ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Annual Report to the Community

2013-2014
We provide the necessary support for every Cincinnati Public School student to engage in extracurricular activities throughout the year, offering the opportunity to build leadership, teamwork, responsibility and self-discipline to help them succeed in life.
Activities Beyond the Classroom was originally founded in 2004 to increase and enhance extracurricular opportunities in Cincinnati Public Schools, and has now been serving the CPS community for 10 years. ABC believes every student is entitled to both educational enrichment and access to extracurricular activities that develop, teach and inspire them.

Expanding CPS Extracurricular Offerings
Historically, culturally, and legally, public funding of extracurricular activities in Ohio is limited. Students have traditionally relied upon parental support in the form of cash donations, fundraisers, and transportation. For many students, this is not viable. We help fill this void with your donations and our program facilitation.

Increased Student Involvement
We are working hard to raise the number of students engaged in extracurriculars. A study of 14 CPS Schools showed all students involved in extracurricular activities had higher Grade Point Averages than the general population of students, with 10 schools showing double digit increases.

Enriching Students’ Experience
73% of the students in the Cincinnati Public School District are at or below the Federal Poverty Line. The traditional parental resources are not available to them. Children are left without the benefit of extracurricular activities. Our employees and volunteers hard work resonate with these children.
The partnership between Activities Beyond the Classroom and Cincinnati Public Schools was initiated to support CPS in maintaining, managing and developing extracurricular activities. In a District of over 30,000 students, ABC’s ultimate mission is to enrich as many children’s lives as possible.

Today, ABC manages and assists with over 250 programs and activities, which impact over 5,000 CPS students every year. These activities provide every child with an experience, from being on a sports team to learning through the Arts. We continue to seek out funding to grow the ways in which we cultivate students. From overseeing District-wide enrichment programs to our Extracurricular Directors managing high school athletics, ABC supports the goal of every Cincinnati Public Schools student having a positive, well-rounded educational and extracurricular experience.
ABC partners with CPS to administer the athletic purchasing budgets of 13 CPS high schools. Each school’s funds are used towards equipment, uniforms, officials, transportation, security and more at the direction of the school’s Extracurricular/Athletic Director; the Extracurricular Directors of nine high schools are employees of ABC, another facet of this public school/non-profit partnership. In addition to these budgets, ABC hosts booster funds for each school, for everything from volleyball to basketball to class trips.

Each year, ABC also sponsors the Student-Athlete Awards Banquet and CPS Athletic Hall of Fame, honoring current and former athletes who contribute to the legacy of CPS athletics.
ABC Arts Enrichment began in 2012-2013 as an after-school arts exposure program for 7th and 8th graders at Hughes High School to help students transition from smaller elementary schools to larger high school campuses. Through the support of the Haile/U.S. Bank Foundation, the program expanded in 2013-2014 to five schools, offering students the opportunity to participate in dance, music, drama and visual arts. ABC partners with local arts organizations who provide teaching artists and materials. Programs take place twice per week at Aiken, Hughes, Taft, Withrow and Woodward.

The Cincinnati Woman’s Club provided the vision and seed funding for ABC to establish an after-school soccer program for CPS girls in grades 4-6. Through the help of school Resource Coordinators, volunteer coaches were recruited from school staff, neighbor rec centers, community partners, and local colleges. Developed this year, Girls Soccer fully launches in 2014-2015, with 25 elementary schools signed on for Fall and Spring seasons.
Beginning with a fundraiser providing initial sets of equipment, a collaboration between ABC, USTA Midwest and Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association grew the ABC Youth Tennis program to 22 elementary schools in a very successful 2013-2014 year, with more than 3,400 students having played tennis during and after school! The USTA Midwest conducted interactive training sessions for PE teachers and/or after-school providers. Each school receives a permanent set of equipment: youth-sized racquets, foam balls, pop-up nets. Playing in a gym or on any flat surface, students don’t need an official court to have fun learning tennis skills and playing games.
Our Victories

Martial Arts

ABC’s Martial Arts after-school program began in partnership with Five White Tigers Martial Arts as an initiative to bring discipline, structure and personal awareness to elementary school students. The program gives children a chance to develop mental and physical skills that can be used both inside and outside the classroom. A pilot program took place in two schools in 2013-2014, and was so well-received that it will expand to 5 schools in the coming year.

Outdoor Adventures

Outdoor Adventure Clubs expanded to 11 high schools in 2013-2014. Clubs get teens from urban environments out into the natural world for hiking, biking, fishing, camping and kayaking. Club members received monthly outdoor tutorials, followed by a field trip experience to utilize their newly acquired skills. Adventures included kayaking on the Little Miami River, skiing at Perfect North slopes, and a family campout at Winton Woods.
We administer funds for various other programs and activities for students, including:

- **Project Connect**
  A CPS program providing support, services and enrichment opportunities for students experiencing homelessness during the school year.

- **Julia Henderson Fund**
  Bringing the “Visiting Zoo” program from the Cincinnati Zoo to CPS children in Preschool Special Education classes.

- **Summer C.A.M.P. (Cincinnati Architecture Mentoring Program)**
  Offered at UC’s DAAP college to 8th & 9th graders to foster awareness of the possibilities for an architectural career and to increase diversity within the architecture profession.

- **Stages for Youth**
  A summer film camp dedicated to empowering youth through digital and performance arts.

- **American Heritage Music**
  Interactive performances at CPS elementary schools showcasing traditional American music.

- **Violette Maxey Fund**
  Dedicated to enrichment activities for students at Rothenberg Academy in Over-the-Rhine.
These generous donors put their money where their heart is:

**The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation**  
$50,000 for Arts Enrichment

**The P&G Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation**  
$50,000 for Project Connect Summer Camp

**The Cincinnati Reds Community Fund**  
$31,000 for Baseball & Softball Programs

**The Cincinnati Woman’s Club**  
$27,000 for Girls Soccer

**The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation**  
$25,000 for Outdoor Adventure Clubs

**The Woodward Trust**  
$15,000 for Project Connect

**Mohammad Ehteshami**  
$15,000 for Martial Arts

**The GE Foundation**  
$15,000 for Martial Arts

**The Woodward Trust**  
$7,500 for Game Day Meals for Student-Athletes

**Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association**  
$5,400 for Youth Tennis

**Midwest Youth Tennis & Education Foundation**  
$4,000 for Youth Tennis

**Interact for Health**  
$3,750 for Outdoor Adventure Clubs

**Richard Weiland**  
$3,000 for American Heritage Music

**ArtsWave**  
$3,000 for Stages for Youth

**The George Fabe Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation**  
$3,000 for Stages for Youth

**The Outdoor Foundation/Explore Fund**  
$2,500 for Outdoor Adventure Clubs

**Green Umbrella**  
$2,500 for Outdoor Adventure Clubs

**3M Foundation**  
$2,500 for Outdoor Adventure Clubs

**Montgomery Inn**  
$2,500 for Henderson Fund for Pre-K Special Ed.
Over 90% of your donation goes directly to our kids

Programs and Grants

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- Arts & Music Programs
- Volunteers
- Field Trips
- Equipment & Uniforms
- Transportation
- Grant Management
- Safety
- Awards Ceremony
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