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Cincinnati Public Schools
Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Since its founding, the mission and vision of the Activities Beyond the Classroom foundation has been to devote its efforts and energies to provide staff support and fund development to enhance the quality of extracurricular activities for the student population of the Cincinnati Public Schools. As a collaborative partner with CPS, the desire of the ABC foundation is to ensure that each and every student has an important opportunity to develop character, self-confidence, and meaningful relationships which are evident in a variety of mentoring occasions, including the significant and important ones outside the classroom.

I am pleased to report that the 2015-2016 year was yet another important year for the ABC foundation. Through the dedicated efforts and support of volunteers, staff members, community partners, and, importantly, the generosity of many community-wide funders, the supportive and creative programming of the ABC foundation was able to reach considerably more than 10,000 students in the CPS school system.

Now in its second decade of making a difference in the lives of the next generation of citizens and leaders, the ABC foundation is looking forward to expanding its efforts and providing even more diverse engagements. I invite you to join me in celebrating the foundation’s accomplishments of the past and to partner in its future growth and development.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Friedman, President
Board of Trustees
Activities Beyond the Classroom

Our Mission

To ensure that Cincinnati Public School students participate in activities beyond the classroom that will help them develop the skills they need to succeed in life.

We provide the necessary support for every Cincinnati Public School student to engage in extracurricular activities throughout the year, which offer the opportunity to build leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and self-discipline.
Beginning in 2004 to increase and enhance extracurricular activities for Cincinnati Public School (CPS) students, Activities Beyond the Classroom (ABC) has grown into a respected extracurricular and outreach organization that has supported the CPS community for the past 12 years. With the belief that every student is entitled to educational enrichment and extracurricular activities that develop, teach, and inspire them, our partnership with CPS over the past decade has provided this access to tens of thousands of students whose financial hardships would hinder their participation in these activities.

Today, ABC continues to assist with over 200 programs and activities each year, which supports more than 10,000 CPS students in achieving a well-rounded school experience.
Teens who participate in afterschool programs are three times less likely to skip class than teens who do not participate. They are also three times less likely to use drugs, consume alcohol, [and] smoke cigarettes…

YMCA of USA, March 2001
HIGH SCHOOL

ABC partners with CPS to administer the athletics purchasing budgets for thirteen CPS high schools. ABC provides nine full-time Extracurricular/Athletic Directors to oversee nine schools’ onsite activities and needs. Each school’s athletic fund is used to pay for equipment, uniforms, officials, transportation, security, and more.

Each year, ABC sponsors the CPS Athletic Hall of Fame, honoring both current and former athletes who have contributed to the legacy of CPS athletics.
Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, reduces anxiety and stress, increases self-esteem, and may improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Expanding athletic programs to elementary students, ABC provides girl’s soccer, youth tennis, and martial arts programs in multiple Cincinnati Public Schools.
ABC continues to provide a girls’ soccer program teaching basic, instructional soccer for grades 4-6, serving over 400 students across 21 elementary schools. Through volunteer coaching and support from community recreation partners, ABC provides Fall and Spring seasons of the program. At the end of the soccer season, Mt. Airy and Cheviot elementary schools each held a soccer invitational, which hosted a total of nine schools.

“Activities Beyond the Classroom gives [students] an avenue in which to reach those goals on and off the soccer field. I always look forward to speaking with the girls because I want them to know that anything is possible even if there are obstacles in the way.”

Deje’A Miller, CPS Graduate and University of Cincinnati Women’s Soccer Player
GIRLS TENNIS

In partnership with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Midwest and Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association, more than 5,000 students across 34 elementary schools have had the opportunity to participate in a tennis program specifically designed to support teaching tennis fundamentals in any gym or on any flat surface. This program has expanded to two more school than were serviced last year and given the opportunity for hundreds more children to participate.

ABC, in partnership with The Mayerson Foundation, implemented a summer tennis program for 30 Cincinnati Public School students in grades 3-6. For the month of June, students were transported daily to Walnut Hills High School where they received tennis lessons.

Did you know

When compared to non-athletes and participants in many other sports, young people who participate in tennis get better grades, devote more hours to studying, think more about their future, aspire to attend and graduate from college and have lower suspension and expulsion rates.

USTA Special Report, More Than a Sport: Tennis, Education and Health
ABC, in partnership with Five White Tigers Martial Arts, successfully completed its third year programming. This program teaches and promotes discipline, structure, and personal awareness in young girls and boys. Three Cincinnati Public Schools participated in the Second Annual Tri-State Invitational at Mt. Airy Elementary School. The program promotes the development of mental and physical skills that students can use in and outside of the classroom.

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To me, the extraordinary aspect of martial arts lies in its simplicity. The easy way is also the right way; the closer to the true way of martial arts, the less wastage of expression there is.”

Bruce Lee
We are making an effort to dissolve the wall between the school and the community. Our students are being offered more opportunities, which make a visible difference in the attitudes and behaviors of our students.
In our second year of 21st Century Community Learning Center grants, ABC has provided over 1300 students with expanded learning support through the Ohio Department of Education. These grants have been used to fund before, during, and after school enrichment, day-time tutoring initiatives, and parent literacy events. ABC 21st Century staff are implementing the grants at Roberts and Riverview East academies. Through collaboration with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, the grant is also being implemented at Pleasant Hill Academy. In partnership with Woodward Trust, the 21st Century programs have coordinated family events that focused on increasing student achievement in literacy and mathematics.
ABC is a proud recipient of a Community Connector’s Grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Education. The mentoring grant pairs 6th grade students from Douglass Elementary with 10th-12th grade mentors attending Walnut Hills High school. Additional mentors participate from community businesses and local colleges to motivate, inspire, and assist in the development of necessary skills leading to academic and career success. Through the program See It, Believe It, Achieve It with Operation Driven, 60 students work together after school to explore the 5 principles of the grant: goal setting, building character, developing pathways to achievement, building resilience, and believing in a positive future. The $82,400 grant will leave a long lasting impact on the students, mentors, and community.

“The Community Connectors Grant has allowed the Walnut Hills student’s to take more of a leadership role at Douglass and in the community. The students at Walnut Hills influence Douglass’ students to think of the world globally.”

Susan Hiles-Meadows, Program Manager
CPS Community Learning Centers (CLCs) serve as hubs for a range of community services and provide a system of integrated partnerships that promote academic excellence and offer recreational educational, social, health, civic, and cultural opportunities for students, families, and the community.

ABC serves as lead agency for five CLCs in Aiken High School, Roselawn Condon Elementary School, Silverton Paideia Academy, Winton Hills Academy, and Frederick Douglass Elementary School. As lead agency, ABC helps the school meet its academic and community goals by aligning them with community programs and services.
In addition to extracurricular activities, ABC administers well over 100 donor-directed funds for programs benefiting CPS students, totaling over $600,000 in financial support. From arts programs, to summer camps, to additional resources for students experiencing homelessness, over 10,000 CPS students are affected by these funds every year.

ABC oversees the financial management of each fund, working with donors to ensure a high level of accountability and impact through their dollars.
Through a grant from Impact 100, an organization that promotes philanthropy among women to help the local community, we were able to renovate the empty, unused Krueck Center at Hughes High School into a vibrant, multiuse athletics center called The Mack. The Mack is equipped with a full size basketball court, field turf, a batting cage, and a space that can be used for community events.
Partnerships with regional foundations, businesses, and other nonprofit organizations help to expand ABC’s capacity to serve CPS student. We are proud to partner with the following institutions and grateful for their generosity in supporting our vision.

Thank You!

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Cincinnati Arts Foundation
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