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LIVING THE BRONXVILLE PROMISE

LEAD, INNOVATE, THINK CRITICALLY, ENGAGE THE WORLD

Annual Report
June 2023

OUR MISSION

The Bronxville School Foundation was incorporated in 1991 to enhance the quality of public education in our community by engaging the support and energies of educators, citizens, parents, students, and alumni. The Foundation awards grants for projects that do the following:

- Strengthen the curriculum by serving as a catalyst for the development and promotion of innovative programs.
- Support additional training for faculty members and enhance educational resources available to them.
- Provide financial assistance for special school facilities and equipment.
- Increase awareness and support for the school.



Fifth, eighth and twelfth graders shared Bronxville Promise portfolio presentations with faculty and administrators in June. In connection with this work, students viewed modules created by Greg Shamie on how to give a dynamic speaking presentation, courtesy of a Foundation grant.

FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Bronxville School Foundation, thank you for your support of our 32nd annual Community Drive. Today, the BSF is one of the oldest and most successful public school foundations in Westchester County, combining the generosity of the Bronxville school community with the creativity and innovation of teachers, administrators, students, and parents.



Inside this annual report, you'll see highlights from the 37 exciting Foundation grants that were awarded last May totaling \$544,000. New programs range from artificial intelligence courses, to decodable texts for budding readers, to teen mental health training, to performing arts sound equipment, to refurbished baseball batting cages. Foundation grants touch every Bronxville student from kindergarten to twelfth grade, enriching academics, the arts, athletics, and student support services. Many of the grants approved last spring are already up and running this fall, demonstrating how quickly and energetically fundraising dollars are put to work.

We understand there are many demands for your financial support, however, we ask that you please consider a gift to the 2023 Community Drive to help us reach our goal of 100% participation from school families. Last year, the Foundation was grateful to receive contributions from more than 790 individual donors. We were also the beneficiary of two new designated funds named for beloved alumni – The Coach Bob McGrath Fund for Athletics and the L. Gordon Harriss Fund for History – further evidence of the lifetime impact of a Bronxville School education.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Foundation, please don't hesitate to contact our office (bsfoundation@bronxvilleschool.org). Donations and pledges can be made online (BronxvilleSchoolFoundation.org) or via the enclosure, and we also encourage you to explore corporate matching opportunities inside your household. Every gift supports the Bronxville School's tradition of excellence.

With deep appreciation,

Katie Shah

Katie Shah
Chairperson

2023 GRANT AWARDS

Program & Curriculum Development

Artificial Intelligence
Classes & Senior Boot Camp
Chamber Music Coaching Sessions
Civil Discourse in High School
Commissioned Musical Piece for Band
Hacker Camp
International Thespian Troupe - 2023
National History Day
Research & Presentation - Phase 2
Programmer in Residence
Social Studies Alignment
for Grades 6-12

Professional Development

"Design Thinking" Sessions - Phase 2
Scaling Up
Elementary School Innovations
"Design Thinking" Sessions - Phase 2
Building Middle School Identity
Orton Gillingham Reading Training
for Elementary School

Health & Wellness

Meddy Teddys for Mindfulness
Strength & Conditioning Specialist
Teen Mental Health Training

Equipment & Materials

Art Display Boards & Cases
Biotech Start-up Supplies
Decodable Texts for Reading Instruction
Elementary School Book Vending Machine
First Grade Classroom Flexible Seating
Lacrosse Goals
Percussion Equipment for Band
Performing Arts Sound Equipment
Probeware for Science
Scout Field Batting Cage Refurbishment
Steeplechase Equipment
Track & Field Record Board
Production Set-Building
Tools & Equipment
Velocity Training Equipment

Facilities

Athletic Training Room Upgrades
Auditorium Projector & Projection Curtain
Bronco Barn Bottle Filler Station
Staff Lounge Furnishings
Gaga Pit
Life Skills/Speech Flexible Furniture
Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy
Suite



Athletic Equipment Upgrades



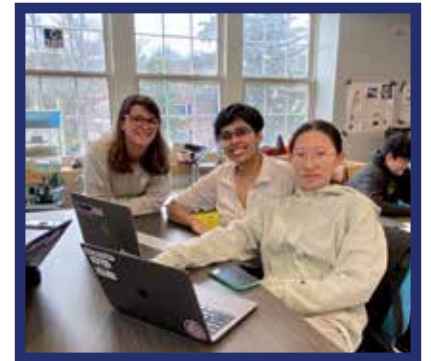
Performing Arts



STEM Equipment



Mindfulness Tools



Artificial Intelligence



Visual Arts

TOTAL: 37 GRANTS

AMOUNT: \$544,000

LIGHTHOUSE AWARD



Frannie Krause
2023 Lighthouse Award Recipient

The Bronxville School was founded in 1922 as a Lighthouse School, dedicated to the ideal that children are unique individuals with a right to an education that helps them achieve their highest potential at every stage of their development. In 1999, the Foundation established the Lighthouse Award. Each year, the award goes to member(s) of the junior class who exemplify the school's educational ideals of enthusiasm for learning, pride of accomplishment, self-discipline, self-esteem, and consideration for the ideas and values of others. Voted on by her classmates and the faculty, Frannie Krause is the the 2023 Lighthouse Award recipient. Frannie possesses the qualities of mind, spirit, and service that the Foundation supports.

THE ANNUAL KATIE WELLING RUN & WALK

November 25, 2023



Please join us for the Katie Welling Memorial Run & Walk, a Thanksgiving weekend tradition honoring the memory of 2002 BHS Graduate, Katie Welling. Hundreds of runners, walkers and supporters participate annually in this wonderful community event. For maximum flexibility, we will also offer a virtual component to the event that will run from November 15th-30th.

FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Bringing the Bronxville Promise to life is a purpose that is shared by all of us here at The Bronxville School. In an ever-changing world, this is our constant, our bedrock, our assurance of continued success for all students.

The work of the Bronxville School Foundation profoundly supports the Bronxville Promise and its purpose by advancing educational opportunities and providing resources for students to engage, employ, and embody each of its four dispositions:

- To innovate, discover, and create;
- To make something new from what you know.
- To find your voice and communicate clearly,
- To lead with passion and persistence;
- To think critically, explore nature, history, and culture;
- To gain the understanding and courage to change.
- To collaborate and serve others;
- To engage the world near and far and make it a better place.

The generosity of the BSF not only contributes to the uniqueness of our school community, it also serves to strengthen the Heart of the Promise as leaders by example, engaging the very same skills that bring it to life: compassion and support of others, collaboration, integrity, perseverance, inclusivity, social and emotional well-being, and belonging.

Thanks to BSF grants, the Bronxville Promise and its heart will continue to beat and thrive in our schools with programs and offerings that reflect the dedication of faculty and earnestness of students on behalf of their passions. While too many to list here, the spectrum of approved grants includes the computer sciences, music composition and instruction, performing and visual arts programs, athletics and physical conditioning, teen mental health training, and professional and curriculum development.

The Bronxville School District is incredibly fortunate to have the Bronxville School Foundation as our partners in education. I am immensely grateful for the many years of working together to bring out the best in our schools.

Rachel L. Kelly

Rachel L. Kelly, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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Every Grant Begins with an Idea

INNOVATING



Senior Jeremy Freeman and Science teacher Justine McClellan applied for a grant to purchase Biotech start-up supplies. Acquiring MiniOne Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) systems and MiniOne Electrophoresis systems for the Science Department will give a large population of Bronxville students an opportunity to explore genetics like never before.

LEADING



Literacy Coach Rosana Colliniates identified Orton Gillingham reading training for Elementary School faculty and decodable texts as critical grants to benefit budding readers, putting the Bronxville School ahead of the curve in reading instruction and the reinforcement of phonics concepts.

THINKING CRITICALLY



Occupational Therapist Jenna Fanelli and Physical Therapist Nicole Abbate proposed combining the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy rooms to create one interdisciplinary space called the OT/PT Suite, which will enhance collaboration, communication, teamwork, and evidence-based interventions to better support therapy services in real time.



ENGAGING THE WORLD



Junior Kathleen Heraty and Social Studies teacher Dana Landesman brainstormed grants to enrich National History Day research and presentations. The grants fund visiting coaches who specialize in film, performing arts, web, and media design, enabling students to engage the world through deeply thoughtful and creative projects.

HOW THE FOUNDATION HELPS ENHANCE EXCELLENCE

WHY WE EXIST

The Foundation exists to fund important and innovative projects the District budget cannot cover. These enhancements are vital to creating an excellent overall educational experience for our children and keeping our school competitive.

WHAT WE DO

The Foundation's 30-member volunteer board works with teachers, the administration, students, and parents to identify innovative ideas that will have the greatest impact on the most students. The Foundation board performs extensive due diligence on grant proposals submitted for these ideas and raises money each year from school families, alumni, and community members to fund approved grants.

OUR FUTURE

The Foundation's work is more critical than ever given the constraints of these unprecedented times. It is only through the ongoing and generous support of the community that we will keep our school and village strong.



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Foundation projects touch every student, elevating their educational experience in academics, the arts, athletics, and student support services.

The Foundation enhances excellence at our school by helping maintain the competitive advantages that keep our community strong and support fulfillment of the Bronxville Promise.

WHAT'S COMPELLING

Foundation funds have direct and immediate impact by making many cutting-edge curricular and technology improvements possible. The grants are fast and flexible — many projects funded in May are up and running in classrooms in time for the new school year.

WHAT DIFFERENTIATES US

The Foundation and the PTA play different, but complementary, roles at the Bronxville School. The Foundation funds grant requests, primarily from teachers and administrators, for faculty training, curriculum enhancements, and upgrades to equipment and facilities. The PTA serves as a vital link between the school and parents to support communication, after-school enrichment programs, and athletic and community traditions.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Foundation positively impacts all three schools by making facilities improvements and supporting academics, arts, athletics, student support services, and faculty. By maintaining vital connections with alumni and the broader Bronxville community, the Foundation provides a means for all constituents to partner for the Bronxville School's progress.

WAYS TO GIVE

Most donors give during our annual fund drive in the fall when Foundation board members send letters out to the community, but gifts are made throughout the year. We also sponsor the Katie Welling Memorial Run & Walk, a great community tradition in November. Alumni support the Foundation through the Alumni Fund-Raising Drive and the Alumni Brick Walk in which alumni (or their families) purchase inscribed pavers for the brick walk in front of the school. Some donors give "In Memory Of," "In Recognition Of," "In Honor Of," or as planned Gifts/Bequests. Gifts may be in the form of cash, securities, or life insurance.



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Thanks to the generosity of our community,
total contributions for 2023 were \$561,196.

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Endowment Fund:

You may choose to donate to the Foundation's Endowment Fund to provide a reserve of support for the Foundation's work. Appreciation and interest earned by Endowment Fund investments currently cover all Foundation overhead so virtually every dollar donated goes directly to funding grants.

Other Designated Foundation Gift Funds:

Coach Bob McGrath Fund for Athletics
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Fund for Special Education
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The Foundation established two new designated funds for beloved alums this year.



The Coach Bob McGrath Fund for Athletics: Robert W. McGrath '45, lifelong resident of Bronxville, passed away in November '22. Bob's passions were his family and all things Bronxville, especially Bronco Football. For over 25 years, Bob helped coach the Varsity Football team leaving an indelible mark on many of his former players. The McGrath family very generously worked with the Foundation to establish a designated fund in Bob's name for athletics-related grants that will benefit the Bronxville School.



The L. Gordon Harris Fund for History: After Gordon's passing in October '22, the Class of '64 established this fund in honor of their beloved classmate, an unusually open and warm individual whom many considered the heart of the class. Returning to Bronxville in 1985, Gordon and his wife, Elizabeth, raised their two sons here. Gordon enjoyed a distinguished 36-year legal career at Davis Polk & Wardwell. A voracious reader, his greatest love was history. He undoubtedly would have been delighted to have this fund advance the study of history.

Alumni Walk

More than 2,400 bricks grace the entrance of the Bronxville School in a strong showing of support for the school by our alumni. Created in 1994, the Alumni Walk has grown through donations from graduates of all ages. Entire classes, as well as families and friends, purchase bricks to honor graduates and school staff. This year the following bricks were added to the walk:

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