



ANNUAL REPORT
2018-19

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— Literacy —



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Summit View Elementary School
Trowbridge School of Great Lakes Studies
Victory K-8 School for the Gifted and Talented and Italian Immersion
La Escuela Vieau
Whittier Elementary School

“

Our staff talks about the importance of access to high-quality instruction every day, resources needed to be successful, trusted adults who support the whole child, and unique learning experiences. Thanks to SHARP, we can continue to open doors for our students.”

– Brad Christensen, Principal, Forest Home Avenue Elementary



WE ARE STRONGER.

Dear friends,

As SHARP Literacy transitions into the new school year, it is a good time to reflect on and share where we've been and where we are going.

SHARP's direction is guided by our mission statement. To that point, our staff and select board members met recently to update our mission statement to better reflect what we are doing now and where we see ourselves going forward. We are excited to share it with you — **SHARP partners with educators to foster a love of learning and brighten children's futures through innovative STEAM-based experiential programs.**



Last year, we invested in developing new curricula to maintain our relevancy in the world in which we live. Our focus is to provide STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) experiences and programs to urban students from K3 through 5th grade. The content of lessons, the nature of hands-on activities, and the relevance of real-world experiences are all designed to be responsive to what teachers and students want and need.

Our *Design Through Code (DTC)* program highlights SHARP's emphasis on addressing emerging educational trends and preparing future-ready learners. Piloted two years ago as a 4th grade program, DTC has grown from 3 schools to 11, serving over 1,000 students. In 2019–20, we are adding an advanced coding option for 5th graders at three schools. The program culminates with a design challenge — a collaborative project where students identify and solve a problem

using coding and design thinking. They present their project to a panel of professionals.

The *Design Through Code* initiative is possible because of the generous support of vital partners, including A.O. Smith, Brady Corporation Foundation, Harley-Davidson Foundation, Kohl's, Northwestern Mutual, Quad, Rockwell Automation, Design Fugitives, MIAD, UWM's Girls Who Code Club and the Women and Girls Fund of Waukesha County.

We have just completed our fifth annual Summer Learning Program. The program helps counteract summer slide - the tendency of urban elementary students to lose academic gains from the previous school year. Four curricular options were offered to approximately 375 students in collaboration with 16 community sites: Urban Agriculture, Explore Milwaukee, STEAM Big Leaguers and *Design Through Code 2.0*. We are grateful to Ryan Braun, the Brewers Community Foundation, Waterstone Bank and We Energies Foundation for their support of this program.

We invite you to stay connected to SHARP on social media. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and visit our website — **www.sharpliteracy.org**. Your continuing interest and generous support are critical to our success. Thank you!

Gratefully,

Lynda and Tom



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After School Learning Partners

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“Our seniors enjoyed every moment of the visit! The connections made on day one were truly amazing. We value our partnership with SHARP and Whittier Elementary and are looking forward to wonderful reading/art days ahead!”

– Nina Birschbach, Campus Lifestyle Coordinator, Shorehaven Senior Living Community

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One of my students was very excited about plants and seasons and was ready to plant a garden right away! They were able to make connections to their garden at home and how to take care of plants.”

– Granville Lutheran kindergarten teacher



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My experience with SHARP Literacy has been a real pleasure. The staff provide excellent communication and dedication in bringing authentic and valuable experiences to Milwaukee's children. As a SHARP partner, I feel thankful for being given the opportunity to connect children with the outdoors through the lens of literacy. By combining carefully chosen topics, related vocabulary and the richness of the outdoors, SHARP educational tours provide a seamless framework for effective, hands-on learning.”

– Matt Flower, Environmental Education and Early Childhood Specialist, Urban Ecology Center



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– Rita Schwalbach
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My kids loved the field trip and talked about maple syrup for months afterward.”

– Catholic East Elementary Kindergarten teacher



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It felt cool to make an invention because maybe it could become real. It was hard to do the project, but it just got easier over time. As we worked together more, we stopped arguing. The best part was working with them. We sit across from each other, but we don't know very much about each other.”

– Genesis, Escuela Vieau 4th grade DTC student





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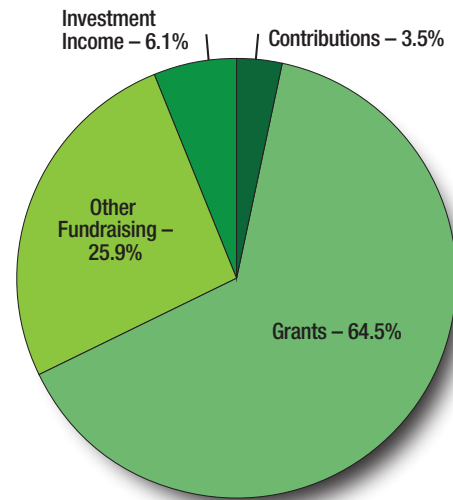
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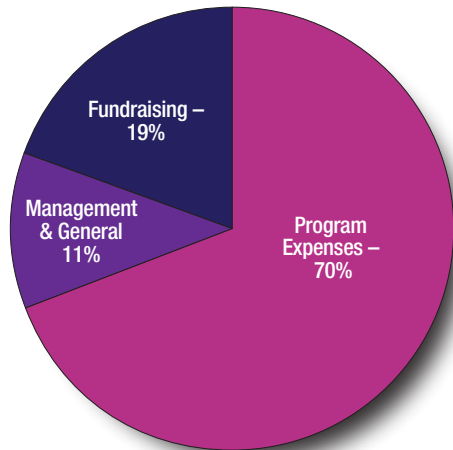
	2019
Revenue:	
Contributions	\$41,312
Grants	\$770,107
Other Fundraising	\$309,089
Investment Income	\$72,899
Total Revenue	\$1,193,407

Expenses:	
Program Services	\$776,670
Management and General	\$107,513
Fundraising	\$193,971
Total Expenses	\$1,078,154

<i>Change in Net Assets</i>	\$115,253
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$2,166,779
Net Assets End of Year	\$2,282,032



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“Many students were able to use what they learned from SHARP to make connections and do background research to strengthen their science fair projects.”
– ALBA 3rd grade teacher

“One of my students was almost non-verbal, but when we began discussing animals they opened up like never before!”
– Blessed Sacrament K4 teacher



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I learned that computers use code to move an object in a certain way. It's not as simple as it seems!”

– Kaiya, Banting Elementary 4th grade DTC student

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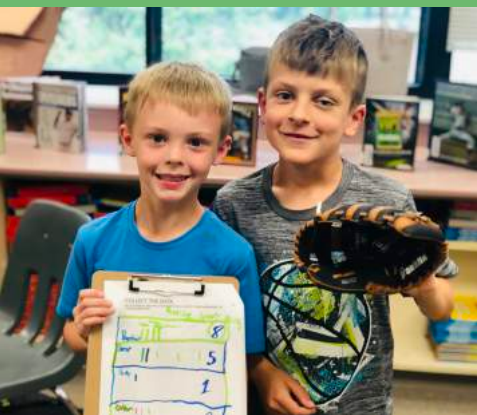
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SHARP partners with educators to foster a love of learning and brighten children's futures through innovative STEAM-based experiential programs.



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This program is truly amazing! This experience will surely change not only the lives of our seniors, but our students in finding the love of service! Thank you!”

– Taheréh DeLeón,
Principal, Whittier
Elementary School



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After the field trip to Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful one student was surprised at how many uses you could get from the things we throw in the garbage. He said they would look for ways to have their family try harder to recycle.

– Metcalfe Elementary
3rd grade teacher

