

# GPOA FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Helping children and youth dream bigger dreams....



Her smile says it all:

***“Look what I can do!”***

*The photo is of a participant in the Café Hope program, which teaches life skills as well as cooking and hospitality expertise. Like all of the programs that the foundation supports, it brings out the best in the youth that it serves.*

I’ve long held the belief that children can do almost anything if we give them the tools, practice, and responsibility. Whether it is learning to read, play the drums, cook a healthy meal, or act in a play, children and youth can achieve success. Each success then builds confidence to try another new skill and master that. The sky is the limit!

*Lisa Kaichen, Foundation Manager*

## 5 Tips for Successful Site Visits

1. Let visitors see a typical day, not a ‘show’, at an on-site visit
2. Allow visitors to speak with program participants as well as staff and leadership
3. Provide a short orientation or debriefing opportunity
4. Be prepared to answer questions about your request
5. Help us understand how our support could make something great even better

# Our Grantees are busy.....

The GPOA Foundation focuses its grant-making on four major goals:

**Children will be successful learners and benefit from an excellent education.**

**Youth will be prepared for college or work.**

**Children and youth will expand their life horizons through participation in enriching activities.**

**Families, teachers and caregivers will know best practices for nurturing and helping children**



## ...creating successful learners

- Ben Franklin High School** *spurs interest and expertise in math through Khan methods*
- Algiers Charter School Association** *Books that Grow, teaches the same books at different levels*
- Boys Hope Girls Hope** *provides Academic Coordinators at their residential homes*
- Breakthrough New Orleans** *uses college students to teach and mentor younger youth*
- Bricolage Academy** *provides individual academic support for kindergarteners and first graders*
- Community Works of New Orleans** *Stepping Up Project*
- Communities in Schools** *provides AmeriCorp support in schools*
- Educare New Orleans** *offers an Early Childhood program at Columbia Parc*
- Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education** *summer orientation program*
- Robert L. Davison CDC** *small group tutoring program*
- STAIR** *Start the Adventure in Reading provides one-to-one reading and tutoring program*
- Cabrini High School and St. Augustine High School** *final year of GPOA Scholars program*

## ...preparing youth for college or work

- ◆ **Bard Early College** *Alumni Support Coordinator*
- ◆ **Café Hope** *Seeds of Success Job Training*
- ◆ **Holy Rosary Academy** *PAES vocational program*
- ◆ **Liberty's Kitchen** *Culinary Arts trainer*
- ◆ **Reconcile New Orleans** *life skills program retooling for replication*
- ◆ **Young Leadership Council**—*College preparatory assistance*

# ...enriching lives



**First Tee teaches life skills through the game of golf**

**Homer Plessy Charter School** *Strings Project*

**Junior Achievement** *financial literacy programs*

**Kingsley House** *summer camp*

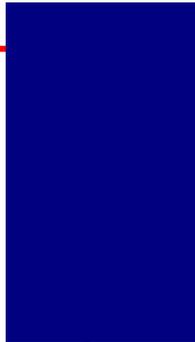
**Louisiana Green Corps Youth** *Construction/Conservation Corps*

**New Orleans Ballet Association** *dance lessons in the city's recreation centers*

**New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy** *Summer Robotics program*

**New Orleans Police and Justice Foundation** *Cops for Kids*

- ◆ **Nonprofit KnowledgeWorks—Youth Data Project**
- ◆ **Playworks Louisiana** *coaches for recess and programs in the schools*
- ◆ **Press Street** *Big Class young writers program*
- ◆ **Raintree Children and Family Services** *independent living program*
- ◆ **Roots of Music** *marching band music and homework help program*
- ◆ **Silence is Violence** *music program*
- ◆ **St. Anna's Episcopal Church** *Anna's Arts for Kids*
- ◆ **St. Michael Special School** *Adaptive Arts program*
- ◆ **Second Harvest Food Bank** *Cooking Matters program*
- ◆ **SELA Boy Scouts** *Scout Reach program*
- ◆ **Uptown Music Theater** *theatre program in the schools*
- ◆ **Victories in Service** *homework help and teaching character through baseball*



## .....building strong families and resilient youth

**CADA (Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse)** *Too Good for Drugs program*

**Covenant House** *mental health counselor*

**Crossroads NOLA** *secures adoptive families for kids*

**Early Learning Foundation/Wilson School** *resources for early childhood educators*

**Family Service** *NOLA Dads builds strong father-child ties through training classes*

**Jewish Family Services** *Teen Life Counts Suicide Prevention in the schools*

**Liberty City CDC** *mental health and parenting support*

**Louisiana Center for Children's Rights** *multi-disciplinary defense teams for youth in the justice system*

**Tulane University School of Medicine** *Triple P parenting program*



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## Beyond Grantmaking: We are here to help.

Before becoming a grant-maker close to 20 years ago, I was the Executive Director of child-serving agencies for fourteen years. I've been where you are: struggling for funds, working with a board, dealing with complex volunteer and staff concerns —and sometimes feeling overwhelmed.

You are not alone. I am happy to connect you with other grantees who have successfully faced similar issues. I have a library of

books about leadership, fundraising, effective boards and more. I am happy to loan these books to you.

Throughout the year, watch for notices of free “Lunch and Learns” hosted by GPOA and notice of training opportunities in the community.

Remember, the Foundation sees you as a partner in our mission of *helping children dream bigger dreams and gain the skills to reach them.*

We couldn't do it without you!



*Lisa M. Kaichen*  
Foundation Manager