

CROSS KEYS FOUNDATION, INC

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

“Every Opportunity for Every Child”

Cross Keys Foundation Supports Opportunities for ...





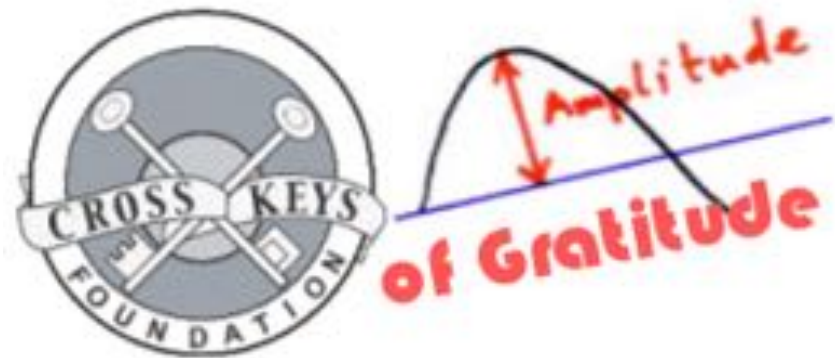
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An Amplitude of Gratitude

On behalf of the 8,500 young people of the Cross Keys area public schools I express my gratitude for your interest and support of our kids. I am privileged to be in a position to witness the continued, positive growth in goodwill for Cross Keys area kids. With all the remaining challenges it is too easy to lose sight of the material progress you have enabled. I am grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Kim Gökçe, Founder





Scholarship Program

We continued our flagship scholarship program in 2015 and awarded three \$1,000 awards and one \$500 scholarship at Cross Keys High School to support the college dreams of our area youth.

We also recognized two outstanding scholars at Sequoyah Middle School this year with recognition plaques and android tablet awards!

Cross Keys HS Scholars 2015



Sequoyah MS Scholars Recognition



Mini-Grants

The Foundation monitors and syndicates classroom projects posted by area educators via DonorsChoose.org. By promoting and funding these projects, the Foundation and its donors have direct impact in our classrooms with materials from books to science lab equipment and supplies.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/ckfProjects> and

[http://www.donorschoose.org/donor/480110?
tab=PROJECTS_SUPPORTED](http://www.donorschoose.org/donor/480110?tab=PROJECTS_SUPPORTED)

Our Mini-Grants Program Reach So Far

Cross Keys Foundation In Atlanta, GA



Monthly donor: **Yes**



School angel: **Cary Reynolds Elementary School, Cross Keys High School, Dresden Elementary School, Montclair Elementary School, Oakcliff Elementary School, Sequoyah Middle School, Woodward Elementary School, DeKalb Path Academy**

9,136 Students

75 Projects

Campaigns

Example Project Completed in 2015



**Friends, Romans, Countrymen: Give Us Shakespearean
YA Books**

Thank You Donors

Dear Cross Keys Foundation,

You have no idea the impact you have made on my classroom. Receiving these books in my room has fueled a reading fire with my students. I have had several more students sign up to compete in the reading bowl since you afforded them the chance to have the books in their hands. It has allowed the other students across the school an easier opportunity to read the books that are in the library since my Reading Bowlers now have all the books contained in our classroom. You should see the book trading that is happening! Students are excited about what they are reading and cannot wait to share it with their friends. I wish I could invite you all into our classroom to see what a blessing your donations are to my students. You will never truly understand the impact you have made. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Thank You Donors

Dear Cross Keys Foundation,

I can't fully express my joy, excitement, and thanks for your donation to my project. It is great to see that you share my vision for teaching and sharing with children. We so often use abstract explanations to explain abstract concepts in Physical Science..

The tools that you have funded will enable students to create and explain their own concepts with concrete tools, that will help to explain these abstract concepts. I cant wait to share all.

With gratitude,
Mrs. Johnson

Supported Projects via Mini-Grants



Little Free Library Program Summary & Sponsors

Foundation volunteers construct, decorate, install and stock a network of [Little Free Library](#)(TM) units in our service area to provide ubiquitous and year-round access to quality reading materials to our underserved population and to generate excitement about reading.

The program was jumpstarted with support from the Atlanta Braves Foundation and the Awesome Foundation. Brookhaven Storage donates warehouse space for our book inventory.

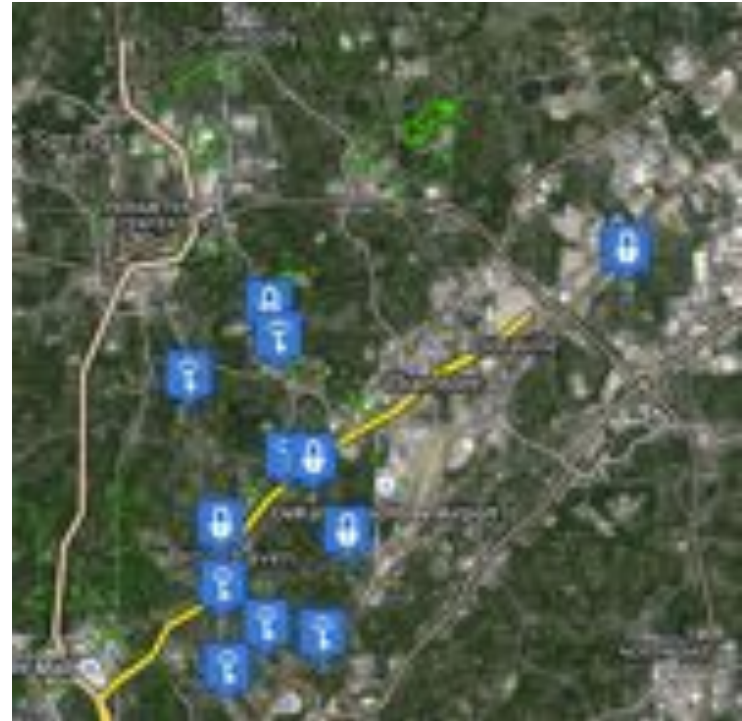
LFL - Current Scope

Year 1 (2014)

- ✓ Installed seven sites in Brookhaven area

Year 2 (2015)

- Thirteen sites operational
- Pilot summer reading competition and scavenger hunt
- Negotiated first site for Doraville



Year 3 (planned 2016)

- Add additional Doraville sites, expand reading competition and install Dresden ES site for Chamblee area.

See online directory at <http://tinyurl.com/ckflibrary>.

LFL - Resource Summary

The Foundation has developed a sustainable operating model based on the following resources. Items 1-9 are provided by Foundation resources and volunteers. Item 10 can be provided by either the Foundation or site sponsor. Items 11 and 12 are expected from sponsors for each site.

Resource Required to Support Little Free Library Program Site & Unit

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| 1. Site Selection & Authorization | 7. Site sponsor thank you plaque |
| 2. Library Unit Construction | 8. Book inventory & book plates |
| 3. Library Unit Art/Decoration | 9. Library Unit Maintenance |
| 4. Library Unit Installation | 10. Site stewardship volunteer |
| 5. Little Free Library Chartering | 11. \$250 sponsorship¹ |
| 6. Identifying site sponsor | 12. Ribbon cutting and ongoing promotion |

¹ Sponsorship fee is used to defray costs of items 1-9.

Contact

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LFL #1 - Briarwood Park



LFL #2 Woodward Elementary School



LFL #3 - Boys and Girls Club-Brookhaven



LFL #4 - Montclair Elementary School



LFL Lynwood Park



LFL - Student Volunteers at Warehouse



Advocacy 2015

- Cross Keys Foundation catalyst for Cross Keys Task Force (Latin American Association, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Cross Keys Foundation).
- Task Force formed to facilitate public engagement of CK community in the DeKalb Schools (DCSD) planning effort for Cross Keys Overcrowding
- Collaborative effort led to public meetings drawing over 1,100 Cross Keys stakeholders, public speakers at the DeKalb Board of Education community forums, and opinion surveys all which led to material changes to DCSD's plans and established a solid level of engagement for future, long-term planning.

Advocacy - Community Forum at LAA



> 700 at Sequoyah MS Public Meeting



> 400 at Cross Key Meeting



Cross Keys Foundation, Inc. - About

- ❑ Founded in 2009
- ❑ A Georgia-domiciled corporation ([Ctrl No. 12044658](#))
- ❑ Incorporated May 25, 2012
- ❑ Public charity under the 501(c)(3) statutes of the Internal Revenue Service
- ❑ Employee Identification Number ([45-5376375](#))
- ❑ 100% volunteer led and staffed
- ❑ Purpose: "...promote such common interest and to improve the general conditions for students of public schools of Brookhaven and those that feed into the Brookhaven community public schools;"¹

¹ See more at: <http://www.CrossKeysFoundation.org>



Financial Report

The unaudited financial results for Cross Keys Foundation, Inc. for calendar year 2015.

All Foundation reports are available on our web site at:

<https://crosskeysfoundation.org/reports/>

Thank you!

