, Sonia Kaminsky, David Litvinoff, Cheryl S. Saloom, Co-Chair and Judith Terrill.

Special Thanks to our 2016 Gala Sponsors

USI, Aetna, Brown & Brown, Performance Environmental Services, Titan Capital, and Town Fair Tire. Sav-Rite Liquors of North Haven provided wine for the event which took place at Cascade in Hamden.



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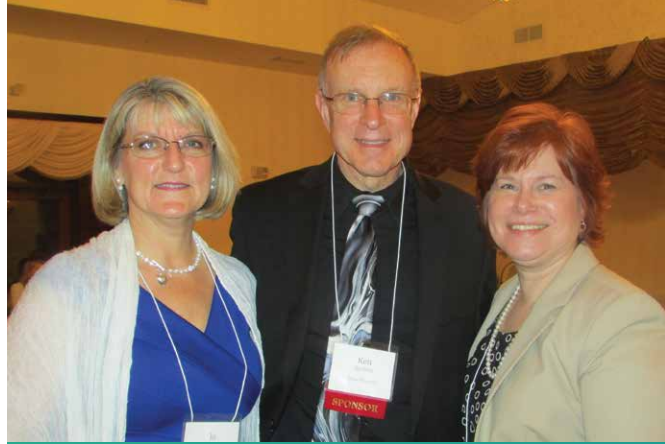
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“It was such a pleasure and honor to be part of this great event. The venue was wonderful. It brings me joy as a person and as a mother to see how much your organization and its members do for the children in need. It is truly incredible. Thank you all.”

- Katerina Miller, UIL Holdings Corporation





2016 GRANT AWARDS

YOUR SUPPORT HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON ACES STUDENTS

In 2016, the ACES Education Foundation awarded **\$55,000** in grants:

ACES Mill Road School - Mindful Schools

The grant will support the training of mindfulness practices to students and staff. \$5,750

ACES Mill Road School - Parent Workshops

This grant will enable families from East Haven, New Haven, and Hamden to participate in workshops on how to nurture positive parent – child interactions. \$2,500

ACES Mill Road School - Charlie Cart Project

The grant will enable ACES Mill Road School to purchase a Charlie Cart, a fully equipped compact mobile kitchen will provide students with hands-on nutrition education. \$8,900

ACES Center for Autism Spectrum and Developmental Disorders - Logan Proxpad Choice Maker

The purchase of Logan Proxpad Choice Maker will provide non-verbal students the ability to develop communications skills. \$2,414

ACES Village School - Art Therapy

This grant will support the creation of a digital art / photography program. \$9,980

ACES West Haven Collaborative - Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

UDL addresses barriers to learning by utilizing multiple means of engagement, namely, access to technology. This grant will be used to purchase Apple iPads for special needs high school students. \$2,160

ACES Village School, Center for Autism Spectrum and Developmental Disorders, and ACES Whitney High School East/West - Purchase of Welch Allyn Hearing Screener

The Welch Allyn Hearing Screener will enable ACES to provide hearing screenings for hundreds of special needs students. \$3,920

ACES Whitney High School North - Driver's Education Course

This grant-funded course will enable students to gain the skills needed to operate an automobile which will further strengthen their employment and life skills abilities. \$6,300

ACES Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School - Document Cameras

This grant will fund the purchase of thirty document cameras which will enrich the technology in ACES Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School's classrooms. \$3,003

ACES Alfred E. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Fund for Advanced Study in the Arts

The ACES Alfred E. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship Fund for Advanced Study in the Arts was established in memory of Alfred E. Hopkins, a beloved and brilliant ACES central office administrator who appreciated and collected art. The 2016 scholarship recipients were ACES Educational Center for the Arts students Camille Fortin, a graduate of Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven and Haley Williams, a graduate of Newtown High School in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. Camille will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall where she will pursue Theater Studies. Haley will attend Fordham University where she will pursue a major in Dance. Each recipient received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Fund-A-Need

A special feature of the 2016 Gala, was the launch of the ACES Education Foundation Fund-A-Need appeal. The 2016 appeal raised close to \$8,000 for literacy initiatives. The 2016 Fund-A-Need appeal will support the creation of an augmentative and alternative communication lending library that will provide communications and assistive technology devices which will benefit over 300 medically fragile, special needs students at ACES Village School and ACES Whitney High School East / West. Additionally, ACES Village School students where over 56% of students are nonverbal will receive books and manipulative materials.

Books have the ability to take us places we may never get to physically explore, they paint pictures in our imagination and can ground us in information. Now imagine a child who does not have a voice or mobility to handle a book. But with the touch of a finger and some technologies, can turn the page, make a book come to life and listen to the written word. That's what we are all about at ACES, getting books into the hands of our students and clients and making the joy of reading possible for everyone.

- Carol Bunk, Principal, ACES Village School and Gala Committee Member

OUR MISSION

The ACES Education Foundation exists to support the educational purposes of ACES; advance ACES educational programs, plans, and goals; educate the public about ACES mission and the services ACES offers; and raise funds on behalf of ACES in order to support its programs and enable it to carry out programs and activities not otherwise possible.

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