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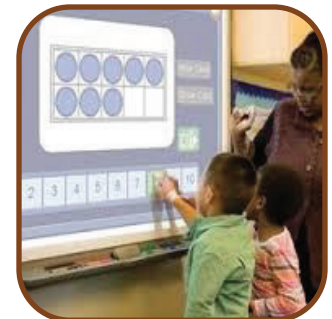
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ANNUAL UPDATE 2014-15

ACES Education Foundation supports ACES (Area Cooperative Educational Services), which provides high quality educational experiences for public school students, clients and staff. Each year, the Foundation Board funds grant requests from applications made by ACES schools and programs. Of the \$56,000 that was generated in 2014-15, \$46,514 was awarded in Foundation grants, and \$3500 in scholarships.

This year, the following funded programs will provide innovative opportunities for students to explore self-expression and vocational interests. Two initiatives will provide advanced certification and training to our professional staff and educators:

- 100 students from **ACES Educational Center for the Arts (ECA)** and two New Haven middle schools will participate in after-school dance instruction.
- A pilot program will introduce 30 **Thomas Edison Middle School (TEMS)** students to logic, computer science and on-line robotics, expanding to 175 students next year.
- 226 8th grade students at **TEMS** will participate in virtual field trips, studying the Holocaust, Genetics and Writing, using cloud-based video-conferencing technology.
- 235 students from **Whitney High School East and West** will engage in **Animal-Assisted and Equine Therapies**.
- 75 **Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School (WIMS)** staff will engage in professional development offered by the Columbia Teachers College Reading and Writing Project.
- 630 **WIMS** students, their families and teachers will enjoy the freedom to build, tinker and experiment in an art studio and science-engineering lab.
- Math Tools will be purchased and used with classroom SMART Board Notebooks, by 1,544 students at **Whitney High School North, Mill Road School, TEMS and WIMS**.
- Two occupational therapists from **ACES Extension Therapy Services (ETS)** will receive Sensory Integration training and certification, enabling them to assist 50 to 100 students with complex learning needs.



Cooking Talents and Sense of Purpose Motivate Whitney High School Student

Jay (not his real name) was just getting by with his studies at ACES Whitney High School North. While he had been a good student in elementary school, Jay's grades began to plummet by seventh grade. His father was killed in a car accident in January of that year. His middle school teachers and school counselor reported that he became withdrawn, and at times, was hostile toward his classmates. When he entered 9th grade, Jay was given an opportunity to take a culinary arts class with teacher and chef, Jeffrey Arnold. Within weeks, Jay's mood began to lift. He was observed showing other students how to convert various measurements within recipes. Through funding from the **ACES Education Foundation** in the following year, a cooking and delivery program was piloted to bring food to individuals in need. Jay enthusiastically participated in this community service project, which delivered food to community neighbors. Jay improved his academic studies, and is on track to pursue a Culinary Arts certification after high school.



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ACES Education Foundation Celebrates the Art of Giving at its 12th Annual Gala

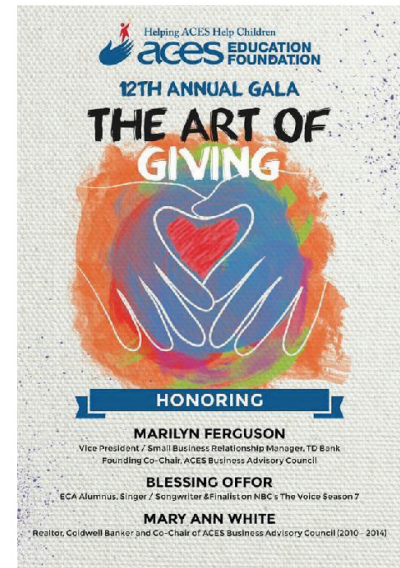
In March, 2015, guests gathered at *ACES Educational Center for the Arts (ECA)*, to celebrate the *Art of Giving*. Three individuals who embody the Art of Giving were honored during the evening at ACES Education Foundation's 12th annual gala. We honored **Marilyn Ferguson**, formerly of TD Bank and **Mary Ann White**, of Coldwell Banker. Both women have been active members and advocates of ACES Business Advisory Council – only one of the ways they give back to their community. Also honored was **Blessing Offor**, an ECA alumnus and singer/songwriter, recently on *The Voice*. He performed a solo, and was also accompanied by students in the ECA Vocal Department.



Peter Young served as **Master of Ceremonies** and Thomas Danehy provided welcoming remarks. \$43,993 was raised through generous sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction proceeds. These funds go directly to support innovative programs through the Foundation's grant award process.

The Foundation thanks our **event contributors, gala participants, servers and supporters**, including sponsors: Buckley, Frame and Boudreau, CT Business Systems, Thomas Danehy and Maria Malfa, Bob Parker and David Carter, Jeff and Pam Ryan, Cheryl & Louis Saloom, TD Bank, Town Fair Tire, Peter and Judith Young, Workforce Alliance.

Many thanks to our **gala committee**: Cheryl Saloom, Chair, Thomas Danehy, Sharyn Esdaile, Sonia Kaminsky, Bob Parker and Judith Terrill.



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