



Annual Report 2022

Friends of



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Message from the Executive Director & Friends of NEC President

Dear Northshore Education Consortium Friends;

As we reflect on the 2021-2022 school year, we are so proud of our ongoing successes. Our work is all about creating hope, joy, and educational growth for our students, despite the obstacles created by physical or mental health challenges, varying abilities, and community stressors. The constant support and encouragement of our many friends and donors is immeasurable in helping us to continue this work. NEC remains



committed to its core mission of providing high quality, cost effective programs, support services, and resources that assist our member districts in meeting the needs of students who require specialized educational programming, as well as providing outreach services to the community in general. We are immensely grateful to our volunteer nonprofit Friends of NEC Board that spends time, effort and energy in supporting our work. We couldn't do it without them!

Thanks to NEC's strong leadership team, and ongoing philanthropic support, NEC continues to move forward with programmatic and operational goals to continuously improve the quality of our programs. We remain focused on the health and well-being of students, families, and staff despite the continuing effects of the pandemic, ongoing youth mental health crises, and staff workforce shortages.

After taking a financial hit during the first year of the pandemic, NEC made a successful recovery in FY 2022, ending the year with a modest surplus. This was largely thanks to the support of our NEC Managing Board of Directors who approved an appropriate and realistic budget, and to our program leaders who did an outstanding job of managing enrollment and staffing. Philanthropic support helped to assure that we didn't have to cut back on important initiatives related to student enrichment programs, technology and staff professional development and that we were able to continue to pilot and develop new program initiatives to support our students.

Philanthropic support from our friends remains strong and deeply appreciated.

During difficult times, the strength of a community is tested. The NEC community continues to show its resilience, creativity, and deep commitment to its students. It is a privilege to have your confidence in and support for the work that we do. Thank you for your trust and for your partnership.

With thanks and appreciation,

Francine Rosenberg
Executive Director
Northshore Education Consortium

Cynthia Johnson
President
Friends of NEC

2022 FAST FACTS

47 years of service

26.8 million dollar operating budget (NEC and Friends)

22 member districts (local cities and towns)

20 NEC Governing Board Members

7 Friends of NEC Board Members; nonprofit 501(c)(3) board

317 NEC staff

7 NEC Schools/Programs served 484 students from over 50 districts
(21 member and 39 non-member districts):

- Kevin O'Grady School served 124 students from 35 districts; 10 students received certificates of completion
- Northshore Academy Upper School served 123 students from 40 districts; 18 graduates
- Northshore Academy Lower School served 50 students from 21 districts. 7 students successfully returned to their in-district programs and 7 students moved onto Northshore Academy Upper School. 3 students went to a lateral placement.
- Northshore Recovery High School served 46 students from 24 districts; 16 graduates
- Embark served 26 students from 9 districts; 7 graduates received certificates of completion
- SOAR served 38 students from 24 districts; 9 graduates received high school diplomas
- Topsfield Vocational Academy served 77 students from 25 districts; 12 graduates
- In addition, Northshore Education Consortium provided vision, orientation and mobility services to 69 students from 18 districts, and mental health consultation or wraparound services to 49 students from 9 districts

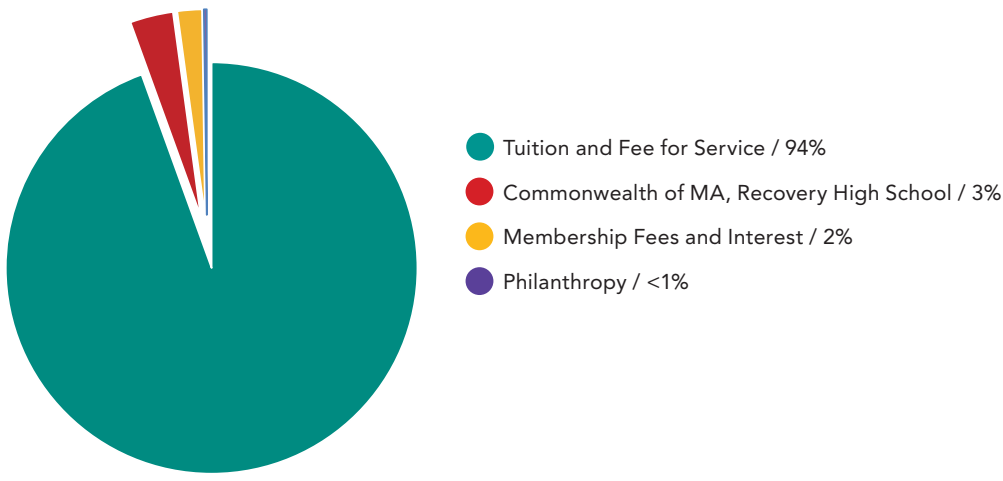
Regional Professional Development: This past year, NEC was able to return to providing in person Youth Mental Health First Aid training to our districts and surrounding communities. In addition, NEC provided clinical supervision and consultation to six different districts to support their counseling staff and therapeutic programs.

Regional Collaboration: NEC continued its collaboration with the YMCA of the North Shore and Children's Friend and Family Services/JRI to run the very successful Positive Alternatives to Student Support Program, providing alternatives to long-term suspension for youth in local public schools experiencing behavioral health challenges.

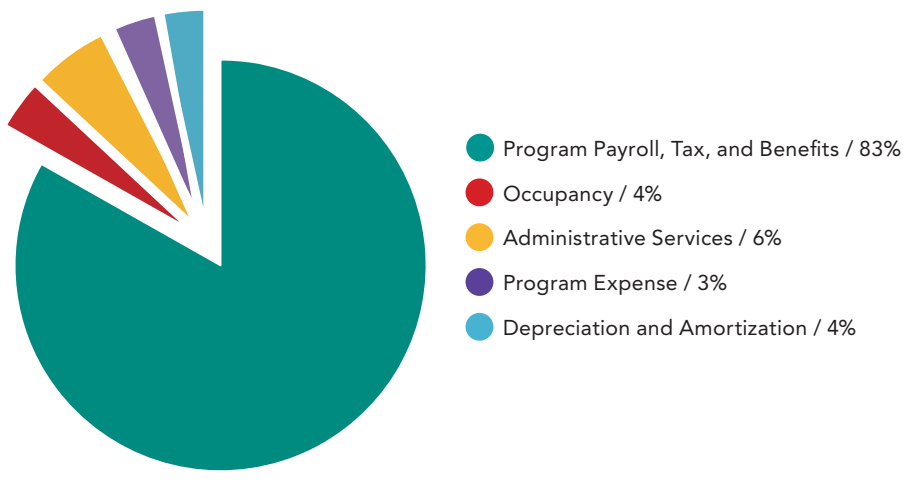
Cost/Benefit Analysis: Based on an analysis of private schools serving similar populations, member districts can save over \$300 per day (over \$50,000 per year, not including transportation costs) by sending a student to an NEC program. NEC tuition rates include all therapies and nursing services.



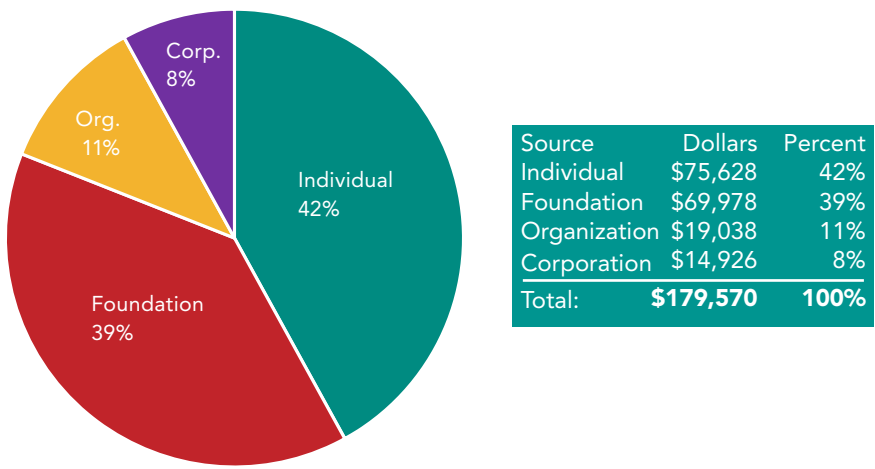
FY 2022 REVENUE
\$ 26,840,464



FY 2022 EXPENSES
\$ 25,773,836



FY 2022 PHILANTHROPY BREAKOUT



All data reflective of fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022)

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

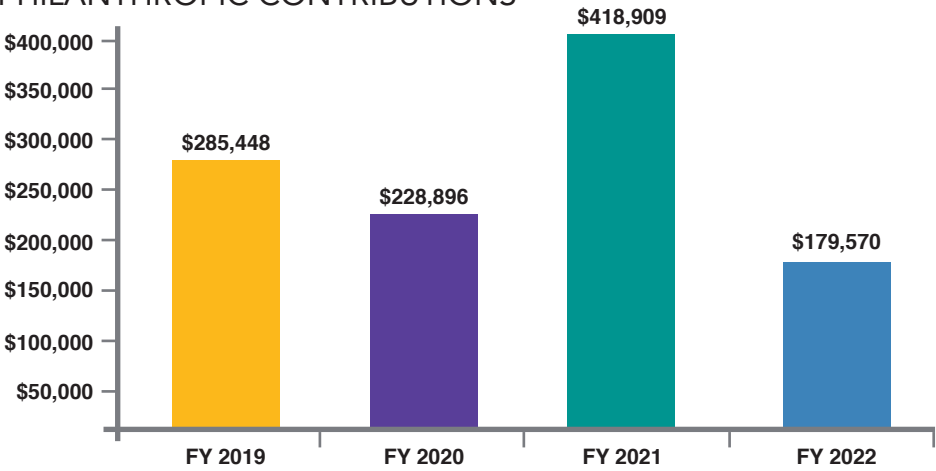


PHILANTHROPIC DEVELOPMENT

As the landscape of philanthropy continues to change before our eyes, it was the support of our friends, foundations and local businesses throughout FY 2022 that helped provide fulfilling and enriching opportunities like outdoor adventure programming, new vocational initiatives, music and art therapies, communication devices, and vital technology for NEC's students. With grant support from local foundations, NEC was able to provide much needed trainings and consultation services that were tailored to meet the needs of educators at NEC, from local school systems and in the community. In addition, continued grant funding allowed our Connections Program to hire another full time clinician to help support local schools in their navigation of the growing mental health crisis seen in students. FY 2022 came to a close with the promise of yet another major gift of \$150,000 from our dear friend, Linzee Coolidge, to arrive in FY 2023. This gift will renovate the Topsfield Vocational Academy kitchen transforming our TVA Culinary Program; fund a much needed van; provide additions to the Northshore Academy Upper School Media Room/Program and expansions to the Transitions Vocational Laboratory, and so much more. The message remains consistent from year to year... the generosity of others is crucial as it helps bridge the gap between an education that is cost effective for the public schools that send their students to NEC and what NEC needs to help students reach their full potential. **Thank you!**

- Revenue of \$179,570
- \$26,436 donated to our Tribute Program
- \$59,978 received from grants (supporting technology, professional development, vocational programs, mental health training/support and COVID related expenses)
- \$58,164 donated through our annual appeal; **our highest year ever**
- \$25,881 in proceeds from our 10th annual road race, the Festivus 5K for Autism, to support educational and enrichment opportunities for students; **our highest year ever**
- Kevin O'Grady School brought back the Walk & Roll which raised almost \$7,000. The event brought together students, their families and KOG staff as they remembered students and staff who have passed; funds will establish an outdoor memorial in their honor.

PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS





Governance & Leadership 2021-2022

NORTHSHORE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Francine Rosenberg | Executive Director
Glenn Bergevin | Chief Financial Officer

SCHOOL & PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Martha Krol | Kevin O'Grady School
Stephanie Couillard | Kevin O'Grady School
Andrea Holt | Kevin O'Grady School
David Mercier | Northshore Academy Upper
Tracy Farraher | Northshore Academy Lower
Michelle Lipinski | Northshore Recovery HS
Ellen Heald | Transition Programs (Embark & SOAR)
Charles LeBuff | Topsfield Vocational Academy

FRIENDS OF NEC

Sarah Seiler | Director of Development
Alison Cody | Grants Coordinator
Heather Wolsey | Marketing & Communications

FRIENDS OF NEC BOARD MEMBERS

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