Dear Friends,

As we begin our 55th year, I am reminded that the legacy of the Pathway School is as an innovator in the field of special education. Despite living in tumultuous times, the Pathway School continues to thrive. Our enrollment has grown to a new record high this year. We have expanded programs to meet the unique needs of our students; we have improved our facilities and last June we graduated 13 inspiring young adults.

Thanks to generous donations, Pathway has been able to purchase tablet computers for every one of our students. Today, Pathway students from 1st grade to 12th grade are using touch screen technology to learn, explore and communicate (including emailing their parents!). Few schools, public or private, have this technology for their entire student body. The Pathway School is proud to be a leader in this area.

As proud as we are of Pathway’s educational programs, we are equally pleased with the success of our students after they leave Pathway. A recent study of our graduates from the past three years indicates that more than 75% of Pathway graduates are: attending post-secondary schools, working or volunteering in the community, or are active in adult day programs.

The Pathway School is funded primarily by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The “tuition” we are able to charge only covers about 95% of the cost of running the school. We rely on the generous support of our Donors and Community Partners. I encourage you to remain connected with Pathway in any way that is meaningful to you: volunteering your time and expertise; or by supporting Pathway financially through donations; or participating in our annual fundraising events such as “FORE! the kids” golf outing, our Annual Legacy Gala dinner or “Team Dinner” with the Philadelphia Union; or via Pennsylvania’s Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

Thank you for helping to make The Pathway School a positive, meaningful experience for our students and their families.

Sincerely,

David J. Schultheis
President & Chief Executive Officer
Pathway’s Mission:
To build academic, social and life skills in students with special needs
to promote their success and independence after Pathway.

PATHWAY LEGACY GALA

With encouragement from donors who provide generous and sustaining support for our program, the Fall Festival 2015 included the first Pathway Legacy Gala. This event honored all donors and began a tradition of tribute to Pathway’s People, Programs and Partners. Special guest speaker, Leonard Haas, shared his poignant story of his parents’ generosity which founded and perpetuated the school’s growth for decades. His personal interest in Pathway’s Creative Arts and Drama Program, through the Wyncote Foundation, insures that Pathway students will continue to receive benefit from theatre experience and art education. The following were also honored at the Legacy Gala: IKEA, Homewood Suites at Valley Forge, Hilton Garden Inn at Oaks, and parent, Damon Eleuterius, for his efforts to create Team Dinner.

CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY

As Pathway’s Emotional Support Program began to include younger students the need for a playground became evident. Throughout the 2014-15 school year, fund-raising activity was focused on this need. The 2014 Fall Festival introduced this need to parents and friends of the school and when the event was over, $7,000 had been given to start the playground fund by Lou and Ginny Colameco, owners of Wellshire Farm. Kistler Tiffany Foundation was also instrumental in the realization of the playground. Every experience on our campus is used to create learning opportunities for our students and we are grateful for all who gave to make learning so much fun!
READ ACROSS AMERICA, PATHWAY’S TRIBUTE TO LITERACY

Pathway students joined many others during the first week of March to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday and to simply enjoy reading a story. This year **23 guest readers** visited and read a variety of passages that evoked visions of what a “Diffendoofer Day” would be like to pondering Darwin’s “Origin of Species”. Guest readers included Senator John Rafferty, seven board members, several bank managers, the president of Norristown’s Rotary and his wife, several CEOs and owners of companies. Without exception, they were enthusiastic about encouraging students to read for fun, read to gain knowledge and read to keep up with the world around you!

AUTISM AWARENESS AND CELEBRATION

A school wide tradition began during the first week of April with the opportunity to celebrate every student and staff member’s unique qualities. The national movement known as **Autism Awareness** was taken to a new level, as we highlighted acceptance of self, acceptance of others and a celebration of our school where we can experience growth together! Students were encouraged by teachers, clinicians and specialists to have conversations, ask questions, research famous individuals who are Autistic and create projects that could inform others. Powerpoint presentations, a video and other reports were generated and shared. Students also celebrated their creativity by decorating puzzle-shaped cookies that were baked for a Friday afternoon culminating celebration. Chris Hall, alumni and professional mascot, closed the week with an inspirational message that featured his unique path to success and challenges that he overcame.
PA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT (EITC)

Pathway has been approved as an Educational Improvement Organization and received $65,000 during this year from businesses who qualify for this tax credit. Pathway Programs that have been recognized as innovative include the Drama Program, Career Education and the Earth Science Program. We are grateful for businesses who contributed this year, including Vertex, Ambler Savings Bank and National Penn Bank. These donations have been instrumental in the completion of Pathway’s walking trail that includes outdoor science stations, the renovation and expansion of a student work site known as the Hot Spot Market and support for the production and performance expenses associated with the Drama Program.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Each year students are recognized and their work celebrated during a day-long exhibit that features Science, History, technology, Math, Language Arts and many forms of visual and 3-dimensional art. This year, exhibit hours were extended to encourage more parents and friends from the community to visit and be inspired by the work that students displayed with pride.
The Pathway School would like to thank all of its 2014-2015 contributors. Because of your support and generosity, we are able to uphold our mission to build academic, social and life skills in students with special needs to promote their success and independence after Pathway.

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The Pathway School’s Creative Arts Program is supported by the Wyncote Foundation each year in multiple ways. The Drama Program received a grant in the amount of $50,000 which provides students with opportunities for growth through theatre experience. In addition to this generosity, the Wyncote Foundation contributes $100,000 each year to build an Endowment for the Arts, which will reach $1,000,000 in the year 2021. The Wyncote Foundation also gave an additional $30,000 this year to support the School’s general operation as further evidence of their commitment to children and young adults with specialized needs.

Technology is a tool that Pathway educators use to convey content to students powerfully and efficiently. RMHC’s generous grant in the amount of $21,075.00 enabled Pathway to purchase Google tablets for students to use in academic and life skills classes. The tablets proved to be an effective multisensory teaching tool allowing teachers the ability to individualize lessons for each student in the group, which is crucial for students with a diagnosis such as Autism and other developmental and emotional disorders.

Pathway is grateful for progressive businesses such as McDonald’s and Altria that make a financial commitment which leads students in the development of technological skills needed for success in life and the workplace. A grant in the amount of $16,200.00 brought Pathway students closer to the organizational goal of furnishing each student with a Google tablet. This technology enables students to have unique classroom experiences that can be tailored to their needs and unique learning styles. Because the tablets are interactive with the Promethean Boards in each classroom, the teachers can lead group lessons that are customized for students and therefore create vibrant learning environments within all academic and life skill classrooms.

Pathway’s Math Program received support for curriculum materials and teacher training, thanks to generosity extended by The Child Development Foundation with a grant in the amount of $10,000. Pathway’s mission to assist students in becoming more independent is actualized in math classes when students can move beyond skill acquisition to incorporate critical thinking skills and apply problem solving in their every-day lives.

As one highly skilled teacher was observed, the supervisor commented: “I observed pedagogical best practices yesterday, in Pathway’s Upper School, as I saw a teacher provided direct, explicit instruction, in four different math levels (Pre-algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Advanced Math) to four different students (at the same time) and made it look easy!”

The Genuardi Family Foundation supported operational cost within the Career Education Program with a grant of $5,000. The Career Education Program provides students with experience in 3 campus work environments and in 15 businesses within the surrounding community. This grant helps to cover costs for job coaches, transportation to and from work and even the stipend that students receive as they learn how to become a great employee.

The Montgomery County Foundation/MBF Fund (MCF/MBF Fund)

In previous years The Hot Spot Café was developed through the generosity of The Montgomery County Foundation/MBF Fund. This concept was expanded to The Hot Spot Market with a grant of $3,500. This Market experience creates a larger campus retail center for students to develop skills needed to prepare simple refreshments and to serve customers. Thanks to the MCF/MBF Fund, students develop customer service skills while learning about job functions needed in the food service industry.

The Quaker Chemical Foundation

The Quaker Chemical Foundation supported the school’s Science Program with a grant in the amount of $1,500. The money was used to purchase equipment and materials that enhance discussions pertaining to biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science. The Foundation also is very interested in Pathway’s construction of a walking trail that will lead students to observe and study outdoor environments. The Pathway School is proud to join The Quaker Chemical Foundation in a commitment to help students gain science knowledge and personal insight that will help them to respect and preserve the environment as responsible adults.

The Creative Arts Program was enriched with a $1,000 grant from the Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation. This money was used to bring Musicopia to Pathway, with musicians engaging students in a hands-on experience in rhythm, vocal expression and movement.
May 17, 2016
RiverCrest Golf Club and Preserve Phoenixville, PA

**FORE! the kids** is the Pathway School’s most significant annual fundraiser. Last year over 100 golfers came out to raise money for student initiatives. This year’s fundraising focus includes academic excellence through curriculum development and program innovation that will meet the unique needs of every student as well as technology needed to prepare students for present and future success.

*Sponsorships opportunities available: 610-277-0660, Ext 212*

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**FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

**Revenue**
- Tuition & Fees 89% ($7,303,451)
- Designated Gifts 8% ($682,839)
- Other 3% ($199,263)
- **Total Revenue 100% ($8,185,553)**

**Operating Expenses**
- Program Expenses 74% ($5,638,408)
- Administration 12% ($949,952)
- Technology 3% ($202,264)
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I attended Pathway for four and a half years and loved every second of it. I am also happy to be co-chairperson of our new Alumni Association. Each part of the school has a different story to tell. For many of us this school was like our second home. It is here we experienced laughter, sadness, love and even heartache. Who can forget that? Pathway has been and always will be a part of us. It’s very hard to imagine life without Pathway!

So, when you are reflecting on the past and enjoying the present, please remember that we might be different individuals now than when we were students, but we are all still the same when it comes to being thankful that this school exists! Think about what YOU can do to help the school that gave you a chance at living a successful life.

Sincerely,

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