



our community, our kids

# together

we make a difference

DECATUR EDUCATION FOUNDATION IMPACT REPORT 2014-2015



## STEPPING INTO DESIGN

Students in Mr. Seetoo's 3rd grade class at Clairemont Elementary took on the task of building a useful step stool for the EIP class so that students could safely reach items stored in higher cabinets. A grant from DEF supplied the drafting tools and tables used to create the designs, as well as the building materials. The grant for this project was made possible by a donation from HomeGrown, a retail cooperative with wares from more than 100 local artists in downtown Decatur.

*Evan Coltrane, Gigi Fortuna, Raquel Tartt, Jane Sandler, Lilah Gatchel, Luke Purcell, Sophie Phillips, Owen Joiner, Gibson Sparks, Cecile Frazee, Ben Khayat*



# together we build

This year, DEF funded several grants that promote the design cycle: students identify a problem, devise a solution through design, and then build the project with their own hands.



## SETTING THE STAGE

Members of the DHS drama classes and woodworking club collaborated to build sets for two productions – *Cyrano de Bergerac* and *Pippin*. A DEF grant supplied them with some much-needed power tools for group builds.

*Mikayla Walters received a Student EdVenture grant in 2014 to learn to design and build sets. This year she put that knowledge to work.*



## IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

Students in Renfroe's engineering classes received funding to design and build projects benefiting the school. They built a shed for storing gardening tools, a standing desk for ESS classes, and three outdoor learning stations that will allow teachers to hold classes outside occasionally.

*Back row: Jimmeria Durden, Grace Crowley, Stella Williams, Alix Wagner, Sydney Wagner, Carson Shenefeld, and David Crab*

*Front row: Emma Rose and Isabel Staton*



## BUILDING A BUSINESS

Student entrepreneur Jackson Hill used his DEF Microloan to rent a log splitter to cut up several downed trees. After a few months of curing the wood, he will sell cords of firewood, which he plans to parlay into extra training sessions with a pitching coach to support his love of baseball.



## MAKING SUMMER SPECIAL

DEF grants allow special education students to take part in summer enrichment activities. Second grader Ruby Blair (pictured above) participated in a summer camp at the Frazer Center, an inclusive program for students at all levels of ability.

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DEF grants support opportunities for students to explore their passions outside the classroom.



## SUMMER EDVENTURE GRANTS

**The Play's the Thing** To be (an actor) or not to be – that was the question Zion Perryman (above) pondered in an intensive Shakespeare course at New York University, which culminated in a full-scale production of Hamlet. At the end of this experience, Zion determined that acting is a passion he plans to pursue as a career.

**Loving the Nature of Bugs** Cora Kandetzki (left) attended Bug and Plant Camp at Mississippi State University, where she learned many techniques for capturing and preserving insects such as dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions, and beetles. She also learned about careers in the scientific study of bugs – including insect veterinarian. One of her best experiences: using an electron microscope to examine bugs' tiniest details, like the pollen-catching hairs of a honeybee's legs.

**Canadian Canoeing** With his Boy Scout troop and the help of a Summer EdVenture grant, Ian Coleman (bottom left) participated in a weeklong canoeing experience in the wilds of Canada. He slogged through mud, endured torrential rains, battled mosquitoes – and loved every minute of it.





## TAKING CONTROL OF TECHNOLOGY

Kids are surrounded by technology starting at a very young age. FAVE teacher Lynn Holden wanted to be sure her students understood how a computer does what it does, so she applied for a DEF grant to show them. Her students worked together to code and program a computer to light up LCD displays and drive motors.

*Emily Williams, Kenya Freeman, Calvin Herrema, and Flinn Gannon*

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# we explore

DEF grants allow students to explore the world around them and participate in engaging, hands-on activities.



## TRAVELING IN STYLE

The babies and toddlers enrolled in the Frasier Center at Decatur High School are an active group. When they aren't engaged in multi-sensory activities inside, they can often be seen strolling the campus in their new baby buggy. DEF funds have these kids riding in style.



*Photo: Mike Curtice*

## A WALK IN THE PARK

There is just so much to learn about the natural world when you are 4 years old, and what better way to do that than with a walk in the park? Pre-K students got a special tour of Woodlands Garden, a community gem with more than seven acres of natural Piedmont forest.



Photo: Lance Dreesen

## DIGGING DEEP IN SCIENCE

Glennwood students were able to dig a little deeper into the biology, zoology, and geology of Georgia, thanks to a DEF-funded art project devised by Nick Madden. The art project mimicked the natural process by which fossils are made, shrinking the work of millennia into minutes. Students then recreated plastic molds of their fossilized creatures and got a lesson in how paleontologists study creatures who lived thousands of years ago.

*Fiona Zoss shows her mom some of the native fauna of Georgia that her class studied.*



## LEAPING INTO LEARNING

When Decatur teachers have great ideas for engaging students in deeper levels of scientific enquiry, DEF is there with Teacher Innovation Grants. This year, students at Winnona Park Elementary were able to partner with the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in a two-year study about the eating habits of tropical frogs. DEF provided funds to set up the terrariums that housed the frogs for the duration of the study.



## TURNING UP THE VOLUME ON LEARNING

Students at a new after-school STEAM Club at Oakhurst Elementary got a chance to explore the science of sound with materials provided by a DEF grant. Hands-on activities encouraged their natural curiosity as they built devices to measure sound waves.

*Oakhurst STEAM Club students Matthew Yamamoto, Liza Tell, Greta Tell, Yala Feiken, and Lolly Lockwood show off the sound collectors they built to collect and amplify sound. Also pictured are teachers Courtney Hartnett and Cindy Aldridge and parent Heather Tell.*



## YOUNG FOODIES

One is never too young to learn important math concepts, especially in the kitchen. Pre-K students at College Heights were enthralled as they measured ingredients and followed recipes to make classroom treats. A DEF grant allowed the school to purchase kid-sized tools so students could make their cake ... and eat it too!

## SINGING AND RINGING

This year, a DEF grant allowed the DHS choral program to purchase a two-octave set of handbells. Handbells and other small instruments help choral students improve overall musicianship and add exciting arrangements to their repertoire.

*Chorus members Taylor Stephenson, Kate Fowler, Savannah Binion, and Edie Brush*



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# we make music

With DEF support of this integral part of education, students develop individual skills and experience the joy of music-making in the community.



## STAGING POSSIBILITIES

Renfroe Middle School students have the opportunity to take part in large-scale musicals, but the small stage in the school limited their options. DEF provided funds for materials to build a stage extension, which will stay in place for future productions.

*Full cast of Hairspray, Jr.*



Photos: River Young

## ENLIGHTENED MUSICIANS

The spring musical at Decatur High School provides an important performance opportunity to student actors, dancers, and musicians each year. Students who play for the musical must be able to see their music when the lights are out. A grant from DEF funded the purchase of lights that can be attached to the music stands and have a very small area of illumination.



## ORCHESTRATING HARMONY

Since 2012, students at Renfroe and FAVE have improved their musical skills as part of an after-school string ensemble. DEF provided some of the initial funds for the program, and this year, funded the purchase of three new cellos.

*Decatur String Ensemble members Blaitthin Meagher, Joe Gilbert, Olivia McFarland, Nina Drescher, Brianna Hunter, Alison Wolff, Reagan Borland, Mikealah Alford, Alec Ogihara, Fiona McElroy*



## ALL ABOUT THAT BASS

DEF supports music education and musical performances in many ways. When the high school band needed an additional tuba – a big-ticket purchase – DEF partnered with the Band Parents Association and the Decatur High School PTSA to buy a beautiful new instrument.

*Gavin Stuart shows off the new tuba which helps provide a strong bass foundation to the DHS Concert Band.*



## JOYFUL NOISE!

The students at Westchester Elementary kicked off their first year of Community Circles with a variety of percussion instruments that help them get in the groove and express the joy of rhythm. The instruments were part of a start-up grant to Westchester that also funded science equipment.

*Kindergarten students Erin Ellis, Taehui Kim, and Finn Ludlam practice rhythm skills on their new Kalani Flex Drums.*

## ON THE SAME PAGE

Each year, Decatur residents of all ages take part in "On the Same Page," a city-wide reading program where members of the community connect through a special book. DEF provides funds to ensure that all kids can fully participate.

*Students at the Decatur Housing Authority celebrate being "On the Same Page" by showing off their books.*

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# we read

DEF has several programs that support reading proficiency and foster a love of literature for students at all grade levels.



Photo: Alisa Lewis

## FAVORITE AUTHORS COME A-CALLIN'

DEF's sponsorship of the Decatur Book Festival provides funds that allow kids from Pre-K to 9th grade to participate in a unique pre-festival experience with special author-and-illustrator visits and workshops at their school or on the Decatur square. Kids can ask questions and imagine themselves as writers and creators.

*Author Jennifer Holm with student Analisa Lewis*



## TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

DEF grants bring innovative technologies into classrooms, helping students develop strong reading skills. Read Live is a web-based program piloted this year at Clairemont and Westchester, with support from DEF. Students have made significant gains in reading comprehension with online practice customized to their level.

*Shoichiroh Furuta combines visual and auditory learning with help from his teacher, Rhonda Bowden.*



## BUCKS FOR BOOKS

Kids who have books available in their homes tend to read and are read to more often than those who don't. Book ownership promotes a love of books. Literacy funds from DEF ensure that all kids can purchase age-appropriate books at school book fairs and build their home libraries, a proven path to developing life-long readers.

*Hindiyo Abukar loves the beautiful pictures in her new book.*





## AFRICAN ADVENTURE

A DEF grant helped Andy Samandari participate in leadership training in Kenya as part of a program that prepares future leaders to explore their potential to create widespread change in Africa – and throughout the world.



## PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY



River Young is passionate about photography and wanted to step up his game. With the help of a Student EdVenture Grant, River traveled to Prague, Czech Republic for a National Geographic workshop. The experience has inspired a new goal – to work for National Geographic in the future.

*River captures the beauty of the historic Charles Bridge in Prague.*

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# we go global

DEF funds provide experiences to develop global awareness and the leadership skills to tackle real world problems.



Photo: Joseph Aczel

## DEVELOPING GLOBAL LEADERS

Decatur graduates will one day join those looking for creative solutions to large-scale global problems. The Funk Global Awareness Fund, administered by DEF, allows teachers to bring innovative programming on these issues to their students. Renfro Middle School 8th graders took part in Water Wise, a full-day symposium about the scarcity of clean water. All 9th grade students participated in a poverty simulation that demonstrated the many stressors felt by those living in poverty. The students also participated in a large-scale service project, measuring and packing 60,000 family meal packets for food-scarce nations around the world.



Photo: Beate Sass

*Eighth grade students (above) participate in a hands-on water activity. At right, Maria Julieta Rodriguez Leumann, Grace Tozer-Rich, and Tony Terrell pack meals for nations where food is scarce.*



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# we run

## TOUR DECATUR AND PI DAY — UNENDING FUN

Tour deCatur promotes health and fitness across all ages. This year, more than 2,700 participants ran or walked a 5K, 1 mile, or Tot Trot (above) to raise funds that support students and teachers throughout our city. To make a sweet event even sweeter, this year's Tour deCatur was on March 14 – Pi Day! Pi is the infinite number that represents the circumference of a circle divided by its diameter. A special Pi Day Expo included pies to eat and pies to throw at favorite CSD teachers and principals.

*Oakhurst Elementary staff took part in the Pi(e) day fun. From left (front row): Shannon Staton and Robin Fountain; (back row) Michelle Phillips, Kelly Whelchel, Heather Whitman, Meredith Hill, Beverly Beyer*



*Photo: Beate Sass*

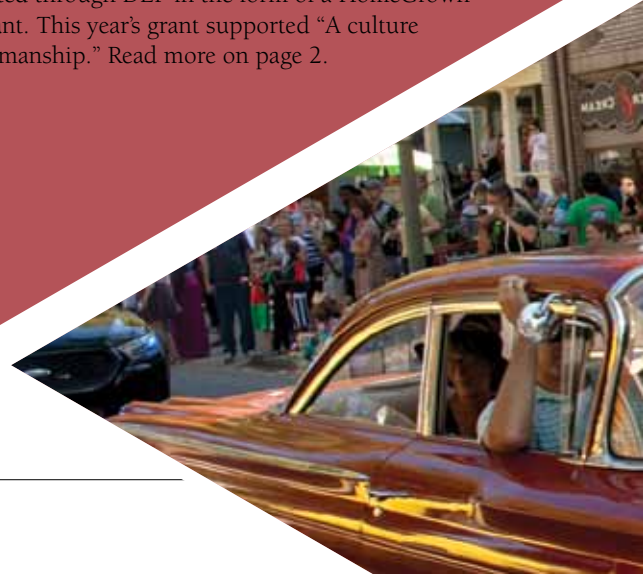
## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

The second annual Decatur Lantern Parade brought out hundreds of strollers and spectators in a spectacular celebration of the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. Adding to the festivities this year were “Ed,” the DEF mascot in giant puppet form, and the return of Chantelle Rytter, parade artist extraordinaire who, along with the Black Sheep Ensemble, led the lantern-filled crowd through the streets to a giant dance party on the square.



## HAINTS AND SAINTS

HomeGrown Decatur is a retail artist cooperative selling the work of local artists and craftspeople. Co-owners Lori Ronca and Beth Thompson sponsored a fun and festive Halloween Parade and auctioned off refrigerators and coolers uniquely decorated by local artists. A portion of the funds raised were distributed through DEF in the form of a HomeGrown Arts Grant. This year's grant supported “A culture of craftsmanship.” Read more on page 2.





## LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER

Mardi Gras gained a foothold in Decatur thanks to David and Emily Berg, Mead Street residents and Mardi Gras aficionados. They took their family tradition to the streets with several hundred parade revelers, great musicians, and a post-parade party at The Imperial to enjoy traditional New Orleans fare. Proceeds from this now-annual event provide funds for specific music programs at CSD.

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# we celebrate

There is nothing like an event, parade, or party to bring people together. These great Decatur events support kids and foster connections across our community.



Photo: Inga Finch

### EAT & GREET

Last November, DEF combined Decatur's great schools, distinct homes, and fantastic restaurants for the Eat & Greet Progressive Dinner and Home Tour. The event, presented by Arlene Dean Quality Homes, included a three-course meal provided by favorite local eateries – Twisted Soul, Iberian Pig, and Butter & Cream – and an inside peek at three of Oakhurst's most unique homes.

*Leslie and Paul Petosa and Annie and Greg Caiola enjoy visiting with other friends and neighbors at DEF's newest fundraising event.*



Photo: Joseph Aczel

### COOKIN' UP FUN AT THE BOIL

This signature DEF event has evolved from a grassroots, backyard affair to a festive, celebration that welcomes the entire community. Along with the boil menu served up by local chefs, new additions include a live auction and Fund-A-Need challenge.

*Lew Lefton and Paula Collins have some laughs playing "heads or tails" during the Boil live auction.*

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

At its Celebration of Excellence in May, DEF presented Clarence Strickland, long-time custodian at Decatur High School, the inaugural DEF Make a Difference award for reaching out to a student in crisis and doing so with calm, quiet grace and gentle spirit.

One colleague described Clarence as “the keeper of our house in both the physical and the spiritual sense. The care, kindness, and compassion he shows . . . is unparalleled. Clarence is the heart and soul of DHS.” Clarence is pictured with DHS colleagues.

Photo: Joseph Aczel



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# we honor



## REACHING HIGH

Each year, three stellar students from Renfro are chosen to participate in the REACH Georgia program and receive mentoring and academic coaching. DEF, along with the Georgia Student Aid Commission, provides each REACH graduate with a \$10,000 scholarship to an in-state school. The 2014 REACH Scholars are Rakaiya Colley, Antonio Kilgore, and Khara Smith-Russell.



Photos: Joseph Aczel

Awards and scholarships recognize achievement and special contributions.



## REMEMBERING ZARA

Zara Yee Hawthorne attended kindergarten at Oakhurst Elementary in 2012-2013 and, while living in Beijing, the following year, passed away at the age of six. Her parents, Sue Lin Yee and Jeff Hawthorne, established a fund to honor Zara's memory by awarding scholarships for elementary-age students to pursue an art, dance, or musical experience.

This year, the Zara Yee Hawthorne scholarship supported a student from FAVE who can take two art camps at Color Wheel that she would otherwise be unable to afford.



## CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of families and individuals who have set up scholarships for Decatur High graduates, DEF awarded more than \$55,000 this year to graduating seniors and previous graduates continuing their college educations. Honorees at

the annual Celebration of Excellence are pictured above: Eman Abdul Mahdi, Bana Atik, Lul Atik, Luke Bumgardner, Sophie Deck, Armani Duffie, Tamecia Burson, LaRon Foy, Madeleine Henner, Kendall Houston, Luke Jackson, Shaifer Jones, Will Moore, Katie Neil, Katherine Richter, MacKenzie Rhone, Lexi Ritter, Choyce Smith, Toni Sulmers, Tori Tate, Senayt Tesema, and Aaron Tozer-Rich.

DEF's newest scholarship is the Rotary Club of Decatur Foundation Scholarship. This year's recipient, Armani Duffie (inset, with Scott Thompson of the Decatur Rotary Club), demonstrated a true commitment to serving her community.

## THE STRIDES OF MARCH

We love our schools and we love it when we can help them by honking loud tunes and having a good time. Our brass band, called the Strides of March, gets together to play for the runners, walkers and watchers at the Tour deCatur (in March). Our taste runs from Rossini to Professor Longhair, but we also take requests.” – *Bo Emerson*

*The Strides of March are, from the left, Bo Emerson, Roger Sherer, Steve Campbell, John Kelly, Eric Fontaine, Mac Isseks, and Jack Brantley.*



Photo: Beate Sass

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# we volunteer

Volunteers provide vital support to all aspects of the foundation’s work and bring together people from across the community in support of kids.



## FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS

I volunteer for DEF because I believe so strongly in the foundation’s work. What speaks to me most is all that DEF does to ‘even the playing field’ for the kids who need a little extra help. A fabulous example is the new computer lab at the Decatur Housing Authority. Just thinking about this project brings me joy.” – *Kimberly Head Amos*

I especially appreciate the role DEF plays as a unifier of all the schools in the CSD system. For instance, the creation of a PTA Council, with representatives from each of the schools, gives us an opportunity to share best practices and create an even stronger sense of community in Decatur.” – *Lauren Davis*

*DEF Children’s Book Sale co-chairs Kimberly Head Amos and Lauren Davis oversee the sorting and sale of thousands of donated children’s books.*



## REACHING OUT

I started volunteering with DEF in 2014 by joining the Outreach Council, a group charged with increasing awareness about the foundation to new families and the wider community. Serving on this council, I have used my experience in communication and marketing while meeting and connecting with people. I am honored to talk about DEF and all their meaningful initiatives at each school in Decatur. It has also been insightful to see how well the foundation uses its team of volunteers and their various talents. It makes me feel good to help give back to a group that has helped not only my children but many of their peers and teachers.”

– *Cynthia Varkey, CSD mom and DEF Outreach Council co-chair*  
*Cynthia Varkey, DEF Outreach Council co-chair, hands out children’s books at the Decatur Housing Authority’s National Night Out.*

## A COMMUNITY GIVES

Our community came together in a big way to deliver the Decatur Housing Authority a needed computer lab upgrade. The lab serves more than 400 children throughout the school system, and adult residents use it to communicate with children's teachers, apply for jobs, and take online classes.

The \$21,000 goal was raised from Decatur businesses, individual donors and contributions from the PTAs at all nine Decatur schools with DEF providing the final \$8,000. The lab now houses 15 brand-new desktop computers, the latest Microsoft Office software, two color printers, and a 60-inch electronic whiteboard. Doug Faust, executive director of DHA, expressed appreciation for the broad community support.

*Emily Seats helps Nadiya Mohamed as Trinity Moment looks on.*



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# we give

Gifts from across DEF's community of supporters make great things happen for Decatur kids. There is no limit to the creative ways that people support our work. Every gift matters!



## INSPIRED GIVING

In May, Anita Corbett, Emory professor of biochemistry, was honored with the inaugural Eleanor Main Graduate Mentor award in recognition of her commitment to mentorship. The award, given by the Laney Graduate School of Emory University, honors the memory of the late Dr. Eleanor C. Main, an Emory professor, scholar, administrator and mentor. It is accompanied by a \$5,000 cash prize, which Anita decided to donate to DEF. She explains, "I chose DEF because I wanted to support a foundation that provides strong support to the education mission across broad boundaries." Anita hopes her gift will inspire others to donate award gifts in the future.



## A SWEET GIFT

Adam Berardi, a 2nd grader at Clairemont Elementary, thinks Decatur kids are pretty lucky to have so many fun summer camp options. But this year, when he realized that some kids might have more opportunities than others, he made it his mission to raise money for DEF's EdVenture Fund, which provides funding for summer enrichment programs for CSD students. Customers were happy to pay the 50 cents per cup, some giving \$1 to pay it forward for the next customer, some making larger donations to pay it forward for our Decatur kids.

*Adam Berardi selling lemonade, assisted by his brother Ben.*

## FOUNDATION G.E.M.S (Give Every Month)

The Decatur Education Foundation is a gift that keeps giving in our school and community. All inspiring events happening in Decatur and in my school involve DEF. That's why I give; I know that my donation will always be used to create avenues to greatness for my students."

– Dawn Bolton, RMS teacher

I read the CSD Facebook page and website frequently. I saw something about DEF and was reminded of the grants (sometimes more than one a year) the students and I received when I was a teacher in the City Schools of Decatur, and so I thought it was time I started repaying that generosity so others could have the same support. I'll have to keep the donations coming for several years just to break even with the DEF!"

– Hamilton Edwards, retired CSD teacher



Ira Prabhakar demonstrates Westchester's new steel drums.

## A MUSICAL LEGACY

Nearly 50 people made donations to the Kathy Whorton Memorial Fund, honoring a beloved music teacher at Clairemont Elementary, who lost her battle with cancer in 2014 (pictured at right). Kathy's daughters wanted to find a fitting tribute that would honor her legacy of inspiring a love of music in young children. Funds raised were donated to Westchester Elementary for the purchase of kid-sized steel drums made specifically to teach percussion to students. Kathy's family and friends attended an energetic community circle where the drums and a memorial plaque were dedicated.

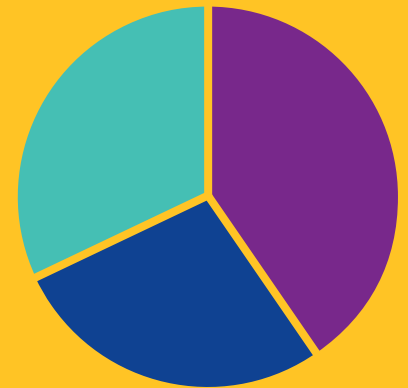


## HOW WE GIVE

DATA FOR JULY 2014-JUNE 2015

**\$522,324**  
RAISED

- ▶ DONATIONS MADE FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS **\$211,726**
- ▶ DONATIONS MADE TO DEF'S GENERAL FUND **\$144,729**
- ▶ DONATIONS MADE THROUGH EVENTS **\$165,869**



**2,332**  
DONORS

**6,008**  
GIFTS

**272**  
MONTHLY DONORS

**987**  
NEW DONORS

**\$5-\$25,000**  
RANGE OF GIFTS

Donors across our community and beyond enable our kids to have opportunities and experiences that allow them to thrive. The work of the foundation is made possible by your generosity. Together we make a difference!

## ARTISTS WITH HEART







You are never too young to be a philanthropist! Calla and Daphne (above), students at FAVE, donated some of the proceeds from the sale of their handmade cards at YEA!, the student arts event, to DEF. When asked, "Why DEF?" Calla said, "Because it was something local and I wanted to donate locally. Also, I know DEF does good things like buying a walker for a girl in my kindergarten class because her family couldn't afford it." Daphne said, "Because DEF supports our school system and helps kids get supplies they can't afford."



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