

Moving Forward Together for Student Success

When our family moved to Edgewater in the summer of 2012, one of the first people that I met was Gina Hartley who owned the Edgewater Coffee Company. Gina's love for the Edgewater community and students was so contagious. Gina grew up in the Edgewater community, graduated from Jefferson High School and had a career in teaching.

For the past few years, Gina fought cancer and had to close her coffee shop. As the cancer took its toll, Gina expressed a desire to give back to students in the area. In talking with Gina and her family, we started the Gina Hartley Scholarship Fund in her honor for Jefferson graduates. Sadly, Gina passed away in the spring of 2017.

Gina's legacy continues in the scholarship fund in her honor. The picture above shows the five Jefferson graduates who received \$2,000 college scholarships through Gina's scholarship. This spring there will be another round of Jefferson graduates who will receive the Gina Hartley Scholarship.

Gina and her scholarship are a great example of the vision of Edgewater Collective. Our desire is to connect our community with our local schools and bring in the needed resources to help students succeed into a great career.

As we released our third Jefferson Community Report in January, we are very aware of the roadblocks to student success in our area. The data shows that learning gaps in math and literacy occur even before third grade. But we are seeing bright spots in the classroom and in schools, which show that learning growth is possible.

Thank you so much for partnering with us in this hard, yet meaningful, work for students,

Joel Newton
Executive Director

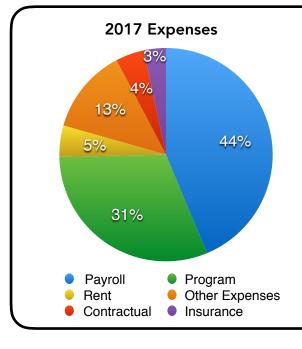
Now read on for more on what we have done together in 2017...

2017 Highlights

- Graduation rate at Jefferson Jr/Sr High School jumps to 80% for the Class of 2016
- We held our first Edgewater Community Festival to connect our schools to the community
- Thanks to the Jeffco Schools Foundation and Gina Hartley Scholarship, 80% of the 92 Jefferson graduates in the Class of 2017 received a college scholarship
- 45 graduates took part in our College Jumpstart program to help them get to college in the fall
- All of our local elementary schools improved in their school rating from the Colorado Department of Education
- 75% of the 6th grade honors students in the local elementary schools chose to attend Jefferson in the fall of 2017
- Jefferson Community Center was launched to connect families to resources

Exciting Opportunities in 2018

- Presentation of the Jefferson Success Pathway Community Report on January 26
- Edgewater Community Festival and 5k to connect our schools to the community on August 25
- Thanks to Edgewater City Manager HJ Stalf and the Edgewater City Council, this new year brings two exciting partnerships to the community. For years there has not been facilities outside of the schools for after school and summer programming in Edgewater. We are so excited for the opening of two new facilities for students and families this year!
 - Gold Crown Enrichment opened their after school art and technology site in Edgewater this January
 - New Edgewater Library opens as early as September to provide needed programming and resources for children and families



Stewarding Your Gifts

- Thanks to 87 new donors, returning donors and grants from Daniels Fund and Community First Foundation we raised \$116,440.77 in 2017
- Thanks to donors we were able to raise \$19,612.72 for scholarships through the Gina Hartley Scholarship Fund for Jefferson graduates

Visit our website at edgewatercollective.org to keep up on what is happening in 2018!