

FLITE is an education foundation dedicated to continuing the excellence in T/E Schools. Helping to provide a good start for all students by funding preschool programs is one possible way FLITE could give every student the benefit of all that the district offers.



**Creating
Opportunities**

**Enhancing
Achievement**

The Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) is a non-profit organization that seeks private donations to fund innovative and creative programs for T/E School District students. FLITE's special emphasis is on programs that reach students who are currently unable to take full advantage of T/E's outstanding programs.

Although completely independent of the school district in its operation, FLITE will seek to align all programs with the district curriculum.

FLITE is an IRS recognized non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code.

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Residents Form Education Foundation in Tredyffrin/Easttown

The result could be exciting new opportunities for T/E students and families

We all know students who could perform better in school, but for a variety of reasons, they struggle. Due to financial, environmental, or emotional issues, some students can not benefit from all that our district schools offer. For example, some students do not have access to tutoring. Some students can not participate in extra curricular activities due to a lack of transportation. Some kindergartners start behind the rest of their classmates because they couldn't attend preschool. Whatever the reason, the result is the same. Good kids struggle; then the spiral begins.

The T/E School District does a superb job offering many great opportunities for its students, but there are still obstacles that make it difficult to level the playing field for all students. To address these issues, a group of private individuals within the community have joined to create an education foun-

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approaches, parents might be thinking about teacher gifts. They could recognize special staff members by making donations to FLITE in their names. Or others may want to make donations in honor of longtime T/E residents or alumni.

Second, you could volunteer your time. Check out FLITE's website for a list of volunteer opportunities. The website also includes our mission statement, a list of community members on FLITE's board, and lots of other information.

Third, you could give us ideas for programs you'd like FLITE to consider funding. Keep in mind that FLITE will not be creating or operating the newly designed programs, just funding them. We'll be looking to partner with district staff members or community members who have ideas about how to make a difference in the lives of some of our very own students.

Finally, you can pass the word about FLITE to your friends and neighbors. Together we can all make a difference!

Learn more about FLITE:

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How can the community get involved?

First, you can make a tax-deductible donation to FLITE. Contributions of any amount would be appreciated, and there are many ways to make these donations. For example, as the end of the school year

FLITE makes so much sense for so many reasons. It will support excellence in our schools, assist students who need to receive extra help, and may even relieve some concerns related to school financing. Excellent schools at reasonable costs translate to a healthy community and strong property values. Everyone benefits. The historic generosity of T/E residents will make FLITE a long-term fixture in the community.

**Community support will
guarantee a successful
FLITE ...
... for all our children!**



FLITE Chair Tom Colman goes over foundation details with Perry Teillon, Development Chair, and Kathy Lieb, Program Review & Evaluation Chair.

the ranks of additional residents who are excited about FLITE's mission. That list includes twenty four voting and three non-voting members of the Board of Trustees, all of whom again represent a cross section of the community. Currently under development is also an Advisory Board of Directors, which will pull together the expertise of many other community members who are committed to FLITE. Also being assembled are additional committee volunteers to help execute FLITE's mission.

Enthusiasm for FLITE Continues to Grow

From FLITE's inception in the fall of 2005, one important goal has been the involvement of the entire T/E community, both past and present, and from all walks of life. Residents involved in originally forming the foundation come from all parts of the T/E area: Tom Colman, Wendy DiRico, and Sandi Gorman (Wayne); Hank Lloyd (Berwyn); Mike Heaberg (Devon); Rev. Dick Streeter and Sheilah Vance (Paoli); John Beatty (Valley Forge); and Stodie Watts (Malvern).

Working closely with them in the initial planning were Dr. Dan Waters, T/E Superintendent, and Michael Azzara, T/E Chief Operations Officer, as well as a broad range of T/E parents, teachers, and guidance counselors, who were interviewed for ideas during the organizational stages.

A second planning phase involved the creation of a working Board of Trustees selected from

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Questions about FLITE?

1. Do other communities in the area have educational foundations?
 Yes. A number of local communities have foundations that have accomplished much for their districts in the past few years. Radnor, Haverford, and Unionville ChaddsFord are just a few of them.

2. What kinds of programs will be supported by FLITE?
 Until people start to submit proposals it's hard to know for sure, but some examples of possible programs are pre-school education programs, transportation programs for after-school activities, or tutoring programs.

3. Where will FLITE get its funds?
 FLITE initially plans to operate through donations from individuals, businesses, and grants from larger education foundations. However, other funding options are currently being explored as well. FLITE will not be funded using tax dollars.

4. Is there an alumni program associated with FLITE?
 FLITE is already working with the existing alumni group for T/E High School graduates and plans to help organize an alumni association for Conestoga High School graduates. Alumni support and donations will be an important part of FLITE's overall fundraising program.

For more answers to your questions about FLITE, please visit our website, www.flite-pa.org, or call 610-240-1860.

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I would like to join the volunteer efforts of FLITE. I am interested in working with

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I have an idea for a program that could really make a difference to T/E's public school children. Please have a member of FLITE contact me.