



Dear Friends of the Foundation:

As we wrap up our first full year of operation, the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation thanks you for your support. As a supporter of the foundation, you have made a difference in the lives of students in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

Since the beginning of 2011, the foundation has provided FCPS and school programs with more than \$400,000. You have invested in College Access, Fairfax Digital Equipment for students, Neediest Kids, Expanding Visions, Honors Awards, Teacher Grants, the Education Summit, the Annual Leadership Conference, Early Identification, Girls in Engineering, Science and Engineering Fair, Thomas Jefferson High School Summer Technology Institute Scholarship and STEM Initiatives.

The foundation held two programs during 2011. The FCPS Honors awards gala was created to celebrate and recognize the greatest achievements in education. The first annual event was made possible through the new collaboration with the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools, a non-profit educational institution, whose mission is to advance the goals of FCPS through resource development and business partnerships.

This high profile event was held on June 1 at the George Mason University Center for the Arts and was attended by 600 educators, guests, business partners, and the media. The 109 nominees and recipients for the 2011 Outstanding First Year Teacher, Outstanding First Year Principal, Support Employee of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Principal of the Year awards were honored. The founding board members of the Foundation for FCPS were also recognized for their outstanding contributions to our school system.

In August, the Foundation held its first annual Char-a-oke fundraising event with attendance of 250 business leaders, community supporters and our elected officials that helped us raise more than \$30,000. The event was held at Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Lots of fun, good singing performances and networking occurred throughout the evening.

All of our activities are fueled by the funds received through direct donations from our business community and friends of the foundation. We are thankful for your support in 2011 and we look forward in working with you in 2012.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Frisch  
Executive Director  
Education Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools