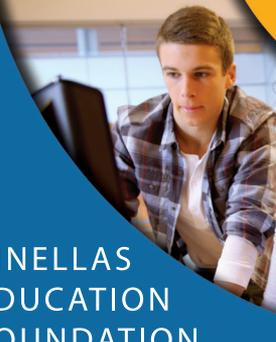




YEARS

REPORT TO
THE COMMUNITY



PINELLAS
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION



Dear Friends,

You have made a difference. Each year, we report on the lives impacted by the dedication and hard work of everyone who has donated, volunteered, mentored and supported us. This past year, as we welcomed our new president, Stacy Carlson, you did not disappoint. Perhaps it was the glow from celebrating our 30th Birthday, but the smiles of our graduating Take Stock

in Children scholars seemed a bit brighter. The energy from our precocious fifth grade students in Enterprise Village seemed a bit more intense. The creativity from our Next Generation Tech and Entrepreneurs participants seemed a bit more inspired.

Because of your support this past year:

- More than 324 educators received grants that enhanced student achievement.
- 300 students who are on free or reduced lunch received one of our Take Stock in Children (TSIC) Scholarships to attend college or technical school
- 187 graduated high school with a TSIC Scholarship and many are the first in their family to go on to college.
- More than 700 of you changed a life by mentoring TSIC scholars.
- Over 100 students who dropped out of High School or were on the edge of not graduating had their life trajectory recovered through Youth Connect.
- 12,000 fifth grade students and 10,000 eighth grade students learned about free enterprise and personal finance through Enterprise Village and Finance Park
- 420 students honed their creative ideas and learned how to create a business in our Next Generation Entrepreneurs and Next Generation Tech programs.
- The graduation rate of students in the Academies of Pinellas was 96%!

Thank you for your commitment and passion. Thank you for helping us bridge academics with real world application so that our students are prepared for life after graduation. I would like to thank each of you for your part in those endeavors.

Sincerely,

Gary Regoli
Chair

SOLUTIONS

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ENTERPRISE



GUS STAVROS

It's only natural when celebrating our 30th Anniversary to also celebrate the man who founded us, Gus Stavros. In his own words:

To accomplish our goal of a self-contained economic education program, the Foundation was born. It consisted of CEOs from all our major Pinellas County businesses. Their dedication and generosity made Enterprise Village a reality.

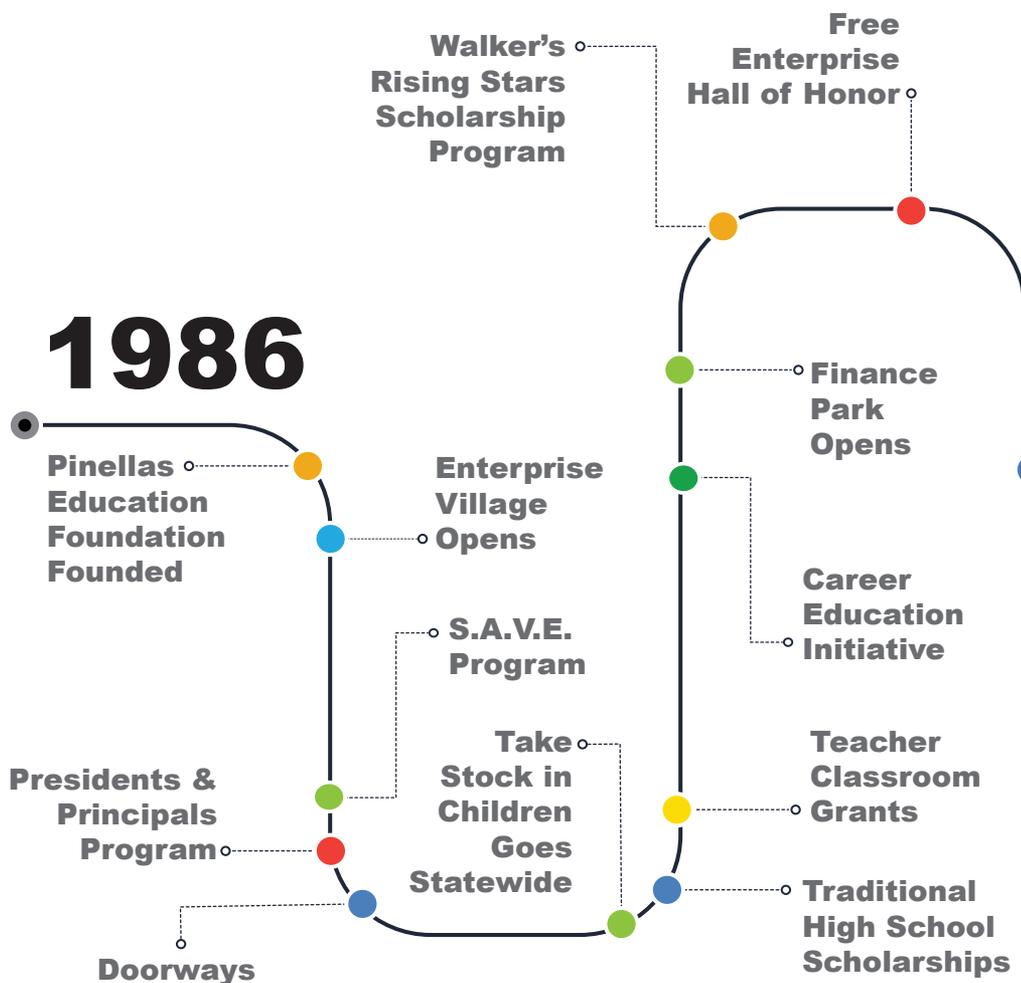
There is no way that we could have ever envisioned the dozens of programs currently available to Pinellas County students and teachers. Finance Park, Take Stock in Children, Future Plans, Youth Connect, SAVE, Walker's Rising Stars and Evening of Excellence are just a few of the many programs and opportunities we have been able to offer because of the amazing generosity of our business community.

We have had outstanding business leaders through the years but the heart of the Foundation rests with the President of the Foundation and her incredibly creative and dedicated staff. Their vision and hard work is the reason Frances and I believe that the next 30 years will be even better than the last. Their commitment to Free Enterprise and Career Education has provided Pinellas County students with the tools to succeed in an ever changing world. With the continued financial support of our business community, we will make it happen.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

In March of 2017, the Foundation welcomed Dr. Stacy Carlson as its new president. Her previous experience and success in the education and nonprofit industry makes her a natural fit for the Foundation's efforts to continue delivering the best innovative solutions for the students and teachers in Pinellas County. Her vision will lead the Foundation forward as we continue to bridge academics with real world application, support innovative ideas and promote multiple career pathways after high school.





CURRENT AND FORMER

Pinellas Education Foundation Chairpersons

Gus A. Stavros (1986 - 93)
Jack Critchfield (1993 - 95)
Bill Johnson (1995 - 97)
Gerald Hogan (1997 - 99)
Richard Austin (1999 - 01)
Mitchell Lee (2001 - 03)
Jean Giles Wittner (2003 - 05)

William B. Habermeyer (2005 - 06)
R.D. (Bob) McIntyre (2006 - 08)
Irwin Novack (2008 - 10)
Craig Sher (2010 - 12)
James (Jim) Myers (2012 - 14)
Cathy Collins (2014 - 16)
Gary Regoli (2016 - Present)



IN 1989, THREE YEARS after its initial concept, Enterprise Village opened its doors to its first 5th grade class.

BRYAN OGLESBY, now the Director of Public Relations and Outreach for Better Business Bureau West Florida, was one of the 5th grade students from Southern Oak who first experienced this business environment while learning about free enterprise and how to work as a team. His recollection is clear. ***“I was amazed. It felt a little like walking into a mall with all the storefronts.”***

Looking back, Bryan appreciated the fact that his experience taught him

about managing money and building a solid work ethic. ***“This was my first opportunity to work in a job, and it helped me appreciate business and money at an early age.”***

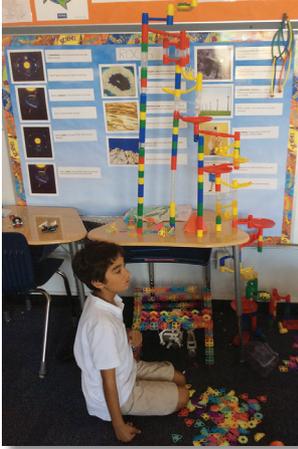
On May 24, 2017, Bryan volunteered while his oldest daughter, Makena, took her turn attending Enterprise Village. ***“We’ve come full circle,”*** Bryan stated.

For her part, Makena seemed just as enamored with her experience as her dad. ***“This has been really fun and educational,”*** Makena said. ***“I’ve enjoyed working with other people I normally don’t hang out with.”***

When it came time for Makena to apply for a job, her decision was easy. ***“I chose to work at the Better Business Bureau since my dad works there.”***

And while Makena said she’d prefer to be a dancer or a designer when she gets older, she also stated that she would consider working at a business like BBB, partially because her dad is such an inspiration to her.

Bryan enjoyed his day on the other side this time. ***“Watching my daughter have the same experience I did as a kid was special. It made me feel like a kid again.”***



FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS at Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School Center for Innovation and Digital Learning are combining their love of LEGOS with the cutting-edge elements of robotics. Their teacher, Robert Stall, applied for a grant to fund his classroom to bring to life LEGO robotics as part of their STEM curriculum. “I requested assistance to help our students learn about team work, engineering, and programming in the STEM fields...our plan is to take our LEGO robotics to the STEM Expo to display the work of our students,” Stall said.

The fund a classroom grants are important to schools like Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School, because they do not receive any funding from other sources to enhance the learning experience in their classrooms.

“Our school is building up our STEM materials to keep in our Innovation Lab. Without funding like this, we would not be able to purchase materials for a hands-on experience like this.”

“I appreciate every aspect of the Foundation’s Take Stock in Children program. If it were not for this scholarship, going to college after high school graduation would have been very difficult on me. I say this because my parents did not go to college and neither did the majority of my family members. It wouldn’t be possible to go to college if it weren’t for you!

It’s highly important that I do everything in my power to show how appreciative I am. You helped me maintain my confidence throughout high school. While at Boca Ciega High School, I attended the medical program. I’ve always dreamt of being a veterinarian and taking care of any and all types of animals.

I am currently enrolled in SPC and plan on joining their vet program and from there I will be transferring to USF to further my college career. It’s unbelievable that I’ve been given the opportunity to live out one of my dreams. I don’t think you understand how much of an impact your help has encouraged me. I cannot thank you enough for supporting me through this journey.”

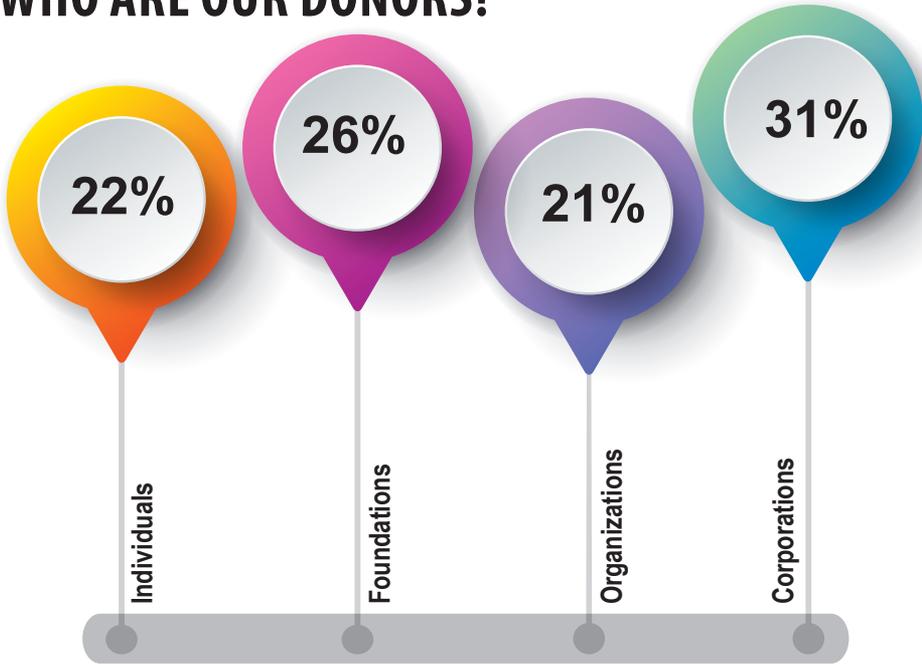


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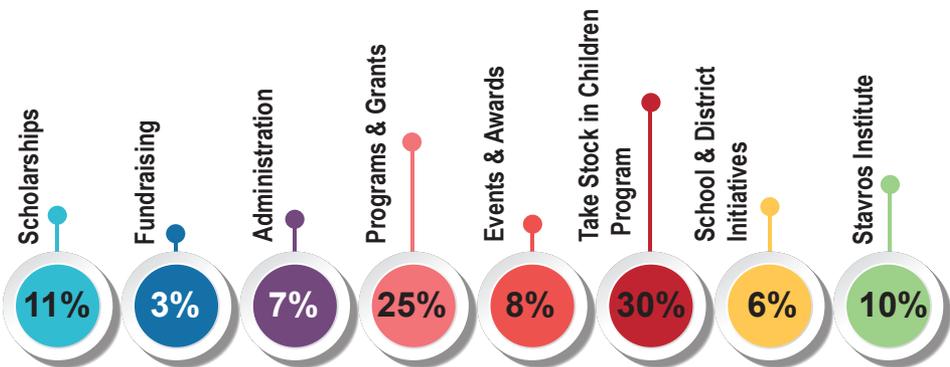
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