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**Consolidated Financial Statement 7/1/14-6/30/15*

INCOME

Contributions	143298.00
Interest	14.00
Taste of Excellence	13205.00
Day Lily Sale	1268.00
<u>Total Income</u>	157785.00

EXPENSES

Grants Awarded	
Elementary	23250.00
Middle School	2530.00
High School	19303.00
<u>Total Grants</u>	45083.00
Dues/Subscriptions	285.00
Daylily Sale	0.00
Taste of Excellence	1455.00
Printing and Postage	1732.00
Fees, permits, supplies	2400.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	50955.00
<u>Net Income</u>	106830.00

**Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2014*

ASSETS

Current Assets	
United Checking/Savings	16,222.00
<u>Total Checking/Saving</u>	16,222.00
Other Current Assets	
American Cap Inc Bld C	41,891.00
American Cap Inc Bld F	4,533.00
American Inc Fnd of Am C	53,499.00
American Inc Fnd of Am F	9,408.00
Vanguard 500 VFIAX	70,182.00
Vanguard Cash	75,490.00
Vanguard Em VWO	17,774.00
Vanguard VGPMX M&M	10,214.00
Vanguard Mid Cap VIMAX	30,690.00
Vanguard Sm Cap VSMAX	29,276.00
Vanguard VGK Eur	15,721.00
Vanguard RWO Real Estate	25,059.00
Vanguard DJP Commodities	13,106.00
<u>Total Other Current Assets</u>	396,843.00
<u>Total Assets</u>	413,066.00

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity Opening Bal Equity	85742.00
Retained Earnings	221,088.00
<u>Net Income</u>	106,830.00
<u>Total Equity</u>	413,066.00
<u>Total Liabilities & Equity</u>	413,066.00

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Somers Education Foundation is to preserve the community's commitment to educational excellence in the Somers Public Schools, by providing funding for innovative projects and programs which enhance student learning.

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

"Supporting Education for our Future"

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The Somers Education Foundation, after review and recommendation by the grant review committee, awarded 34 creative and innovative grants totaling \$45,083 during the 2015-2016 school year.

AWARD SUMMARY

- **A Double Dose of Reading Intervention with Leveled Literacy Intervention**
A supplementary literacy intervention system designed to assist teachers in providing powerful, daily, small-group instruction for the lowest achieving students at their grade level.
- **Preschool Dramatic Pretend-Play Materials**
A thematic literacy approach teaching through dramatic pretend-play for preschoolers.
- **Ukuleles for the 5th Grade Music Classroom**
The ukulele is a sweet sounding, kid friendly, inexpensive musical instrument used in the music classroom to foster music literacy.
- **SES Primary Learning and Positive Play**
Engages individual kindergarten students experiencing school adjustment challenges through play therapy.
- **Sensory Tools Help with Learning**
These sensory tools help students with attention difficulties to focus so that they are able to alleviate challenges and enhance learning.
- **Adaptive Equipment for Fitness Program**
Allows transition students to participate in a fitness program with recreational opportunities and to assist in creating life-long connections in their community.
- **SUBTEXT Application Licenses**
A reading application for grades 9-12 that allows teachers to create differentiated reading groups for students of all abilities and levels. This application helps teachers accelerate learning, keeps students moving forward, and monitors progress electronically.
- **Second Step for MBA**
A collection of scripted lessons, which help to build students' social and emotional skills which is focused on reducing risk and increasing protection from a range of problems.
- **AT&T Technology Grant**
SEF was the liaison for an AT&T \$15,000 grant supplied to SHS technology to promote science, technology, engineering and math for the alternative education, non-college bound student.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Somers Education Foundation (SEF) has had a banner year, being named Foundation of the Year by the 90 member CT Consortium of Education Foundations in September and receiving a most generous donation of \$100,000 from S. Prestley and Helen Blake in October.

The endowment is at an all-time high and the SEF was able to grant the largest amount of money in its history - over \$45,000. SEF's reputation has grown such that it was able to serve as a conduit for a \$15,000 technology grant to the high school tech department. Great thanks go to AT&T and State Senator John Kissel for facilitating the grant.

The SEF is entering its adolescence and with that comes everything that comes with adolescence. While we need to remember where the SEF came from, we also need to look to the future. From the Strategic Planning Meeting held in May, the SEF is moving forward on a marketing plan to improve its website/social media presence, review and update policies and procedures, recruit new board members, diversify fund raising and create named funds within the endowment. The SEF is moving into its next phase of development. There are two groups of people in Somers - those who know about SEF and those who need to know about SEF!

With success comes responsibility. The SEF Board of Directors takes its responsibility very seriously and will continue working to make the Somers Education Foundation even more successful. The SEF being named the Foundation of the Year was the result of the hard work and support of literally hundreds of people and SEF wishes to thank you all.

Thank you.

Paul Salva, President