

Thriving Schools, Thriving Community

Edgewater Collective Highlights of 2016

Collective Thank You

Our 2016 highlights would be impossible without the people and organizations that are partnering with our mission of thriving Edgewater families, schools and community. So with this year's report, I wanted to start with some thank you's:

Our Board: I'm so thankful for our board members (Grant Babb, Robert Case, Camille Howells, Chris Mendez, Jesus Ornelas and Joan Seivert) and the wisdom and experience they bring to this team.

The Daniels Fund: This year the Daniels Fund doubled their investment in our Jefferson Success Pathway efforts. Our work in education would not be possible without their partnership.

Our Community Partners: There are over 30 organizations investing in children cradle to career in the 80214 area. We are so thankful for their work and the tireless hours they invest in this community and its children. Special thank you to Jefferson Unitarian Church and your investment in our area and the Lumberg Reading Club.

Teachers and School Staff: I am so thankful for the teachers and school staff in the 80214 area. They truly care deeply about children and their success. They have an extremely hard task of educating children who have many different roadblocks in front of them from family poverty to language barriers and immigration struggles.

Followers, Business Sponsors and Donors: You are part of this unfolding story here in Edgewater. Whether you give \$5 or \$100, read our email updates or follow us on social media, you are part of Edgewater Collective.

Thank you all and we look forward to working with you in 2017,

Joel Newton
Executive Director

Now read on for more on what we have done together in 2016...

Jefferson Success Pathway



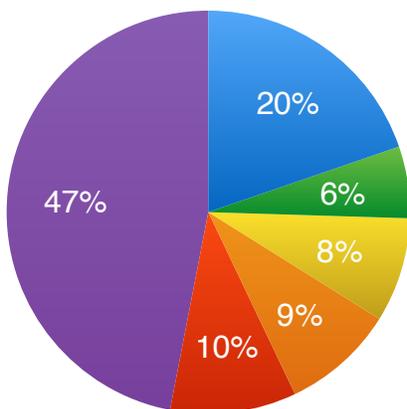
- We released our second Community Report in November outlining the external impacts on our local schools like the lack of affordable housing as well as the progress towards our cradle to career goals
- We gave out five classroom mini-grants to inspire innovation in area schools
- We developed an online data hub for partners to use for grant writing and storytelling with their supporters
- We worked with local media contacts to tell school stories like Jefferson graduates visiting elementary schools to inspire younger students to stay in school

Community Projects



- We continued our work managing the Jefferson Community Garden and worked with school staff to organize a Youth Farmer's Market
- We assisted a community volunteer in multiplying Book Nooks or little libraries around the Edgewater community. We now have seven in Edgewater.
- We brought partners in to lead workshops for parents on personal finance and renter's rights
- We organized the Jefferson Area Track Meet for elementary students
- We put on another successful Edgewater 5k in May

2016 Expenses



Stewarding Your Gifts

- Thanks to 38 new donors, returning donors and a Daniels Fund grant we raised \$137,944.59 in 2016 and our expenses were \$109,000
- We were able to hire a Community Liaison for part of the year to connect with parents
- We were able to rent an office space in Edgewater and broaden our exposure in the community.

Visit our website at edgewatercollective.org to keep up on what is happening in 2017!