Dear Friends,

As the 2016-2017 school year comes to an end, we are proud to share with you some of our major initiatives:

- Successfully expanded into three Waukesha County Schools.
- Began a K4 pilot and an after-school program.
- Development of the 14th We Love to Learn Book.

We are finalizing our 3rd consecutive Summer Learning Gain Initiative (SLGI) that will be occurring throughout Milwaukee and Waukesha County. Thanks to WaterStone Bank, Ryan Braun, and the Brewer’s Community Foundation for their support.

All of this is possible due to the support we receive from people like you. We look forward to sharing more great news with you as additional programming develops this year.

Gratefully,

Lynda Kohler
President/CEO

K4 Pilot Program

The K4 program is being piloted in 13 schools in Milwaukee and Waukesha County. It is the first step in our K4-5th grade multidisciplinary curriculum that connects literacy, science, social studies, and art. The K4 curriculum focuses on “Living Things,” with units on humans, animals and plants that link directly to SHARP curricula in subsequent grades. K4 students in both Milwaukee and Waukesha are visiting the Milwaukee Art Museum for their educational tour. We anticipate great results from our youngest students.
After School Learning Initiative

SHARP recently implemented an After School Learning Initiative (ASLI) at two Silver Spring Neighborhood Center’s Community Learning Centers (CLCs). It extends our curriculum to two 15-week modules allowing students who attend their after school program to learn critical literacy skills, by using the visual arts as a learning tool. ASLI is currently in Browning Elementary CLC, and Thurston Woods Campus CLC. Each CLC provides daily academic and social support along with dinner and recreational activities. We are grateful to Johnson Controls Foundation for their support.

Young Artists’/Authors’ Workshop

K4 and K5 students from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, La Casa de Esperanza, St. Rose and St. Leo Catholic School, Victory School and students from Kihei Elementary School in Maui participated in the annual Young Artists’/Authors’ Workshop. Mr. Kraftan, a kindergarten teacher from Victory School had this to say about his students participating in the workshop with local author Dasha Kelly. “I was extremely impressed with how the SHARP staff kept my students actively engaged; simply terrific!”

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New Board Members

We welcome the following to our SHARP Literacy Board of Directors:

Brittany Lopez Naleid, Attorney, Reinhart Boerner van Duren, s.c.
Brian Till, James H. Keyes Dean of Business Administration, Marquette University
Upcoming Events

We are thrilled that SHARP Literacy, Hunger Task Force and McDonald’s are partnering to present the 2nd Annual Unwrapped event, an evening of food and festivities to be held at Hunger Task Force on Thursday, May 18, beginning at 5:30 P.M. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit Hunger Task Force. Unwrapped will challenge area chefs to create unique dishes using McDonald’s ingredients.

Register today at: www.mcdonaldsunwrapped.eventbrite.com

We are pleased to announce the fourth annual Kids Run to Read, which will be held on Saturday, June 10th, 2017 at Henry Maier Festival Park following the 7th annual Summerfest Rock ‘n Sole Run, presented by BMO Harris Bank. The run is open to participants 3 to 10 years old. Welcome back Marquette Men’s Basketball coach Steve Wojciechowski and wife Lindsay as event co-chairs! Emcee is TMJ4’s Katie Crowther!

We are currently looking for volunteers, to sign up or register today, please visit: www.rocknsolerun.com/pages/kids-run-to-read.php

To celebrate our recent expansion into Waukesha County, SHARP is hosting an event at the Oconomowoc Golf Club on Tuesday, June 27th from 5:30 pm till 9:00 pm. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Activities include a helicopter ball drop and bocce ball. Come and support SHARP Literacy’s Waukesha expansion, tickets are $60 a person!

We are looking for sponsors for all of our fabulous events—contact Nandini Sinha at 414-410-3203 or Nandini@sharpliteracy.org for more information.

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