POWERING SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OUR YOUTH

The Greater Lawrence Summer Fund (GLSF) focuses on closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for thousands of low-income youth in Greater Lawrence each year by providing enrichment activities during out-of-school time. For over 25 years, this fund has supported high-quality summer programs that achieve these three important outcomes:

1. Enhance social, academic and emotional abilities
2. Discourage unhealthy behaviors by providing safe alternatives
3. Reduce the summer learning gap between low-income youth and their more affluent peers
LAWRENCE YOUTH NEED OUR SUPPORT...

![Statistical Infographics]

BUT... **GOOD THINGS** ARE ALSO HAPPENING FOR OUR LAWRENCE YOUTH.

While the statistics prove that Lawrence youth face many challenges, there is good work happening by the schools and nonprofits that are improving the lives of our young people. Just visit any of our 46 funded programs and you will see vital work that is:

1) Improving learning scores.

2) Increasing physical activity and access to healthy foods.

3) Giving youth access to hands-on summer learning opportunities.

The Greater Lawrence Summer Fund is doing its part to help.

It was wonderful to see children of different backgrounds come together to work on a project that they enjoyed and gave them a sense of accomplishment. This year, we had students with disabilities and I was so proud to see how these children were embraced by the broader group and how they were truly part of the team.

- A 2019 GLSF Grant Recipient (shared during final report)
EACH DAY WAS EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL AND TAUGHT ME MORE ABOUT MY LEADERSHIP STYLE AND WHAT I’D LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE.

- A 2019 GLSF Program Participant

GLSF 2019
THE BIG PICTURE:

46 programs supported

$249,100 granted

8,590 youth served

youth ages 0-28 engaged
Preschool- to high school-aged youth participated in a series of free educational and artistic programs featuring musicians, puppeteers, magicians, storytellers and animal exhibits.

Groups of students in grades 6-8 studied workers’ rights during the Lawrence Bread and Roses strike of 1912, along with parallel working conditions in the textile mills of Lowell. The four-week session culminated in public presentations that stretched the students’ public speaking skills.

Students learned about diet-related diseases prevalent in the Lawrence community and went on to complete five unique service-learning projects aimed at increasing community awareness of healthy dietary options and diabetes prevention.

Youth participated in a high quality, collaborative, multi-sport camp that exposed them to a variety of top-level fitness trainers, sports professionals, college coaches and motivational speakers.

Students from traditionally underrepresented college-going backgrounds were paired with near-peer mentors (college students from Greater Lawrence) in a nine-week program designed to help them realize their dream of a college education.

**AREAS OF IMPACT**

Lawrence youth need support throughout the summer months and out-of-school-time, when they are often away from the guidance of caring adults.

The Greater Lawrence Summer Fund makes a wide range of high-quality summer programs possible. These programs keep kids safe, but also make an enormous impact in these key enrichment areas:

- **Summer learning gap**
- **Opportunity gap**
- **Healthy lifestyles**
- **College and career readiness**
- **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- **Writing**
- **Arts**

2019 SUMMER IMPACT IN ACTION
OUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

GLSF funds are awarded to ensure that many areas of programming are covered. The programs we support address these needs:

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*Grantee programs may operate in multiple fields and/or impact areas.

OUR GRANT PROCESS & REVIEW

Essex County Community Foundation, working with an all-volunteer grant committee, raises funds annually and distributes those funds to organizations that best meet the Fund’s program priorities.

On behalf of GLSF, ECCF accepts grant proposals from qualified 501(c)(3) organizations to support summer programs serving Greater Lawrence youth. GLSF applications were due March 15, 2019, with grants awarded at the end of May.
A CLOSER LOOK INSIDE GLSF PROGRAMS

OUR WORK IN REDUCING THE SUMMER LEARNING GAP

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OUR WORK IN GIVING ALL YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY

There is a very real difference between the educational and economic opportunities available to youth in Lawrence versus the majority of their peers living in Essex County. Many do not have access to resources like Internet or transportation to seek out opportunities beyond the city, leaving them with little to no control over their personal growth.

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Teach for America Massachusetts Summer Institute

Teamwork skills at Phillips Academy’s PALS program

Esperanza student horseback riding at Windrush Farm

Trust-building at Governor’s Academy
The Lawrence Public Schools lack adequate physical education facilities to accommodate the ever-growing student population. At the same time, there are limited private sports organizations in the city offering healthy living programs. Our children suffer the consequences with higher rates of childhood obesity and diabetes.
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