

the education alliance
2006 2007 annual report

OUR MISSION

TO CREATE POSITIVE, SYSTEMIC CHANGE
IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

OUR VISION

HIGHER STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR EVERY
CHILD IN WEST VIRGINIA

A NOTE OF WELCOME

Dear friends,

FOCUS on public education.

You will hear that message frequently as our theme for this year's Annual Report. The acronym FOCUS is based on our five core values Friendship, Opportunity, Community, Unity and Stewardship. These core values power our mission and vision, so it is only fitting that they are the unifying theme of this year's report.

- FRIENDSHIP:** To connect students with positive role models.
OPPORTUNITY: To learn, grow and contribute.
COMMUNITY: To actively support local schools.
UNITY: To cooperatively engage stakeholders in public education.
STEWARDSHIP: To directly impact student success.

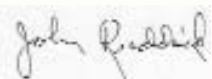
In these pages, we will highlight some of the key ways that our students, staff and supporters have helped us FOCUS through the 2006-2007 academic year. The diversity of our communities, personal and academic growth, individual achievement and service to others reflect the rich and vibrant public schools that exist in West Virginia. We hope you find our report informative, thought provoking and inspiring.

This year, we were very proud to celebrate our 23rd anniversary with Gary White, a well respected entrepreneur from southern West Virginia who has helped make a difference in public education. The Education Alliance took this opportunity to say thanks to Gary White for his passion and dedication to West Virginia during our 2006 Annual Dinner.

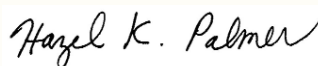
Also this year, we inducted our ninth class of Graduates of Distinction Ms. Betty Early Chilton from Charleston Newspapers and President and Mrs. David C. Hardesty Jr. from West Virginia University. The Education Alliance was honored to add three individuals of their caliber to its select list of graduates from West Virginia.

We express our heartfelt thanks to all those who work each day to help our focus become a reality.

Sincerely,



Mr. John Ruddick, Verizon
Chairman, Board of Directors



Dr. Hazel K. Palmer
President/CEO



2006 ANNUAL
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Susan Hardesty, David
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Jeri Mathoney

THE SEEDS PROGRAM

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

The 2006-2007 year was one of researching, planning and creative visioning for the newly developed SEEDS program.

After Gov. Joe Manchin III introduced the new three-year program designed to strengthen business education relationships and foster school improvement across the state in his January 2007 State of the State Address, The Education Alliance spearheaded the effort to shape a program that meets the unique needs of West Virginia's public schools.

SEEDS, an initiative loosely modeled after Florida's Partnership to Advance School Success program, partners a seasoned business leader and a master educator with a public school principal, who applied to be part of the program, with support from the county superintendent and county board of education. The following five principals were selected to participate based on criteria such as the principal's vision and the school's need:

Beckley Elementary School, Raleigh County

Principal: Sandra Sheatsley

Mentor: Austin Caperton, president of Caperton Energy

Berkeley Heights Elementary School, Berkeley County

Principal: Amber Boeckmann

Mentor: Frank McCluskey, provost of American Public University System Inc.

Clay Middle School, Clay County

Principal: Joe Paxton

Mentor: James W. Reed Jr., president of Reed Gas Inc.

Matewan High School, Mingo County

Principal: Marcella Charles

Mentor: Ray Justice, owner of BWB Enterprise

Valley High School, Wetzel County

Principal: Shawn Coen

Mentor: Elizabeth Kraftician, CEO of Touchstone Research Laboratory, Ltd.

In the coming years, each principal will work with the corporate mentor and an academic coach to design and implement innovative projects that improve student academic and social achievement. Each school will receive a grant of \$25,000 per year for three years to support these improvements and initiatives.



ALLIANCE HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD



PUBLIC EDUCATION NETWORK named The Education Alliance its 2006 recipient of the **WENDY D. PURIEFOY AWARD** at PEN's 16th Annual Conference on November 12, 2006.

The Puriefoy Award honors the nation's most outstanding local education fund for its contributions to create conditions of learning that benefit all children. The Education Alliance was selected from more than 80 other local education funds nationwide. The Alliance has been a member of the Public Education Network since PEN's founding in 1983.

SEEDS is funded through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts and private contributions. The SEEDS of Change fundraising campaign, which is slated to raise \$1 million in program funding, is co-chaired by Ralph Baxter, CEO of the global law firm Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, and John Chambers, chairman and CEO of Cisco Systems Inc. Current program supporters are American Public University System Inc., American Electric Power Foundation, The Chambers Family Foundation, Orrick, Herrington, Sutcliffe Foundation and Reed Gas, Inc.

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PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION

The Results based Partnership program continued to grow and experienced outstanding results from the efforts of participating schools and their business partners in 2006 2007. During the past school year, 19 school/business partnerships conducted mentoring and tutoring activities with their students.

Ohio County Schools Volunteer Reading Tutorial Initiative, housed at Elm Grove Elementary School, is a reading assistance program for first and second grade students. Tutors volunteered one day each week for one to two hours tutoring four to eight students one to one. The goal was to improve the students reading skills and build up more self confidence in this subject. The results suggested that the tutoring provided as an intervention strategy to improve reading levels was successful. A statistical analysis of the pre and post data confirmed that there were statistically significant improvements in students reading scores.

In Kearneysville, great things happened for the students at North Jefferson Elementary School. The United States Coast Guard Operations Center in Jefferson County partnered with the school and made this past year s partnership an enormous success. Led by Lt. Donald E. Shaffer, a dozen Coast Guard members volunteered with the Read to A Student program at the school and assisted in reading to students in various grades levels for 30 minutes each week. They also donated more than 20 computers and office furniture, at an estimated cost of \$200,000, to the school. Coast Guard members provided the installation, ongoing repair and upgrade services for the computers.

Resources to design and actively maintain the North Jefferson Elementary Web site was another benefit the school received from the partnership. Students received one on one mentoring through the Providing Academic Self Esteem (PASS) program, and Coast Guard officers worked with school staff to identify the school s educational goals and implemented programs to achieve those goals. Under Donald E. Shaffer s leadership, Coast Guard members organized and implemented an A+ School Rewards program that raised funds to purchase school supplies and other materials. Coast Guard members display student pictures and artwork on a special North Jefferson Elementary bulletin board at its offices. As a result of their partnership, community businesses and government agencies in the Kearneysville community have been inspired to become partners with other schools in Jefferson County.

In Kanawha County, under the leadership of Mr. Bobby Robinson of State Farm Insurance Companies, 14 African American men of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at West Virginia State University partnered with Glenwood Elementary School to provide weekly mentoring and tutoring activities for 45 male students. The program offered the structured interaction between the men and youth highlighted in Dr. Harold Davis s book, Talks My Father Never Had with Me. Groups of three students each participated in 45 minute weekly tutoring sessions in math and reading with their male mentors.

The Glenwood students were also regularly evaluated for improved behavior, grades and overall attitude toward school. The boys improved in all areas and were rewarded with field trips to local restaurants. NFL star Randy Moss sponsored a trip to a professional football game for all outstanding program participants. The partnership activities ended with a ceremony at the school where the boys received recognition for completing the program.

The Education Alliance is encouraged by the efforts and success of all our Results based partnerships. If your partnership would like to join the Results based Partnerships program, contact Ralph Miller at (304) 342 7856 or by e mail at ralphmiller@educationalliance.org.



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EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

With generous support from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation and Appalachian Power, The Education Alliance sponsored in 2006-2007 a statewide Civic Index survey and three research summaries highlighting best practices for teaching mathematics, gender differences in reading achievement and early childhood education.

In Spring 2006, The Education Alliance participated in an original research study piloting a Civic Index survey that measured how the public viewed its leadership of local education officials, commitment to values of tolerance and inclusiveness, active parents, strong civic organizations, utilization of school performance data, youth involvement, partnerships with higher education, knowledge of school board, active business community and media coverage. West Virginia was one of four local sites to pilot the survey in addition to a national Civic Index and was the first site to publicly release its results. Findings from the survey showed that jobs/economy, health care, gas prices and education were West Virginians' top concerns. When asked more in depth questions about public education, residents said they believe their communities take the responsibility for ensuring quality public schools and that tolerance and inclusiveness are the most crucial aspects of a quality education system.

Best Practices in Teaching Mathematics showed the shift toward standards based mathematics instruction uses an open and focused approach to problem solving, reasoning and communication processes. According to *Gender Differences in Reading Achievement: Policy Implications and Best Practices*, research shows that a crisis exists in terms of the literary achievement of boys. Experts provide their recommendations and policy implications for teachers, public school administrators, policymakers, parents and the higher education system. This piece was particularly well received, and many schools requested multiple copies of the report for use in professional development sessions. *Early Childhood Education: Policy Implications and Guidelines* focused on the importance of high quality early education programs and obstacles many of those programs face.

Alliance research reports are distributed to all public schools and key stakeholders in West Virginia. Each summary piece includes outlined charts of policy areas and action recommendations. Copies of all research reports can be accessed at www.educationalliance.org, or sign up for the publications by e mail feature to receive future research.

We look forward to using the information provided by the Civic Index to
**GUIDE OUR FUNDING STRATEGY IN THE AREAS
OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CAPITAL.**

Becky Ceperley, President/CEO of The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation
at the October 4, 2006, Civic Index Release

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POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

West Virginia led the nation in its ranking of business involvement in public education in a national Civic Index poll, which measured 10 categories of civic behavior critical to creating and sustaining quality public schools. The Index also highlighted West Virginians' conviction that youth are valuable to their communities but that students need more instruction on how to participate in our democracy and decision making.

The Civic Index was an important tool in developing a positive youth development initiative for the Mountain State. The Education Alliance formed a steering committee to help guide the initiative first on the local level in Kanawha County and then statewide. Representation on the committee included Communities that Care, an umbrella organization with representatives from 58 organizations; West Virginia Partnership to Assure Students' Success, a statewide collaborative organization; the West Virginia Promise Program; the Adolescent Health Initiative in the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources; and the Kanawha County Department of Education.

The steering committee built upon work already in place with the 40 Developmental Assets and the Five Promises to craft a Positive Youth Development Commitment. The vision statement asserts that all West Virginia youth will have the supports they need to become caring, healthy, productive and engaged adults. The vision is supported by five goals, each with a measurable outcome. By the end of June 2007, more than 70 organizations and persons had signed the commitment.

The Positive Youth Development Advocacy Initiative is funded by a grant from the Public Education Network (PEN). PEN's mission is to build public demand and mobilize resources for quality education for all children through a national constituency of local education funds and individuals.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE SCHOLARS

From Student To Scholar

West Virginia's State Scholars program provides businesses an opportunity to shape the future by speaking to middle and high school students about the importance of taking more rigorous course work in high school. Armed with the knowledge of first hand experiences shared by top business volunteers, students can then work toward becoming more prepared for college or the workforce.

State Scholars had a successful first year when business volunteers spoke to more than 1,500 eighth grade students in Braxton, Monroe, Ohio and Wood counties. The following professionals played a vital in 2006 2007 by volunteering their time and resources for those students: American Public University System; The Area Roundtable; BB&T; Dr. Jerry W. Capel; Chamber of Commerce of the Mid Ohio Valley; Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc.; DuPont Washington

Works; Dr. Holly Harvey; The Huntington National Bank; KRATON Polymers; Ohio Valley University; Parkersburg and Wood County Library; Mayor Carolyn Sparks; State Farm Insurance Companies; Traders Bank; United Bank; Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Inc.; West Virginia American Water; Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2007 2008, many of these volunteers will return to middle schools in Braxton, Monroe, Ohio and Wood counties to speak to new eighth graders and and revisit the 2006 2007 eighth grade class as high schoolers

In preparing students to excel in college or the workforce, the West Virginia State Scholars Core Course of Study provides building blocks that will give West Virginia students options for their futures. Statistics show that students who had taken four years of English scored an average of 46 points higher on the SAT verbal test than those who had taken only three. On the ACT, a rigorous curriculum gave students a boost of 2.4 points, on average.

This enhanced Core Course of Study through the West Virginia State Scholars program, which represents the basic academic courses most universities require, includes:

English (4 credits)

English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12

Mathematics (4 credits)

Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Pre Calculus

Science (4 credits)

CATS 9, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Social Studies (4 credits)

United States to 1900, World Studies to 1900, Twentieth and Twenty first Centuries, Civics/Government

Foreign Language (2 credits)

Two years of the same language

To learn more about the State Scholars Program or to become a volunteer, contact State Scholars Director Mr. Carey S. Sadowski at (304) 342 7851 or careysadowski@educationalliance.org.



After a presentation, one of the teachers praised the info session and the State Scholars program as **AN EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR PREPARING TODAY'S JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS FOR THE REAL WORLD.**

Leo Lech, Ph.D., research chemist at DuPont Washington Works

The work reported herein was supported under the State Scholars Initiative, PR/Award Number (V051U050006) as administered by the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education. However, the contents do not necessarily represent the positions or policies of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education or the U.S. Department of Education, and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.

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MINI GRANTS FOR CLASSROOM PROJECTS

The 24 year old Mini Grants for Classroom Projects program experienced many changes during its 2006 2007 funding cycle. Public schoolteachers could, for the first time, apply for grants of up to \$1,000 and had the option to choose from the traditional paper or new online application. Trumpeted for its ease and teacher friendly application process, the Mini Grant program received 269 applications for funding from teachers in 46 counties across West Virginia, a 10 percent increase in total applications from 2005 2006. Of those applications, 181 were submitted using the new online process.

To help prepare and train teachers and administrators for the grantwriting process, The Education Alliance hosted six local workshops in Athens, Clarksburg, Flatwoods, Huntington, Nitro and Parkersburg. The workshops taught valuable grantwriting skills and walked participants step by step through the online process. The Alliance partnered with the Coalfield Rural Systemic Initiative and Regional Education Service Agencies (RESA) for the workshops.

In the end, The Education Alliance distributed more than \$50,000 for 90 grants in 32 different West Virginia counties. The focus of these grants varied among math/science, the arts and general classroom projects. The program would not have been possible without funding support from Mylan Charitable Foundation, Columbia Gas Transmission, Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, Inc., West Virginia Humanities Council, Carter Family Foundation, The Huntington Foundation and State Farm Insurance Companies. Their support directly affected student improvement in nearly 100 classrooms.



My students loved the hands on math opportunities and the overhead demonstrations that I was able to perform. **STUDENT ENTHUSIASM AND PARTICIPATION EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS.**

Kristina Sloan of Mill Creek Intermediate School on her Mini Grant project,
Reading in Math Class Makes Cents!

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT GRANTS

Much like the Mini Grant program, 2007 also brought changes to Family Involvement Grants. When The Education Alliance moved its Family Involvement Grant this year to better meet the needs of educators, it received a record number of 49 applications. Applications are now accepted from January to March 1. A newly designed two page application also accompanied the new funding cycle.

A Dow Chemical Company sponsored program, Family Involvement Grants were awarded to eight teachers in January 2007 for projects that incorporated parents, siblings and extended family members into the student learning process using creative teaching methods.

The eight recipients from seven different counties implemented projects that provided computer training to parents and students, helped families learn a foreign language and culture together, encouraged reading during the summer and used crafting and sporting activities to engage parents and students at each grade level.

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FAMILY INVOLVEMENT GRANTS WINNERS, 2007

Susan Childers, Parkersburg South High School
Eugenia Damron, Kellogg Elementary School
Robin Haupt, New Creek Primary School
Rachel Hull, Buffalo Elementary School

Pam Miller, Taylor County Middle School
Brenda Moore, Gilmore Elementary School
Sheila Toth, Barrackville Elementary/Middle School
Roberta Unger, Fountain Primary School

MINI GRANTS FOR CLASSROOM PROJECTS WINNERS, 2006 2007

Deborah Alderman, White Sulphur Springs Elementary School
Pam Atha, Van Elementary School
Peggy Benton, Birch River Elementary School
Christopher Bias, Madison Middle School
Ronzel Boothe, Meadow Bridge Elementary School
John Boots, Sandy River Middle School
Debra Bower, Hinton Area Elementary School
Joseph Boyd, Big Creek High School
Brenda Braswell, Summers Middle School
Elizabeth Brinkley, Montcalm High School
Carla Bundy, Rupert Elementary School
Debbie Cannada, Glenwood Elementary School
Deanna Canterbury Penn, Riverside High School
Erin Carper, Wirt County Middle School
Faye Chambers, Calhoun Middle/High School
Deborah Clark, Princeton Senior High School
Angela Cox, Bluefield Middle School
Melinda Cox, Horace Mann Middle School
Teresa Crum, Central City Elementary School
*Tamyra Cundiff, Glenville/Sandfork elementary schools
Kimberly Curry, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
Tina Davis, Ravenswood Grade School
Roberta DeFrancis, Weir High School
Bobbie Deitz Butcher, Lewisburg Elementary School
Debra Diem, Lewisburg Elementary School
Marsha Dille, Peyton Elementary School
Nellie Dolan, Talcott Elementary School
*Edward Evans, Mount View Middle School
*Anne Ford, Oak Glen Middle School
Tucker Ford, Talcott Elementary School
Susan Fox, John Marshall High School
Christy Gill, Divide Elementary School
Diane Gillespie, Lewisburg Elementary School
Dan Grodzicki, T.A. Lowery Elementary School
Kelli Hill, Summers Middle School
Terri Holley, Enslow Middle School
Anna Holst, Guyandotte Elementary School
Sandra Humphries, Mountain View Elementary Middle School
Margaret Hunter, Williamstown Elementary School
Nellie Johnson, Winfield Middle School
Becky Jorgensen, Vienna Elementary School
Beth Joyce, Lincoln County High School

Karen Kersey, Alban Elementary School
Eric Kincaid, Morgantown High School
Amanda Kisamore, Davis Thomas Elementary School
Amanda Knapp, Buffalo High School
Marlene Lewis, Clay Elementary School
Kathi Linkinoggor, Clay Elementary School
Darlene Martin, Grafton High School
Miika Martin, Mineral Wells Elementary School
Cheryl Miller, Ripley Elementary School
*Sue Miller, Meadow Bridge Elementary School
Pam Miller, Taylor County Middle School
Beth Modrzakowski, Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
Warren Mullins, Clay County High School
Devona Myers, Spring Valley High School
Beth Pennington, Shepherdstown Middle School
Shannon Phillips, Beverly Hills Middle School
Charmaine Pritts, New Creek School
Rickey Rakes, Logan Middle School
*Matthew Ramsey, Elkins Middle School
John Richmond, Hayes Middle School
Carol Roach, Liberty High School
Garland Roberts, Williamstown High School
Mary Romig, New Creek School
Erica Samples, Clay Elementary School
Jane Singleton, Gilmore Elementary School
Kristina Sloan, Mill Creek Intermediate School
Melissa Stephenson, Clay Middle School
Deborah Stevens, Musselman High School
Fran Stanton, Highlawn Elementary School
Nancy Stumbo, Vinson Middle School
Kathy Swanson, Ashford Rumble Elementary School
Carol Thorp, Ceredo/Kenova elementary schools
Tracy Wayne, Clay Elementary School
Ann Wells, Princeton Senior High School
Lesley White, Lewis County High School
Sharon Whitecotton, Bridge Street Middle School
Mary Jane Williams, Richwood High School
Nancy Williams, Herbert Hoover High School
Shawna Zervos, McNinch Elementary School

**Denotes teacher who received more than one mini grant.*

FAMILY LITERACY

Book Trunks

This year, The Education Alliance provided 24 book trunks to schools in 14 counties across the state. Elementary schools in Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Logan, Marion, Morgan, Ohio, Preston, Putnam, Wayne and Wyoming counties solicited this resource to use in their classrooms or summer programs. This literacy program is offered free of charge to any public school by The Education Alliance. With generous sponsorship from the West Virginia Literacy Foundation, educators have access to trunks of up to 120 books for up to three months. Book trunks are available for reading levels grades K 2, 3 5, 6 8 or mixed grade levels. Educators may select books for different genders or with cultural, math, science, fiction, non fiction or partner reads themes. Current favorites include the series Black Lagoon, Junie B. Jones, Magic School Bus and Magic Tree House.

Read to Me! Day

Read to Me! Day was held Thursday, November 16, 2006, and sponsored by Equitable Resources, the event's sponsor for the past four years. The Education Alliance offered two books to 2006 Read to Me! Day participants. The Old Woman Who Named Things and Every Living Thing, both by West Virginia author Cynthia Rylant, were given to all participating elementary schools. Storming Heaven, written by Denise Giardina, was given to participating middle schools. Nearly 150 schools participated, making it possible for 1,984 volunteers to read to nearly 34,000 children throughout the state.

NINTH ANNUAL PUMPKIN DROP

More than 800 students participated in the Ninth Annual Capital City Pumpkin drop held October 19, 2006, at the Capitol Complex in Charleston. Bayer CropScience has proudly sponsored this event since its inception in 1997.



A total of 114 pumpkins were dropped by 32 schools from 19 different counties. Representatives from the West Virginia University College of Engineering and Mineral Resources in Morgantown judged the entries and reported that 27 pumpkins survived the more than three story drop from the roof.

Each participating school received up to 20 free T shirts for their students and the top three surviving pumpkins were awarded trophies and a cash prize First Place: \$100; Second Place: \$75; and Third Place: \$50.

Winners for 2006 were:

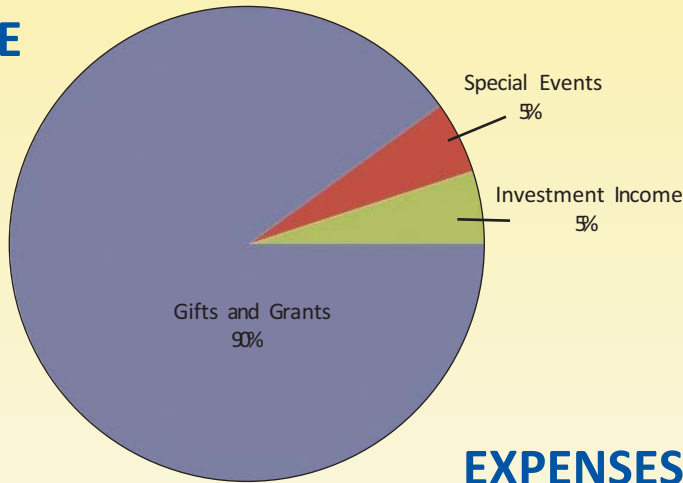
- First Place Fayetteville High School, Fayette County
- Second Place Greenbrier East High School, Greenbrier County
- Third Place Beale Elementary School, Mason County



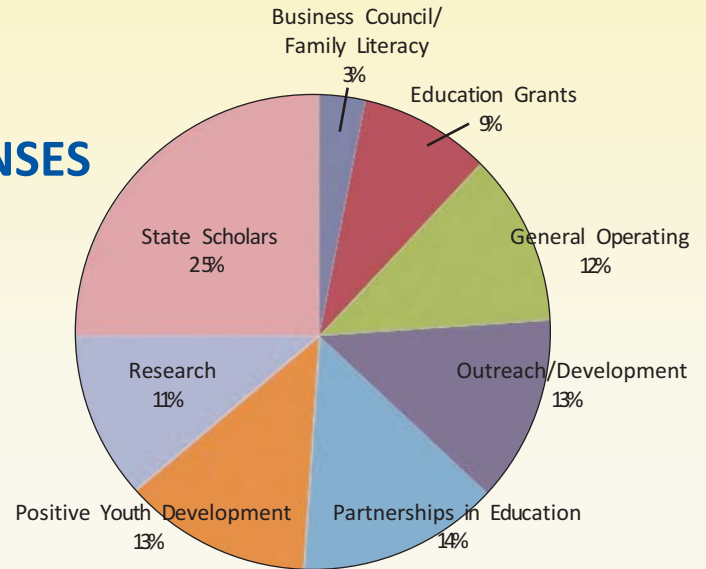
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The Education Alliance's auditor, Gray, Griffith & Mays A.C., has issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2007. The complete audited financial statements may be found on our Web site at www.educationalliance.org and are available upon request.

LIST OF ALLIANCE CONTRIBUTORS, 2006 2007

This report lists our donors who chose to be involved in public education during the 2006 2007 school year. The Education Alliance hopes each contributor understands how important you are to us and the students who ultimately benefit from your generosity. Each gift helped create windows of opportunity for West Virginia and the public schools the Alliance serves.

The following business and industry leaders and dedicated individuals represent a vital link to our success. The results of their giving can be seen in the accomplishments shown throughout this report. To its contributors the Alliance is eternally grateful.

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FEATURED FRIEND from across the state



Nationwide Foundation

Since 2002, The Nationwide Foundation has been a loyal donor to education in West Virginia. The Foundation was first established in 1959 and has awarded more than \$169 million since 2000. Pictured above is Barry Hunter, a Nationwide agent from Charleston, who presented their donation to Terri McCloy of The Education Alliance.

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The Ross Foundation

In 2006, the Ross family of Parkersburg created The Ross Foundation after selling their business, SBR, Inc. The Alliance applied for a grant during the first cycle of giving and was awarded a grant to help fund our programs in Doddridge, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie and Wood counties. Pictured above is Tres Ross presenting the Foundation s check to Terri McCloy of The Education Alliance.

FEATURED FRIEND from across the state



NGK Spark Plug Manufacturing, Inc.

NGK Spark Plug Manufacturing (USA), Inc. was established in West Virginia in 1994 to produce oxygen sensors. Initial production began in July 1995 and the warehouse addition was completed in August 2001. The Education Alliance received their first gift from NGK in 1995 and they have been loyal contributors of the Alliance each year since then. Their plant in Sissonville with a group of NGK employees is pictured above.

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