



ACORNS TO OAKS

GARDEN HILLS ELEMENTARY FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2017 - 2018



Acorns to Oaks Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to raise money to support enriching educational opportunities for every child at Garden Hills Elementary.

Dear GHES families, administration, staff and friends,

The 2017-2018 school year was an exciting and busy time for the Acorns to Oaks Foundation! It was our third year in full operation and we worked hard to keep the momentum going. To that end, we exceeded our fundraising goals and was able to fund numerous curriculum enrichment programs, field trips, world language expansion, and innovative training programs for our teachers.

On behalf of the Acorns to Oaks board, I want to thank you for supporting our school!

Abbie Shepherd



CURRICULUM EXPENSES

GRADES | ALL

FIELD TRIPS



\$ 8,930

The ATO Foundation supplements costs related to field trips, including Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Tellus Museum, Alliance Theatre, Atlanta History Center, Cagle's Dairy Farm and in-school field trips.

GRADES | 5TH

5TH GRADE TRIP TO FORTSON 4-H CENTER



\$ 1,500

The ATO Foundation supplements costs for the Fifth Grade trip to Rock Ranch. The students spent the day examining pond ecology, farm animals, and life cycles. They also spent time studying the classification of animals as well as the history of Georgia's agriculture.

GRADES | ALL

GA SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM



\$ 3,000

The Georgia Shakespeare Program is a theatre production featuring one of the famous Shakespeare plays, put on by students in grades 3rd-5th as well as those who attend Shakespeare Boot Camp. This program in its 24th year at GHES performed "Macbeth" and benefits not only the students involved, but all students, staff and family members as they get to watch performances during school and evening hours.

GRADES | ALL

FINE ARTS



\$ 12,130

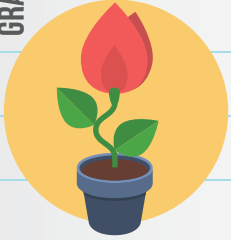
The ATO Foundation supplements costs related to Music and Art not covered by APS to enhance the fine arts curriculum for all students.

CURRICULUM EXPENSES

CONTINUED

GRADES | ALL

LEARNING GARDENS



\$ 346

The ATO Foundation supplements costs related to the Learning Gardens not covered by grants, which includes Farm to School Training and Garden Clean-Up Day Materials.

GRADES | ALL

HEALTH & WELLNESS



\$ 548

The ATO Foundation supplements costs related to Health & Wellness, to enhance the curriculum of all students including P.E., and Field Day.

GRADES | 1ST - 5TH

GATE (GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION)

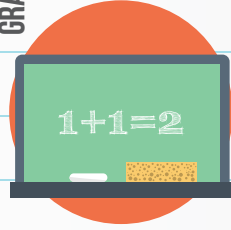


\$ 134

To enhance the curriculum for the challenge students, The ATO Foundation supplements costs related to the Science Fair and other projects.

GRADES | ALL

HORIZONS PROGRAM



\$ 3,000

The Horizons Program is a high-quality learning experience outside of the traditional school year that supports low-income students over the course of their PreK-12 academic careers. Students attended a 6-week summer program at Atlanta International School taught by dedicated, professional teachers that focused on academics in order to avoid summer loss for the students that have the greatest challenges.

GRADES | K - 2ND

DLI PROGRAM



\$ 2,793

Students spend at least half of their school day learning in Spanish and the other half-day in English. Immersion students are taught Math, Science, Literacy and sometimes Social Studies in the target language. They are taught English Language Arts, Reading, and usually Specials in English. The ATO Foundation supplements costs to enhance the curriculum.

CURRICULUM EXPENSES

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GRADES | 3RD - 5TH

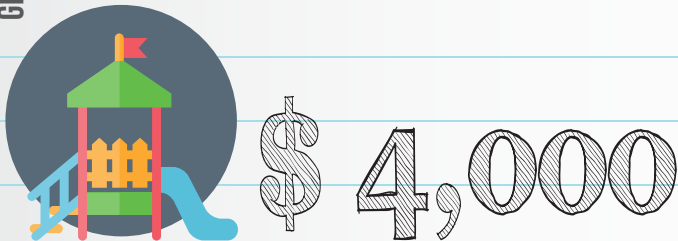
SOCCER IN THE STREETS



The Soccer in the Streets program empowers underserved youth through soccer training, character development, mentoring and employability programs.

GRADES | ALL

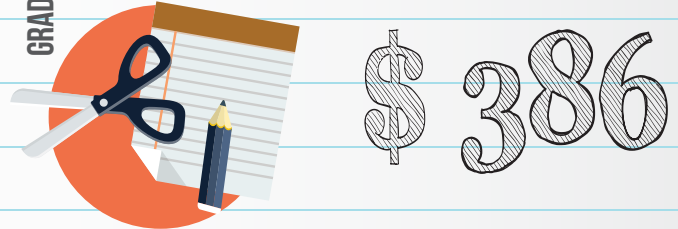
BUILDING DREAMS PROJECT



To promote health and wellness to our children and many within the Garden Hills community, the ATO Foundation is working towards an entire replacement of our current field. This state of the art recreation facility will include a new playground, track and field.

GRADES | PRE-K

PRE K SUPPORT



To enhance the curriculum, the ATO Foundation supplements costs for materials not covered by APS.

GRADES | ALL

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



Using an analytical approach to writing, teachers are able to determine the areas where their students' need additional help and provide differentiated instruction to optimize student growth. With data-driven classroom instruction and by using resources such as: Gifted Assessment Tools, Reading Eggs, Mathseeds, WriteScore, Atlanta Opera, and the International Travelers Program to name a few, teachers can effectively use classroom time and resources to achieve their educational goals.

TEACHER SUPPORT



\$ 2,864

All classroom teachers were given a \$200 budget to purchase individualized classroom supplies.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



\$ 7,342

Provides funds for staff to attend training seminars, conferences and curriculum trainings to enhance the educational opportunities of the staff, including the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders (GAEL), National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) and Atlanta Area AOSA.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement - The ATO Foundation's fiscal year runs from August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018. The numbers reflected below are unaudited.

REVENUE

Capital Campaign - Building Dreams	\$ 26,973
Giving Campaign	\$ 34,078
Corporate Sponsors	\$ 25,030
Evening in the Garden Auction	\$ 87,370
Corporate Matching	\$ 8,643
Investment Income	\$ 846
TOTAL	\$ 182,940

EXPENSES

Curriculum Expenses	\$ 41,142
Administration & Staff Support	\$ 14,798
Building Dreams Expenses	\$ 4,000
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 31,346
Operations	\$ 2,001
TOTAL	\$ 93,287

RESERVE FUND

Balance as of 8/1/17	\$ 183,963
Increase to Reserve	\$ 89,653
TOTAL FUND BALANCE AS OF 7/31/17	\$ 273,616

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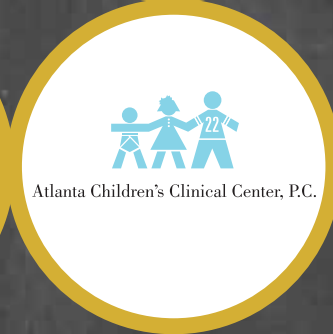
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