

# **Annual Report**

# Fiscal year 2017-18

## **Mission**

Chatham Education Foundation's mission is to support educational excellence in the School District of the Chathams through parent and community donations. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization managed by a board of volunteer Trustees and has no employees or physical assets. Chatham Education Foundation has funded over 1.2 million dollars in grants and scholarships since 1997. We are a leading provider of private funding to the School District of the Chathams. We support innovative and creative educational programs and special projects that are designed to enrich the mind and body of the 4,200 K-12 students enrolled in the District's six public schools. Our organization consists of volunteers from all corners of the community and we operate independently of the Board of Education, Parent-Teacher Organizations, Booster Organizations, and the Chatham Athletic Foundation.

# **Vision**

Our vision is to be the leading partner for the School District of the Chathams for collaborating on innovative ideas to enrich education, support future-focused initiatives, and build a sustainable source of funding through an endowment.

#### **Financials**

Chatham Education Foundation completed fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 with gross receipts of \$259k, the highest level in our history, up 23% from last fiscal year. This is due to record Casino Royale and Trivia Night events and Annual Fund giving. Net assets at the end of the fiscal year were a record \$375k, up 37% from the prior fiscal year. Assets include an endowment with \$182k book value at the end of the fiscal year (\$215k market value.) As a result of strong ongoing financials, the endowment has been built while maintaining significant levels of grant-giving to the school district.

### Grants

For school year 2017-18 the Foundation funded 19 grants to teachers and administrators for a total of \$105k, up 17% from the prior fiscal year:

- \$44k to K-5 schools: Washington, Milton, Southern Boulevard, Lafayette
- \$40k to Chatham High School (grades 9-12)
- \$21k to Chatham Middle School (grades 6-8)

Grants covered a wide array of curricular areas and projects, from furniture to support 21st century learning to technology, math and science to English. A comprehensive list of grants can be found on our website. All students and educators in our school district are positively impacted by donations made to Chatham Education Foundation. Our generous donors proudly help us *Reach Higher!* 



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