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Our Approach

A successful public school system is crucial to ensuring the health and vibrancy of Baltimore City. Strong schools keep young professionals in our city as they begin to raise their families. Strong schools also play a singular role in moving urban families out of poverty, improving neighborhoods and increasing opportunities for young people.

Realizing this promise of educational excellence has driven our efforts for nearly thirty years. At the Fund, we focus our energies on improving City Schools at a systemic level to make it a place where all children can thrive and succeed academically. We are proud of the role we play in improving graduation rates, promoting the importance of strong school and teacher leaders, and identifying key levers for improving student outcomes.

This year, we are intensifying our multi-layered approach, working closely with both district leaders and community partners to accelerate the pace of reform for our students.

- As Baltimore's only local education fund we are finding new ways to raise public awareness and demand for changes in policy and practice that have the potential to produce significant across the board gains for our students.
- With a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the district and its leaders, the Fund is uniquely qualified to successfully identify, adapt and implement innovative reform strategies with a track record of success to meet the unique needs of City Schools students.
- As a trusted, independent partner, the Fund attracts and manages private and public investments in a variety of efforts that are enhancing the quality of public education in Baltimore City.

Our Impact

As a result of our efforts this year ...

- Parents and students can more easily find schools that meet their unique needs. The Fund led the development of a new school choice website that allows families to search and compare multiple criteria as they navigate the school choice process in Baltimore City. [Learn more.](#)
- Our community will demand more from our public schools to produce significant gains in student achievement. Through our Analysis and Advocacy efforts, the Fund is engaging the community in a public discussion around promising reforms that have the highest potential to deliver great public education for all students in Baltimore City's public schools. [Read more.](#)
- More children will read at grade level by third grade. The Fund provides hands-on, daily operational support as well as critical strategic guidance as the host organization for the new Baltimore Campaign for Grade Level Reading, which is dedicated to improving by 100% the number of low income students reading on grade level by 2020. [Learn more.](#)
- Our City will have more effective principals. The Fund helped launch a new City Schools' initiative to identify outstanding individuals demonstrating early stage leadership competencies, and provide them significant professional training and opportunities to put them on the path to becoming a successful school leader.
- City Schools is benefiting from more than \$16M in national and local investments secured by the Fund over the past 24 months. Philanthropic dollars serve as the engine for our district to evaluate and pilot innovative reform models with the potential to significantly impact student outcomes in Baltimore City. [See more.](#)

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Financial Report consolidated*

REVENUES	2013	2012
Corporations	\$206,371	\$377,850
Foundations	\$6,497,047	\$5,462,607
Individuals	\$80,657	\$99,107
Public Sector	\$106,600	\$100,000
Interest & Other	\$56,864	\$114,127
Total Revenue	\$6,947,539	\$6,153,691
EXPENDITURES		
Programs	\$5,469,587	\$3,362,751
Administration & Development	\$281,050	\$291,454
Total Expenditures	\$5,750,637	\$3,654,205
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$1,196,902	\$2,499,486
Net Assets (Beginning of Year)	\$4,457,372	\$1,957,886
Net Assets (End of Year)	\$5,654,274	\$4,457,372

Financial Report organizational

REVENUES	2013	2012
Corporations	\$54,500	\$168,000
Foundations	\$230,000	\$225,000
Individuals	\$79,994	\$89,647
Grant Management Fees	\$254,147	\$135,008
Fee for Service	\$71,335	\$116,650
Interest, Rent & Other	\$11,495	\$10,848
Total Revenue	\$701,471	\$745,153
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and Benefits	\$559,434	\$510,465
Professional Fees	\$21,600	\$49,839
Office & Operations	\$111,513	\$109,049
Total Expenditures	\$692,547	\$669,353
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$8,924	\$75,800
Net Assets (Beginning of Year)	\$742,188	\$666,388
Net Assets (End of Year)	\$751,112	\$742,188

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