



Annual Report Year-ending June 30, 2008

FLITE's mission is to support excellence in the T/E schools, with a special emphasis on helping disadvantaged students. In just over two years of service to our community, there is clear evidence that FLITE is making a positive difference in the lives of local children.

In the year ending June 30, 2008, FLITE renewed its financial support for five programs and added four new ones. FLITE-sponsored programs helped over 200 students to overcome obstacles to their academic achievement.

Of course, none of this would be possible without three vital elements:

- ✧ the dedication of the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District staff
- ✧ the hard work of a rapidly expanding network of community volunteers
- ✧ the generosity of our donors and vendors.

Members of TEEA and TENIG, the TESD administration, the T/E School Board, FLITE's Board of Trustees, FLITE's Advisory Board of Directors, FLITE volunteers, the Conestoga High School FLITE Club, the PTO's, and many other community members worked together to make a difference for children who need just a little extra help. The financial support of FLITE donors and vendors made it all possible.

FLITE-Supported Programs

FLITE supported the following programs in 2007/2008:

- ✧ After-school tutoring and homework programs, and transportation, in all elementary schools
- ✧ After-school tutoring and homework programs, and transportation, in both middle schools
- ✧ Low-cost pre-school and daycare partnership with the Upper Main Line YMCA
- ✧ "Music in Our Schools", providing no-cost or low-cost musical instruments
- ✧ Summer Remedial Reading Program, in partnership with the Delaware Valley Friends School
- ✧ College/Post-High School Preparation & Planning Workshops
- ✧ Computer support for the "Kids First Now" Tutoring Program at the Carr School in Wayne
- ✧ Summer Required Reading Book Program
- ✧ Paoli Library Summer Reading Safari

The last four programs in the list were new this year. The College/Post-High School Preparation and Planning Workshops targeted Conestoga students who may not have ever considered that college could be in their future. The program resulted in several students applying to college.

We expect to support several more new programs in the upcoming year. If you have an idea or a grant request, please let us know by contacting FLITE through our web site, www.flite-pa.org.

FLITE's Continuing Focus

The people of T/E are generous people, who recognize that some children in our neighborhoods do not have all of the resources required to succeed in many of the fine programs offered by our schools. They may lack the financial, emotional, or environmental supports. Some lack the transportation necessary for participating in pre-school, after-school, or remedial activities. Some lack the preparation or skills required for school success. These situations, temporary or long lasting, can prevent students from ever getting the chance to reach their full potential. Every child needs a good education. It helps them, their families, our community, and our country.

The T/E Schools offer a broad array of support programs, but budget constraints make it impossible for the School District to meet every need. FLITE provides a mechanism to channel community generosity to help kids in need to overcome barriers to learning and get a good start in life.

Fund Raising

We successfully completed our second annual "Help FLITE Help Kids" campaign, and hope to build on its success again this fall.

We greatly expanded our Staff Tribute Program, where students and parents make a contribution to FLITE as a way of expressing appreciation for the fine work of a particular teacher or staff member. We were especially gratified by the Staff Tribute donations from parents of fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth-grade students, as their children approached the conclusion of elementary, middle or high school years.

Our administrative expenses continued to run at less than 2% of the funds we collect; and we continue to require progress reports and evaluations of all programs that we support.

FLITE's costs continue to rise. We are hit hard by gas prices, since transportation costs are a major item for FLITE. We need continued financial support more than ever.

Contributions to FLITE are tax-deductible (we are an approved 501[c]3 organization), and may be sent to *FLITE, PO Box 806, Southeastern, PA 19399-0806*. Further information is available at our website, www.flite-pa.org.

Annual Meeting

FLITE's 2008 Annual Meeting is September 24, 2008, at 7:30 pm, at the T/E School District Administrative Offices, 940 West Valley Road, Suite 1700, Wayne, PA 19087.

In Conclusion

FLITE has had a very successful year. I am so thankful to all who continue to make this possible. And, while they may not know you by name, children and families throughout Tredyffrin and Easttown are so grateful to you. You are making lives better.

Thank you for your continued support of FLITE,



Tom Colman, Chair
FLITE Board of Trustees