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Annual Report



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From the CEO

Dear Friends,

Impact on Education was founded in 1983. Our mission of evolving to constantly meet the needs of the district's students, educators, and schools has guided our work throughout the 32 years since then.

In recent years we've championed programs integrating literacy instruction into science and math lessons, we've trained teachers to use recorded lessons on digital devices sent home with struggling students, and we've inspired young girls to envision themselves as scientists by pairing them with female scientists at the University of Colorado.

Innovations in education, however, include more than just programs and instruction models; recent studies indicate that innovatively built learning environments connect directly with improved student learning.

Part of Impact on Education's mission is to "build support for public education" so, with that principle in mind, when the Boulder Valley School District announced it would be placing a \$576 million bond proposal on the 2014 ballot we coordinated a grassroots campaign to advocate voting in favor of the district's bond proposal.

Why did we get involved in a campaign for a school bond, you may ask? The answer is simple. We recognize that our community's teachers and students have changed. And teaching and learning practices have changed. Yet the typical school building and classroom has remained largely the same over the last 100 years. New flexible learning spaces support innovative educational delivery as we teach students the new skills of the 21st century workplace: creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.

Inspiring, fostering, and supporting educational innovation is the blue flame of Impact on Education. The overwhelming approval of BVSD's capital improvements bond is a vote that our community is also committed to investing in innovative advancements in education in order to keep our students thriving and graduating prepared for 21st century careers. As school buildings, classrooms, and instructional strategies evolve, we remain steadfastly committed to innovation as a guiding principle in supporting the students, educators, and schools of the Boulder Valley.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Impact on Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Our Programs

Opportunity Fund

- \$100,000 distributed, impacting 6,792 students

Classroom Innovation Grants

- \$46,000 distributed through 46 grants to 87 teachers, impacting 8,235 students across 31 different BVSD schools

Crayons to Calculators

- 10,000 backpacks distributed to preschool-12th grade students across BVSD and St. Vrain Valley School District

Take My Teacher Home

- 19 teachers in 8 different BVSD schools and iPods and iPads to expand the learning day for struggling elementary school students

Summer Shuffle Literacy Program

- Successfully prevented 'summer slide' in over 90% of the 120 students participating at 3 different Boulder Housing Partners sites

Impact Awards

- 23rd annual event recognized 5 outstanding educators: four teachers and one principal

Our Mission

Leverage community resources to increase student achievement, create opportunities, and build support for public education.

In existence since 1983, Impact on Education is the foundation supporting *all* Boulder Valley public schools. Our wide-ranging projects and programs drive innovation and foster excellence throughout BVSD. Our program and support focus is on improving equity, including addressing economic and learning barriers that curtail success, promoting STEM education, and fostering excellence in instruction.

We exist for every student and every educator in the Boulder Valley School District. We not only support and empower our district's most at-risk students, but we raise the playing field for all students through innovative uses of technology and instructional tools that enable all of our students to become successful 21st century learners.



Impact Award Recipients, from left, Tracy Stegall, Dean Stankovic, Katie Graf, and Dave Blessing, with Impact CEO, Fran Ryan at the 2015 Impact Awards. (Not pictured: Judy Gilligan)

Program Spotlight – Classroom Innovation Grants

Great teachers are always looking for ways to expand their instruction and engage their students. Innovative teaching is important – but it can be expensive. By providing grants of up to \$1,200 to BVSD teachers, we inspire, facilitate, and empower teachers to think outside the box and develop new and exciting instructional methods and projects.

Some recent grant-funded projects:

Students used Legos to build scale models to solve problems and explain concepts in physics, engineering and architecture.

Elementary students applied geometry and measurement skills while building visual spatial skills in the cutting and construction of lounge pants.

Students applied math, science, and engineering skills to build fully functional furniture without the use of any adhesives.



Students engineered a butterfly pavillion.

Yoga instruction was provided to elementary students to impact behavior, stress and physical risk management.



High school students built stationary bikes to generate and store energy, while learning about kinetic energy and battery storage.





Judy Gilligan, 2015 Impact Award Recipient – Whittier International Elementary School, English Language Development Teacher

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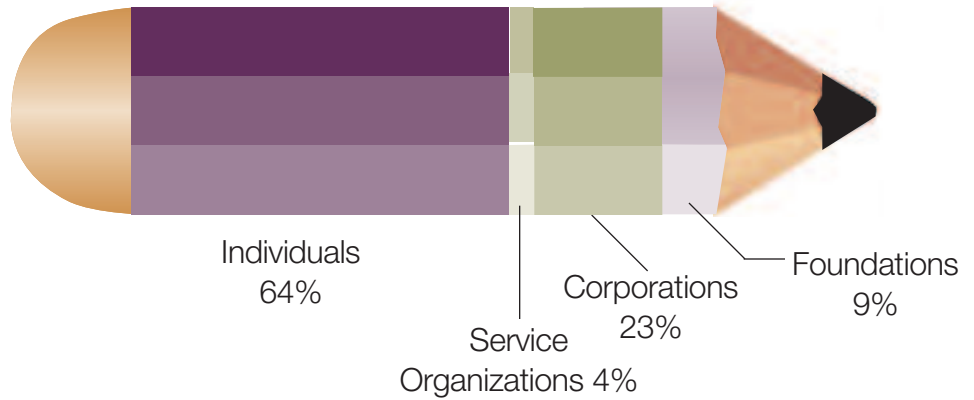
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Revenue



Functional Expenses



Program Expenses

