

Annual Report 2017-2018
Fiscal Year 2018

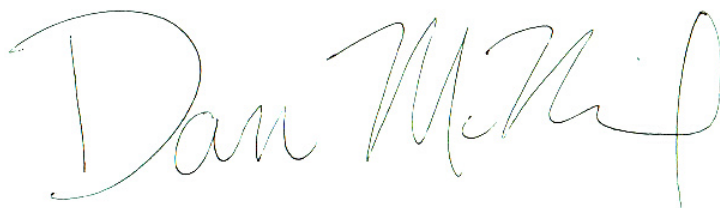


The staff and board of Spring Forward strive to help our kids reach their full potential by providing support beyond the school bell. Research has shown that where our most vulnerable students fall behind is not in the classroom, but in the hours when they are out of school and do not have access to the same types of learning experiences and enrichment opportunities as their more affluent peers. Because of this, we are dedicated to offering the highest quality out-of-school time programs at no cost to our families.

This past year, we served more than 600 children in our after-school programs and summer enrichment camps. Our dedicated staff helped students with homework, provided literacy instruction and enrichment activities, and served meals. We grew existing programs and added new ones, including soccer club at three schools and Kids on Campus at Augustana College.

We organized partners from both sides of the river to advance high quality after-school and summer programs for all Quad Cities' kids. In April, we hosted Catherine Lindroth, the CEO of industry leader Summer Collab to lead workshops that included curriculum planning and system building. We also organized Stepping Up for Summer Learning, the single largest National Summer Learning Day event in Iowa or Illinois, where we hosted more than 800 kids from fifteen different camps.

All of our efforts are part of a growing movement to make out-of-school time learning in the Quad Cities the best it can be. Looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year, we hope to continue building partnerships and growing programs so that we can help our families succeed.



2017-18

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Summer Enrichment Camps

Our 2018 summer enrichment camps hosted 388 students from the Rock Island-Milan School District. Camps were held at five elementary schools and covered six weeks of our students' eight-week summer break. Camps were designed to maximize fun and learning to help campers avoid the "summer slide" that occurs while they are out of school. Camp days included field trips, literacy instruction, enrichment activities, and playtime.

All of our camps are offered at no cost to families thanks to major support from the Doris and Victor Day Foundation, Deere Foundation and Rock Island-Milan School District.

Stopping the
Summer Slide

85%

of campers maintained or
gained in reading levels
in 2017



Stepping Up for Summer Learning

Spring Forward hosted the Second Annual Stepping Up for Summer Learning on July 12, 2018. The event was the single largest National Summer Learning Day event in Iowa or Illinois with more than 800 children from fifteen Quad Cities Area summer camps at the TaxSlayer Center. Stepping Up included a rock band, enrichment activities, a book give away, lunch, and more.

Stepping Up for Summer Learning was sponsored by John Deere.

Children entering 6th and 7th grade were introduced to the college experience at Spring Forward's Kids on Campus. Campers spent mornings at Augustana College, where they participated in activities led by faculty from the Biology, Geography, Art, Music, and Informational Technology Services Departments. The camp provided children their first glimpse of college while participating in a wealth of experiences from a variety of disciplines.

Kids on Campus was offered to families at no cost thanks to The Doris and Victor Day Foundation, Ascentra Credit Union Foundation, and Rock Island Rotary.

Kids on Campus

Each camper had
75 hours of
enrichment
activities
on campus and in the community

Augustana Student Leaders

Every summer, Spring Forward camps employ students from local colleges and universities. Students have been some of our best leaders and we are grateful to be able to provide them with not only a summer job, but one that offers practical experience in their field of study.

This past summer we were fortunate to have five outstanding leaders from Augustana's teacher education program who led Kids on Campus as part of their summer coursework. Each leader was responsible for their own squad of campers, guiding them through campus activities and reading lessons. We will always remember Eden Haas, Alyssa McCannon, Emily McHugh, Barb Ramont, and Ashley Talken as the team that helped us launch Kids on Campus.

250 kids from the Rock Island-Milan School District participated in Spring Forward after-school programs at six elementary schools. We focused enrollment on children in kindergarten through third grade with the goal of having all program participants reading at grade level by third grade. Our staff included certified teachers who provided literacy instruction. Other elements included homework help, STEM activities, and art projects led by staff and community enrichment partners.

After-school programs are made possible through the generous support of our foundations and donors.

After School Programs

Kids can't learn if they're hungry

MORE THAN

14,000

after-school meals were served at Spring Forward programs last year



Spring Forward Soccer Club

Soccer is the sport of choice for many kids in our community, however, costs related to club and organized teams can create barriers to playing. Knowing this, Spring Forward offered an after-school soccer club at Frances Willard, Rock Island Academy, and Earl Hanson. Each club practiced one night a week then competed in head-to-head matches. Two of our most dedicated participants were awarded scholarships to play with the Rock Island Futbol (soccer) Club.

Soccer Club was sponsored by the Rauch Foundation and Rock Island Community Foundation.

In 2017-2018 Spring Forward's Family Literacy Program completed its second year. The program was offered to immigrant and refugee families at Church of Peace. Our classes for adult English learners were designed to teach students literacy and life skills in an engaging, compassionate setting. Families enrolled in the program come from many different countries and speak many different languages, including Burmese, French, Karen, Swahili, Kirundi and Arabic.

The program was offered at no cost to families thanks to support from Rock Island-Milan School District and Theisen's.

Family Literacy Program

Growing
community
46

families have
received instruction
at the Family
Literacy Program
since 2016

Early Learner Program

One of the features that sets Spring Forward's literacy program apart from others in the area is the Early Learner Program. While adults learned English, their young children were onsite and learning as well. The multicultural program had fifteen children ages six months to four years old. Caring staff and volunteers worked on basic skills to help prepare children for pre-school and kindergarten.

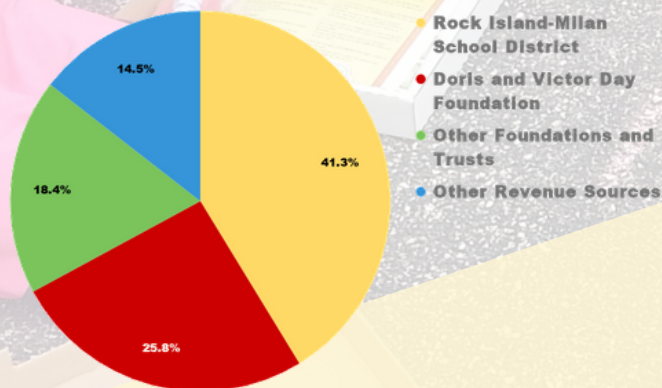
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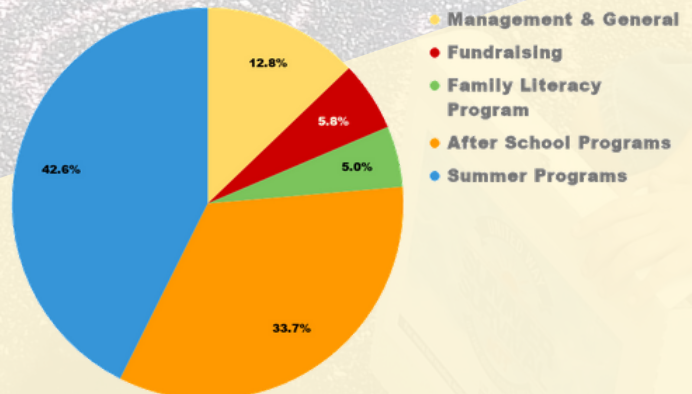
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opportunities for our students and their families**



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