



# Annual Donor Report

School Year  
2015-2016

Your donations were instrumental in providing tools that help students learn 21st Century skills. Examples include magnetic sensors, Lego Education kits, VEX robotics, Hot Wheels, and live labs to promote hands-on learning and problem solving in science and robotics classes.



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# Investing in Local Public Schools



*Because of your support, WGHS students have use of 90 new scientific graphing calculators for SAT testing and advanced math classes.*

Dear Friend of the Willow Glen Education Foundation,

Last school year was an exciting one for the Foundation. We celebrated our 15th anniversary and **raised a record \$131,000**, thanks to the generosity of our donors! And we're continuing to put that money to work in exciting ways that fuel academic achievement, cultural enrichment, and community building at Willow Glen Middle and High Schools.

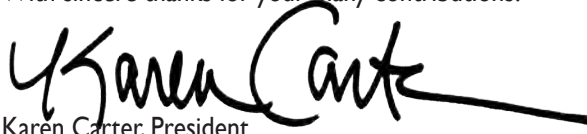
It was also a year of new beginnings. Last Spring, our board of directors and the board of the Willow Glen High School Parent Club both voted to merge our two organizations. Our combined group will continue to **fund state-of-the-art tools and technology; teacher supplies, recognition, and professional development; and academic and cultural programs for our students.**

With our new organization comes a new name – **Willow Glen Education Foundation**, emphasizing our commitment to excellence in public education. You may have noticed our new name on this report. And watch for our brand new logo to be launched in early 2017.

Finally, this fall the Foundation launched our **new RamStarter campaign**, a school-year kickoff fundraiser for parent groups and student leadership activities at both schools. This kick-start to the school year was a revamp of our old "Ram Pride" campaign, and it was met with tremendous support. The final numbers are still coming in, but we know that donors contributed more than \$75,000 combined for all of our groups, more than they ever have before.

Our success over the last year, and over the past 15 years, is due to the generous support of individual donors and local businesses, along with committed volunteers and dedicated educators. You make it possible for the Foundation to make a difference for our youth – helping them be successful students today and leaders in the future.

With sincere thanks for your many contributions!



Karen Carter, President

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# YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

## SY 2015-16 Allocations

The Foundation continued our focus on inspiring innovation, creative problem solving, collaboration, and compassion to support the long-term success of all students at Willow Glen Middle and High Schools. Your \$90,000 went a long way!

### At the Middle School

#### Technology, Tools, and Equipment for Curriculum Enhancement

- Dissection materials, temperature probes, equipment, and supplies for Project Lead the Way biomedical and bioengineering classes.
- Magnetic sensors, Lego Education kits, VEX robotics, Hot Wheels, and live labs to promote hands-on learning and problem solving in science and robotics classes.
- Smart Boards and Smart Technology for science classrooms.
- Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) kit for 8th grade science classes to build an underwater robot.

#### Myriad ProMotivation and Inspiration for Students

- Admission for 44 Special Education students to Great America's Physics, Science & Math Day.
- Author assemblies, classroom and library books, and educational magazine subscriptions.
- 165 copies of "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" for 8th grade language arts classes.

### At the High School

#### Technology, Tools, and Equipment for Curriculum Enhancement

- Science lab supplies including DNA kits, EKG sensors, blood pressure sensors, PH sensors, cow eyes, and more, to support real-world hands-on learning.
- 26 Nikon DSLR cameras to complete class set for new Digital Photography classes.
- 90 Ti84 calculators for SAT and PSAT testing and for classroom use.
- 9 iPad Air and software licenses to support classroom teaching for Special Education students.

#### Teacher and Parent Training and Development

- AP Music Theory teacher training, allowing WGHS to add another 2016-17 Advanced Placement class to the growing list of high school classes that qualify for college credit.
- Stanford World Language Project registration for one world language teacher.
- Registration for six language teachers to attend Bureau of Education & Research's "101 Best Strategies for Teaching World Language."
- Positive Discipline presenter for Spanish speaking parents.

#### Motivation and Inspiration for Students

- Invitational fees and courtroom exhibit supplies for our Santa Clara County finalist Mock Trial team.
- Author assemblies and purchase of classroom and library books.
- WGHS oval stickers for every student and staff member to promote school spirit and culture.



*165 copies of "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" provide inspiration and cultural understanding to 8th grade Language Arts classes.*

*Foundation funding put Nikon DSLR cameras in the hands of every student in the high school's new digital photography classes.*





High school science students used our new bio-medical sensors to measure their vital signs before and after aerobic activity and external stimuli. The brave ones submerged their arms in ice water for their experiments. Now that's cool!

## Making Middle School Science Fun... And Relevant

Inspired by California's Next Generation Science Standards, our middle school teachers are dreaming up creative new ways to engage kids in science. And the Foundation is helping make their dreams a reality – funding Hot Wheels, sheep brains, sensors, and more.

New sets of Hot Wheels are teaching 8th graders physics principles like velocity and acceleration, along with engineering skills like designing, building, and testing prototypes. Dissection materials provide hands-on learning for 7th grade budding biologists. And 6th graders are using magnetic sensors to measure the magnetic field of the ocean floor.

With your support, our teachers are instilling a love of science through doing.

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## 2015 Tasting & Auction

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