



Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.

Annual Report

2015-2016



FWFS President's Report 2015 – 2016

We are thankful to be celebrating the completion of our second official year as the Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.; and it has been a wonderful year! Here are some highlights:

- Thanks to the generosity of so many, the total amount of donations have doubled over the past year; we received our first ever multi-year commitment, a three-year pledge from the Park Lodge Hotel Group.
- We had our most successful *Fiesta! for WFS* yet. For the second time gathering at Solea restaurant, we expanded the number of attendees, raised over \$25,000, and had the opportunity to publicly express our gratitude to the Park Lodge Hotel group. At the *Fiesta*, we were also able to share the story of the “fabulous five,” the first five Waltham High School graduates who were members of the first WFS preschool class in 2003. All were on the honor roll, and all are now attending college!
- We have grown our Friends organization adding a gifted member to our Board of Directors, Tracy McMahon. We have also begun a strategic planning initiative in collaboration with the Waltham Public Schools and the Waltham Partnership for Youth. Over the coming year, we will engage in both data gathering and strategic planning, with the aim of expanding the number of families served by the WFS.

In the coming year, along with strategic planning, we will continue to make new friends and raise awareness of the Waltham Family School through social media and a variety of events. Also, we will continue to offer opportunities for *Coffee and Conversation* as a way of initiating and strengthening connections through inviting donors, community leaders, Brandeis and Bentley supporters, and corporate sponsors to engage with current WFS parents and see the school in action. We encourage you to attend these events and invite others!

In the coming season of giving thanks, there are so many individuals and groups to be thankful for. They all support the Waltham Family School in various ways that make the program possible. I wish to express my gratitude to the City of Waltham and the Waltham School Committee for their on-going, strong support. I give thanks for the FWFS Board for their great efforts over the past year; and in particular to David King for his diligent work overseeing the finances. Also, thanks to our Advisory Council Members for their continued partnership in our core mission which is: to raise financial support, to raise awareness of the WFS in the community, and to recruit volunteers. Thanks to Anne Dugan, our Development Coordinator par-excellence, for the myriad tasks she does so capably and well.

Lastly, on behalf of the board, we give thanks for all the supporters, donors, volunteers, and advocates, the true Friends of the Waltham Family School, who truly are making a great difference in the lives of children and families in the Waltham Community.

Sincerely,

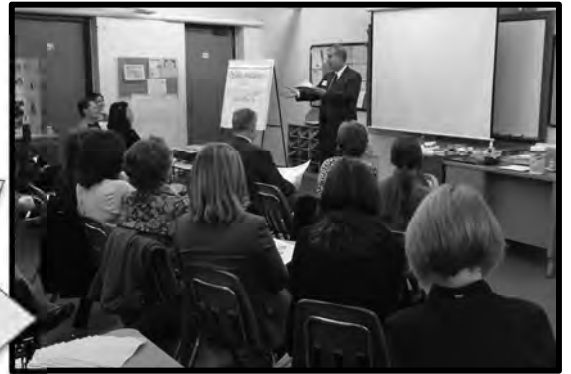


Thomas Maehl
President, Board of Directors
Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR



Held at Solea for the second time this March, *Fiesta! for WFS* was a huge success this year!



Friends of the WFS held the first annual meeting.

Increased attendance, sponsorship, and ticket sales at annual fundraiser *Fiesta! for WFS*. We raised \$25K, an increase of 25%!

Increased individual and major donations by a total 58% through successful appeals

Members of the Advisory Council engaged new supporters, donors, and volunteers; attended *Coffee & Conversations*, *Showcase*, and *Fiesta! for WFS*

WFS alumni hosted and raised \$1,800 at the 3rd annual *WFS Family Fair*, bringing over 200 families from the community to WFS

Over 45 community members from various backgrounds met parents of WFS by attending 3 successful *Coffee & Conversation* sessions



Alumni of WFS at the third annual *WFS Family Fair*!



Coffee & Conversation gave guests an opportunity to meet parents of WFS.

FRIENDS OF THE WALTHAM FAMILY SCHOOL, INC.

2015-2016

Board of Directors

Tom Maehl, President
David King, Treasurer
Bonnie Newman, Clerk

Members-at-large

Marina Paige Bartley
Mary Beth Kirsch
Tracy McMahon
Elaine Wong
Dr. Drew Echelson, Waltham Public Schools *
Britta McNemar, Waltham Family School *

** Ex Officio*

FWFS Contractors

Patricia Deveaux, Koundakjian & Company, P.C.
Anne Dugan, AMD EventWorks, LLC.

Waltham Family School Staff

Britta McNemar, Program Coordinator
Susana Saldaña Sanchez, Assistant Program Coordinator
Kathleen Atwood, Interactive Literacy Teacher
Mary Beth Kirsch, ESOL Teacher & Spanish Literacy Coordinator
Julie Leger, ESOL Teacher
Isabel Lopez Canahui, Office Assistant
Meg Maehl, WFS Preschool Lead Teacher
Maura McNiff, ESOL Teacher
Jennifer Stephens, WFS Preschool Teacher
Jennyfer Trigueros, WFS Preschool Assistant
Maria E. Vaquerano, Administrative Assistant
Susan Viskin, ESOL Teacher
Ilana Cedarbaum, Intern, Brandeis University

Advisory Council

Larry Bailis, Brandeis University
Elizabeth Brach, Educational Consultant
Debra Brush, Family ACCESS of Newton
Gabriela Canepa, Breaking Barriers
Anne Marie Carr-Reardon, WPS, retired
John Cloninger, Running Brook Day Camp, retired
Kaytie Dowcett, Waltham Partnership for Youth
John Frassica, School Committee
Keith Gilbert, Park Lodge Hotel Group
Rachel Kramer Theodorou, Brandeis University
Kelly Linehan, Waltham Public Library
Kristen Lucken, Brandeis University
Jeannette MacInnes, Bentley University
Bob Marcou, Marcou Jewelers
Marie McKenzie, WPS, retired
Marci McPhee, Brandeis University
Mithra Merryman, Greater Boston Legal Services
Amy Schaffer, Community Volunteer
Delia Soza, WFS Alumna
Mary Sprogell, Whittemore Elementary School
Tom Stanley, Massachusetts State Representative
Nadene Stein, Waltham Public Schools
Kate Tranquada, Lincoln Public Library
Pat Vasquez, WPS, retired
Khine Win, WFS Alumna
Mayor Jeannette McCarthy, City of Waltham*

** Ex Officio*



WFS is important in my life because it is a time to learn and improve my English every day. It changes the whole family. Greisy & Alexis

FWFS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2015 - 2016

Statement of Financial Position

2015 - 2016

ASSETS:

Unreserved Bank Account	\$132,184
Cash	\$120
Reserved for Development	\$28,773
Reserved Jones Fund	\$38
Technology Grant	\$3,600
TOTAL ASSETS	\$164,715

LIABILITIES:

\$0

NET ASSETS:

\$164,715

Statement of Activites

2015 - 2016

INCOME

General Donations	\$15,608
Major Donations (Donations > \$10K+)	\$55,000
Donations Restricted for Development	\$20,000
Family Fair Income	\$2,428
Fiesta Income	\$25,895
Grants *	\$17,520
Parent Fundraising	\$1,800
TOTAL INCOME	\$138,251

EXPENSES

Development Expenses	\$26,251
Event Expenses	\$5,513
Educational Programs	\$21,227
Administrative Expenses & General	\$2,936
Waltham Public Schools Supplement	\$19,631
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$75,558

NET INCREASE IN ASSETS

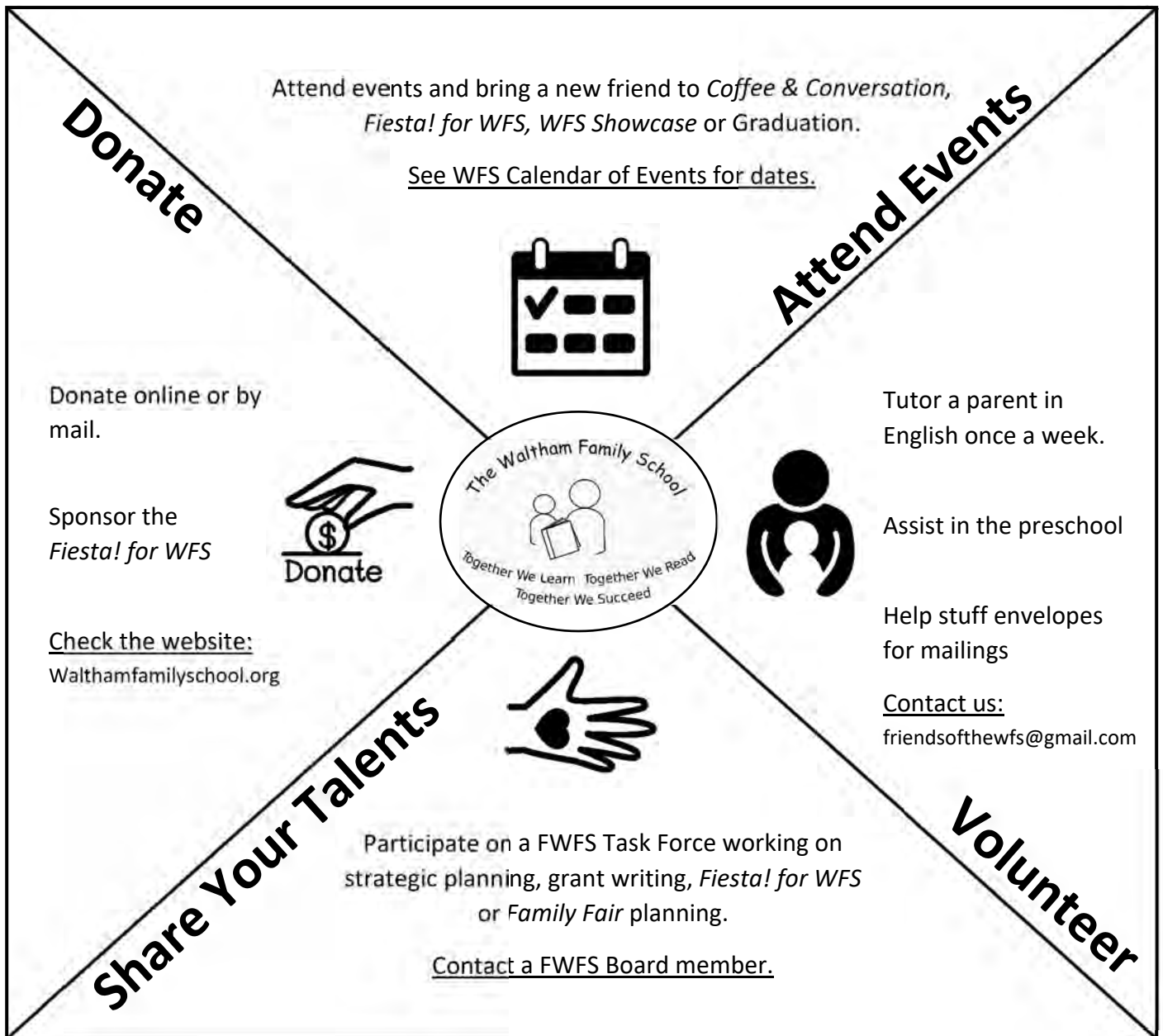
\$62,693

* Grants Received 2015-2016:

City of Waltham Community Development Block Grant
Foundation For MetroWest

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are many different ways you can contribute to the success of the Waltham Family School and the Friends of WFS. FWFS relies on friends like you to donate, bring a friend to an event, volunteer, or share your expertise with us. We are proud to have logged over 3,000 volunteer hours in 2015-2016 alone. This is thanks to a large circle of friends who show their commitment to the WFS mission by volunteering, donating, and attending events.



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

October 25, 2016

- 6:30 – 6:35 PM **Welcome**
Tom Maehl, President, Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.
- 6:35 – 6:45 PM **Annual Report**
Tom Maehl, FWFS
- Presentation of FWFS funding sources and strategic planning
 - Election of FWFS Board Officers and Directors:
 - Tom Maehl, President
 - David King, Treasurer
 - Tracy McMahan, Clerk
 - Bonnie Newman
 - Kate Tranquada
 - Election of new Advisory Council members:
 - Constance Counts, Community Advocate
 - Carlos Vidal, Waltham City Council
- 6:45 – 6:55 PM **Financial Report**
David King, Treasurer, Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.
- Vote to accept the CPA reviewed 2015-2016 Financial Statements
 - Vote to accept the FY17 budget
- 6:55 – 7:05 PM **Waltham Family School Update**
Britta McNemar, Program Coordinator, Waltham Family School
- 7:05 – 7:20 PM **Panel Discussion on WFS Engagement**
Moderator: Kaytie Dowcett, Executive Director, Waltham Partnership for Youth
- Dr. Drew Echelson, Superintendent, Waltham Public Schools
 - Marci McPhee, Director of Campus Programs, Brandeis University
 - Delia Soza, WFS Alumna
 - Carlos Vidal, Waltham City Councillor
- 7:20 – 7:40 PM **Q&A and Open Forum**
- 7:40 – 7:45 PM **Thank you**
Tom Maehl, FWFS



I like WFS because I learn English and prepare my children for Kindergarten. My daughter likes the toys, teacher and her friends. Dalila & Marioli

Friends of the Waltham Family School, Inc.

WFS Calendar of Events

Back to School Appeal Campaign

October 2016

FWFS Second Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 @ 6:15 PM

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, November 3, 2016 @ 9:30 AM

Giving Tuesday Email Campaign

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, December 8, 2016 @ 9:30 AM

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, February 2, 2017 @ 9:30 AM

Fiesta! For Waltham Family School

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, April 6, 2017 @ 9:30 AM

WFS Showcase

Thursday, June 1, 2017 @ 10 AM – 12 PM

WFS Alumni Family Fair

Saturday, June TBD, 2017

WFS Graduation

Friday, July 28, 2017 @ 10:00 AM

Check the website for more information.



WFS makes us more independent for work, school and stores. I want to be able to communicate everywhere. Sandra & Jeremy




Learning English is important for job opportunities and speaking with my doctor and my children's teachers. Damaris & Angie


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