

Franklin Community Education Foundation

2022 Annual Report



Flexible Seating? Alternative Seating? YES!!!

— By Sara Leddy, Pediatric Physical Therapist

One of the goals of Franklin Community Education Foundation is to support students and youth in the Franklin community to enhance their academic experience. Through Covid, unfortunately learning and opportunities outside the school were limited. Some forward-thinking teachers explored how to enhance their students learning in the classroom. This past year has been the year of requests for FLEXIBLE or ALTERNATIVE SEATING.

Some research is being done now to show the benefits of flexible seating. Flexible seating can take any form that breaks from the traditional set up of all students sitting in traditional school chairs and desks. Floor cushions, scoop seats, bench cushions, wobble chairs, yoga balls, and bouncy bands around desks legs or chair legs are just some ways to incorporate alternative seating in any age classroom.

Some of the noted benefits of alternative/flexible seating include:

- **The Power of Choice-** giving students some choice over their learning environment fosters a sense of empowerment and encourages “buy in” of learning objectives.
- **Improved Sensory and Physical Health-** We know that kids need to move!! Not only to get the wiggles out but for their health. Seats that rock, bounce, lean or are standing will help encourage this, subconsciously, for children. These opportunities will help with core strength. Also, when we move, the blood flow to the brain is increased – which in turn helps with concentration, memory and on task behavior.
- **Comfort Helps with Focus-** When students can choose their own seat, they are also able to find a seating arrangement that works best for them. This means that they are more likely to be comfortable, which can lead to improved focus and concentration, staying on task, and being more productive.
- **Sharing Is Caring-** Flexible seating can lead to more of an essence of community. This will help students practice the concept of sharing and taking turns. This can also lead to development of problem solving skills, communicating and conflict resolution.



The FCS faculty is embracing the concept that MOVEMENT IS THE KEY TO LEARNING. Here are some of the alternative seating options FCEF has supported recently:



FCEF Collaborates with the Franklin Treadwell Recreation Commission

During the summer of 2022, the Franklin Treadwell Recreation Commission hosted swimming lessons for infants to teens. A total of 56 children from 19 families were able to take advantage of these lessons. The skill of swimming is not only a recreational milestone for children, but also a necessary life-saving, water-safety skill. The ability to swim provides a person with gross motor skills, coordination, social skills, strength, cognition, and best of all confidence. In an effort to help promote this important skill among Franklin's youth, the Franklin Community Education Foundation paid for half of each child's lesson fees.



A WORD FROM FCS SUPERINTENDENT

We would like to thank the Franklin Community Education Foundation for their continued support of the Franklin Central School District.

Without fail, FCEF is always there to support the inner workings of our school district. Once again, teachers were provided with classroom supplies needed for all FCSD students. Having these supplies provided, helped so many families from having to purchase them. During the 2021-2022 school year, a total of ten foundation scholarships were awarded to FCSD students and numerous supplies for classrooms such as a classroom rug, scoop rockers, lap trays, cushions and bouncy bands. The Franklin Central School District is grateful for everything the Franklin Community Education Foundation provides for our students. We look forward to our continued collaboration with FCEF for the success of our students.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Johnson, Superintendent



2021-2022 Scholar of the Month Winners

Valentina Temple

Peyton Boning

Jaylah Harrell

Abby Huyck

Abigail Gregory

Alyssa Pantale

Bryden Sheldon

Judah Coulter

Sydney Elmendorf

Mickey Masching





Robotics is Back!

After a few years of being idle the 16 LEGO Mindstorm Robotics kits purchased by FCEF with a grant in 2015 had the drivers updated and were put back into service at the Franklin Free Library.

Since May 4, 2022, the Franklin Community Robotics Group has been meeting every other Wednesday at the Franklin Free Library to learn about programming and advance their LEGO building skills. The group has participated in the community Memorial Day Parade and volunteered at the train museum by constructing the various LEGO trains that have been donated to the museum.

The FCEF recognizes the relevance that programming has in the current and future workforce and is please to be able to assist with providing this experience to the interested learners of our community of all age groups. The skill sets the users are developing by learning programming and building machines through play include: problem solving, clear communication through delivering of step by step instructions to the machine, and the value that team work brings to solving problems and enhancing projects. The group is open to anyone.

To check the schedule visit <https://www.franklinfreelibrary.org/robotics-group>

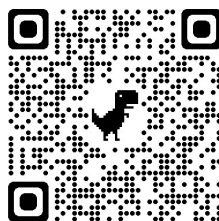


Thank you for the continued support
of the Franklin Community Education
Foundation.

Our annual fundraisers are

Spring - Hanging Flower Baskets
Summer - Lemonade at Old Franklin
Days
Fall - Bake Sale
Winter - Poinsettia and Wreath Sale

Year Round - Drop off your bottles
and cans at Dutch Redemption
Center



No Gift Is Too Small!
All Gifts Are Tax Deductible
Donate Online - <https://franklincommunity.org/support-fcef/>

OR

Make Check Payable to:

Franklin Community Education Foundation

Mail To: PO Box 43; Franklin, NY 13775

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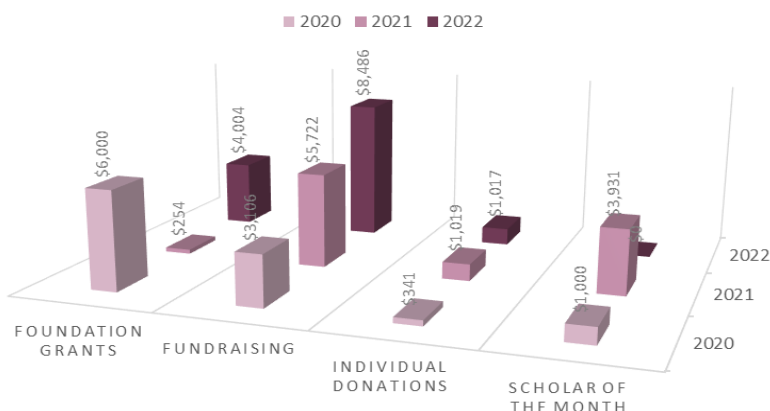
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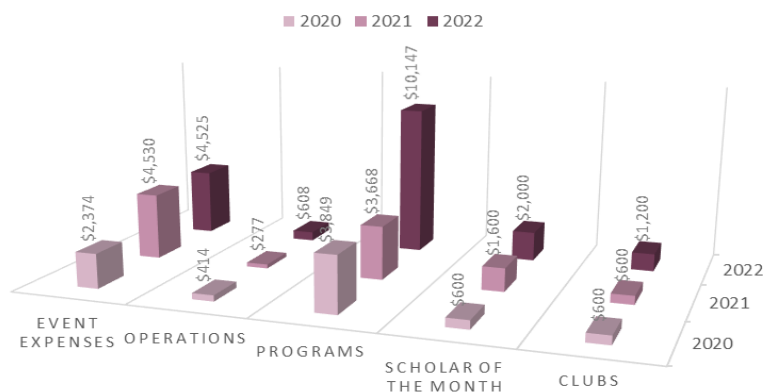
The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

-Coretta Scott King

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



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Meetings are held at 7 pm, on
third Tuesday of each month, at
the Franklin Community Center