



Annual Report 2018

A Year Worth Celebrating



Women of Tomorrow, 2018 Micro-Grant Recipient

2018

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Dear Friends of the IECA Foundation,



Your extraordinary support made 2018 a record-breaking year. As excited as we were twelve months ago about the possibilities to come, we could not have predicted the incredible level of support we received. Your generosity brought in over \$100K, funding over 28 programs for underserved children throughout the country.

From our micro-grants that foster excitement for nonprofits where IECA members volunteer, to our traditional grant program that offers outstanding nonprofits programmatic as well as operating funds, the Foundation was able to make an extraordinary impact in the lives of many. Additionally, through our partnership with a national nonprofit consulting firm, we streamlined operations and increased outreach so that we could better fulfill our mission.

2018 was a banner year, setting the stage for a tremendous 2019. We are excited to expand the Foundation's outreach, deepening our relationship with our incredible donors and witnessing the impact of your gifts on our communities.

Thank you for making 2018 a year to remember. We look forward to working with you to build on that success.

Sincerely,
Luisa Rabe, CEP
2018 Board Chair, IECA Foundation



CityArts, New York City



Codman Academy, Massachusetts

Mission Statement

Founded in 1996, as the philanthropic arm of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, the IECA Foundation leverages the knowledge, professional skills, and funds of IECA members, sponsors, and donors to help underserved students map pathways to success.

Programs supported by the Foundation's grant-making create opportunities for young people, nurturing their hope for a successful future. The IECA Foundation changes lives.



2018

Main Grant Cycle

AV Pride, Georgia - \$5,000

Association of Village Pride empowers youth in Fayette County, Georgia to become successful in a global economy. The Foundation grant helped fund an after-school program designed to prepare youth for the workforce.



Best Foot Forward, Florida - \$5,000 ▲

Best Foot Forward provides academic support and guidance to foster care youth so they can maximize their potential. The Foundation supported Grounded for Life, a program that helps 65 foster care students succeed in high school and beyond.

Beyond Soccer, Massachusetts - \$5,000

Beyond Soccer combines soccer with homework help, cooking classes, nutrition programming, college counseling and other activities. The grant from the Foundation will help this program incorporate more academic tutoring and triple the number of students served.

Box Of Rain, Maryland - \$5,000

Box of Rain offers Annapolis youth in public/subsidized housing year-round programming. The Foundation supported their Charting Careers program which helps 5th through 12th grade students envision and plan for their futures.

CITYArts, New York - \$5,000

CITYArts connects children with professional artists to create public art. Our grant benefited its Always in Bloom project: the creation of a public mural in collaboration with the Urban Assembly School for Green Careers, working to empower youth to take on leadership roles and revitalize the neighborhood space.

Codman Academy, Massachusetts - \$5,000

Codman Academy is a charter school serving 345 students grades K-12. 99% of students are of color and 80% qualify for free or reduced lunch. The Foundation grant helped fund a college and career program to help students gain access to college.

Evanston Scholars, Illinois - \$5,000

Evanston Scholars improves college access and success for ambitious first-generation and low-income Evanston students. The Foundation grant helped the organization deliver a comprehensive College Affordability curriculum that spans the entire Evanston Scholars program.

Glacier High School Ascent Program, Montana - \$5,000

GHS created an innovative approach to support at-risk students and families. The Ascent Program, based on the knowledge and experience of Montana Academy, an emotional growth boarding school. The Foundation supported the Parent University aspect of the program, which offers a non-threatening approach to help parents of at-risk children.

Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization, Florida - \$3,000

The Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a proactive, dynamic support group to individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. The Foundation supported The Learning Program, which educated both parents and children. 95% of parents believe the Learning Program had a large impact on their children's education and 97% noted an appreciable growth in knowledge.

Mountain Valley Treatment Center, New Hampshire - \$5,000

Support from the Foundation helped Mountain Valley renovate an existing building to provide space for art therapy treatment for adolescents with anxiety and related disorders.

National GRACE Foundation, Rhode Island - \$5,000

National GRACE Foundation provides free college counseling and financial aid assistance to survivors and patients with pediatric cancer. The founder and director wrote, "The IECA Foundation allows us to reach hundreds of people impacted by pediatric cancer and we are making a difference in their lives."

Neutral Zone Teen Center, Michigan - \$5,000

The mission of the Neutral Zone Teen Center, written and carried out by teens, is to promote "personal growth through artistic expression, community leadership and the exchange of ideas." The Foundation grant contributed to a two-day intensive training for educators in Washtenaw County on restorative practices to implement in secondary schools.

Pacific Quest Foundation, Hawaii - \$3,500

Pacific Quest Foundation helps to steward a healthy island community. The Foundation supported the relocation process of Hawai'i Island school programs displaced by the current volcanic activity.

Pass with Flying Colors, Illinois - \$4,500

Pass with Flying Colors aims to prepare students in Chicago's public high schools for college. The Foundation grant helped the program reach 70 first generation students from 9th to 11th grade, providing campus visits, career/major explorations, and college knowledge activities.

Prichard Committee Student Voice Team, Kentucky - \$5,000

The Prichard Committee Student Voice Team supports students as research, advocacy, and policy partners in the Prichard Committee's efforts to improve Kentucky schools and published a book, *Ready or Not*, which highlights student's experiences about life after high school. This grant will help spread the message of this impressive group of students.

Reading Power, Illinois - \$5,000

Reading Power provides one-to-one literacy tutoring to elementary school students who test at the bottom 20% in reading. The Foundation grant helped the organization provide free services to students in underserved schools.

Riding Unlimited, Texas - \$5,000

Riding Unlimited aims to "turn disabilities into possibilities" by providing equine assisted therapy to individuals with cognitive, physical and emotional disabilities. This grant will provide financial aid to riders in need.

Sisters Circle, Maryland - \$5,000

Sisters Circle provides long-term mentors to at-risk, low-income middle and high school girls in Baltimore to empower and support these young women to become self-sufficient. The Foundation grant will help the organization provide support to high school students in the college and career counseling process.

Vista Life Innovations, Connecticut - \$4,500

Vista Life Innovations is a full-service organization supporting individuals with disabilities. The Foundation supported its "Exploring Independence" summer program, which incorporates social skills, self-discovery and team building in an enjoyable atmosphere.

2018

Micro Grants

IECA members strive to level the playing field, by creating access and enrichment programs for underserved youth. Each year, five awards are presented to deserving organizations where IECA members volunteer their time and expertise.

ALL WAYS Up Foundation, California
nominated by Jennifer Tabbush

Helps first-generation and low-income youth get to and through college.



Circle de Luz

Circle de Luz, North Carolina
nominated by Stephanie Bensinger

Empowers Latinas in grades 7-12 by supporting their transformation and continuing education through extensive mentoring, holistic programming, and scholarship funds for education beyond high school.



Partners in College Success, California
nominated by Jennifer Fordham

Improves college access, degree completion rates, and early career success for low-income, first-generation students from San Diego County.



ScholarMatch, California
nominated by Arielle Slater and Colleen Denison

Makes college possible for all students through college counseling, online tools, scholarships, and high touch support.



ScholarMatch

Women of Tomorrow, Florida
nominated by Jill Rickel

Inspires, motivates and empowers at-risk young women to live up to their full potential through a unique mentoring program with highly accomplished professional women and scholarship opportunities.

2018

Katz Award Winner

The Irvin W. Katz Award is presented each year by the IECA Foundation. It was created to honor consultants for their volunteer work with organizations providing educational opportunities to children. Irv Katz was a beloved IECA consultant who worked passionately for the good of children.

Katz Award Honoree
Dr. Brenda Gerhardt



In 2018, the IECA Foundation presented the Katz Award to Dr. Brenda Gerhardt for her work with SchoolHouse Connection, a national organization striving to overcome homelessness. Brenda provides countless hours of advocacy as a parent surrogate to ensure marginalized students

have access to the educational system. She is a seasoned consultant who contributes to IECA, to the counseling profession and to her community. The IECA Foundation gave a grant to SchoolHouse Connection in Brenda's honor.

2018

Grant Recipients Speak

“I am grateful to the IECA Foundation because...

...their partnership enables children in foster care to receive an education and graduate from high school.”

— Donna Biase, Co-Founder, Best Foot Forward

...it has allowed us to commit more resources to our off-the-field mission that helps Beyond Soccer elementary, middle and high school youth participating on our Lawrence travel soccer teams, develop the tools and confidence to make important gains in the classroom. Partners like IECA Foundation help us go “beyond” for our kids, every season. Thank you for investing in us!”

— Stephanie McArdle, Beyond Soccer

...they are helping our first-generation students succeed in college!”

— Kay Israelite, Evanston Scholars

...they have been an amazing partner in helping people with Down Syndrome learn, grow and thrive!”

— Anne M. Dichele, Executive Director, Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization

...our partnership helps more first-generation students succeed. With support from IECA Foundation, our College Success program nearly doubled the number of students served this year.”

— Jessica Paulsen, Director, Pass with Flying Colors



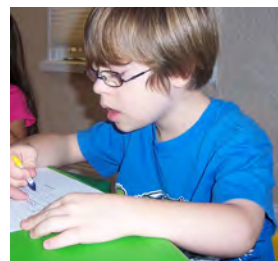
Beyond Soccer



Evanston Scholars



Pass With Flying Colors



Gold Coast Down Syndrome

A Year in Review



We gave \$101,000 in grants to outstanding organizations



Our grantees span 24 states across the country



All of our Board Members invested in the Foundation's work this year



Our 110+ donors and 50+ sponsors made this monumental year possible

2018

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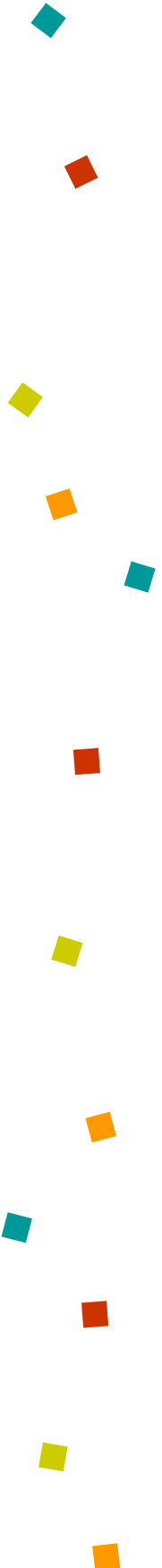
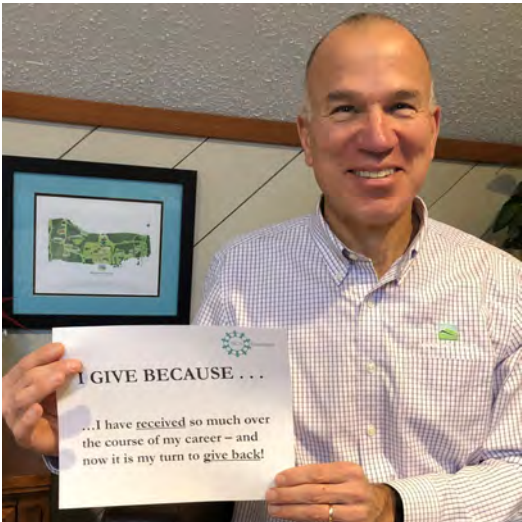
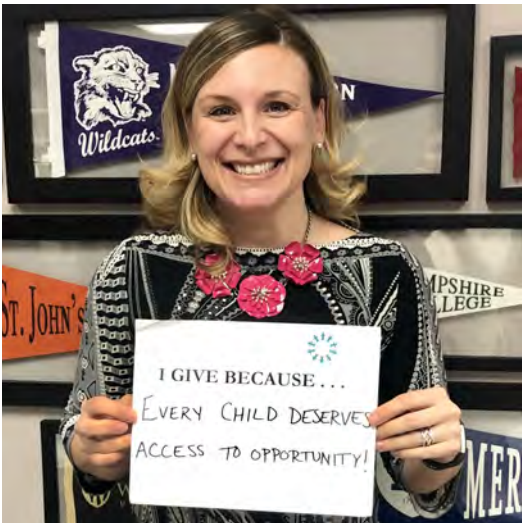
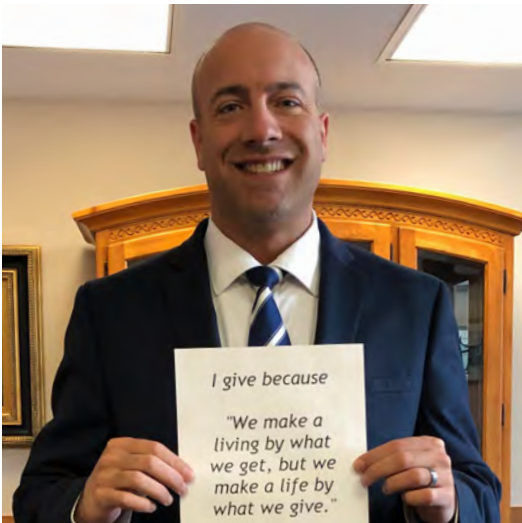
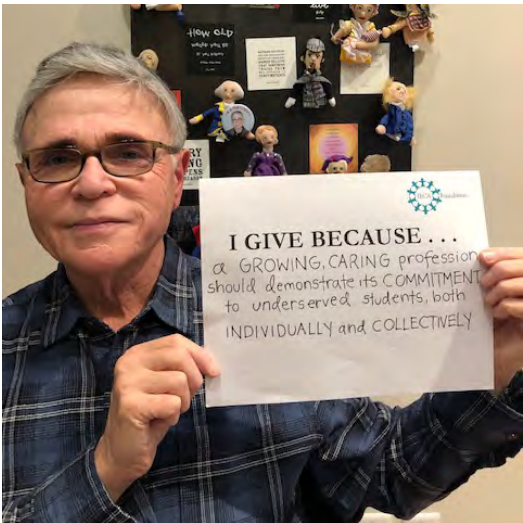
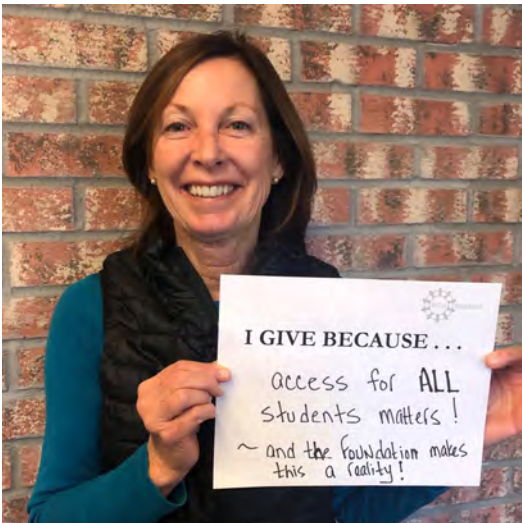
Education for Professionals

The IECA Foundation makes world-class educational opportunities for professionals possible. In February 2018, the Foundation underwrote the keynote speaker for the Gender Education and DeMystification Symposium (GEMS) Conference. GEMS is a continuing education event offering educational consultants and therapeutic professionals a clinical perspective regarding gender identity.

“Why I Give”

In 2018, our Board of Trustees stepped up their investments to the IECA Foundation. We reached 100% Board giving and completed an impressive match challenge

initiated by Board Chair, Luisa Rabe, and Treasurer, Michael Spence. Here are some of the many reasons our Board members choose to give to the IECA Foundation.



96 Circle 96 Society

We want our most dedicated supporters to know how much they mean to us. Therefore, in 2018, we created a new loyalty group: The Circle 96 Society.

Why Circle 96?

The work of the IECA Foundation is cyclical, with grantmaking happening annually. We believe

the image of a circle aligns perfectly with this process, as well as the idea of a dedicated circle of donors. The 96 is in reference to the founding year of the IECA Foundation.

Members of The Circle 96 Society will be the first to hear about upcoming IECA Foundation events and opportunities, as well

as receive invitations for Circle 96 gatherings at future conferences. We are excited about the future of The Circle 96 Society and look forward to seeing this group of supporters grow! We extend special gratitude to the inaugural members of Circle 96, listed below, for their steadfast support of the IECA Foundation.

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A Student Speaks

"With the help of Sisters Circle, I gained admission to an academically rigorous independent school and had resources and counseling for the college admissions process. I am enormously grateful to Sisters Circle because I know I would not be where I am today without them."

— Lashae Felder, past Sisters Circle participant, Baltimore, MD



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Reading Power, Illinois

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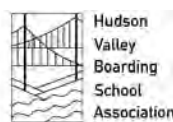
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In November, we hosted nearly 300 guests for a spectacular event at the Bonaventure Brewing Co. Guests enjoyed a beautiful rooftop venue, delicious food and drinks, and lively entertainment. Most importantly, event proceeds will help us continue our grant-making efforts for years to come! Thank you to our incredible sponsors for making it all possible.

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