

# CROSS KEYS FOUNDATION, INC ANNUAL REPORT 2016

“Every Opportunity for Every Child”

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Cross Keys Foundation Supports Opportunities for ...



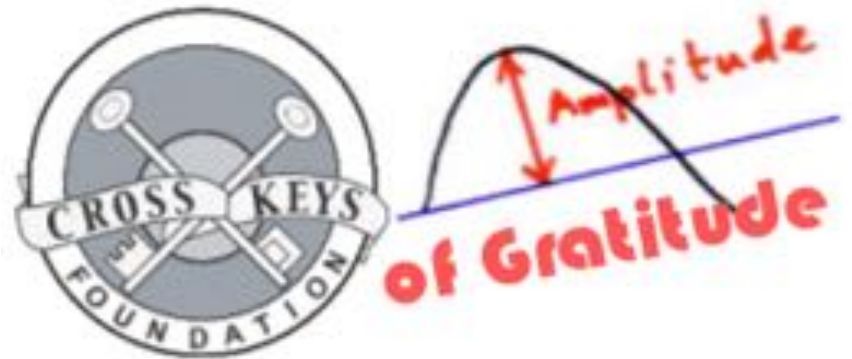
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# An Amplitude of Gratitude

On behalf of the students and faculty of the Cross Keys area public schools I express my gratitude for your interest and support of our area schools. 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 2016 and awarded a record five \$1,000 scholarships 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 2016



# \$1,000 to Maimuna Gassama CKF Scholars 2015 for St. John's University



# 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  
Path Academy

**10,750** Students

**83** Projects

Campaigns

# Example Project Completed in 2016



Fired Up First Graders!  
(6 Kindle Fire tablets)

# 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

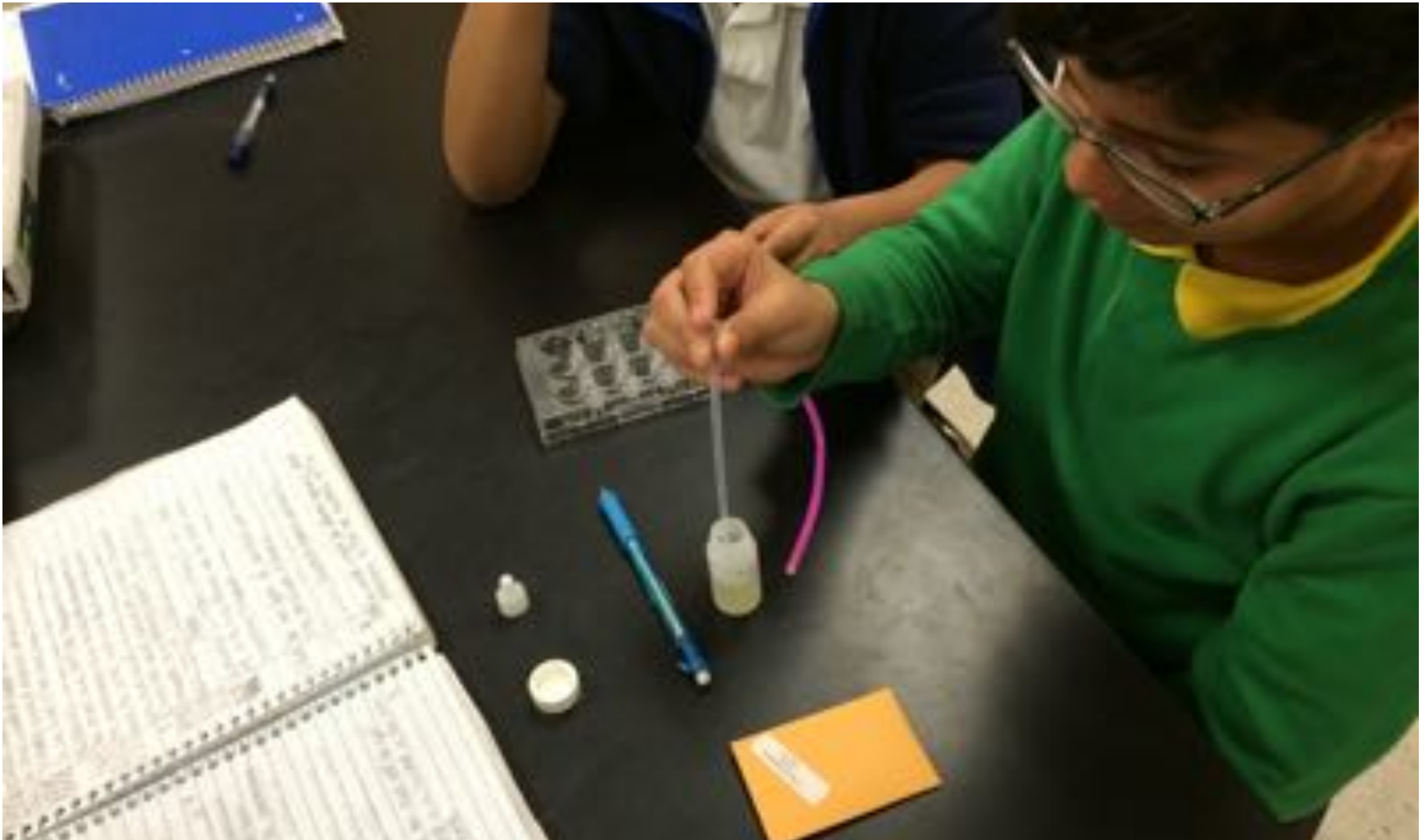




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# Little Free Library Program Summary & Sponsors

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

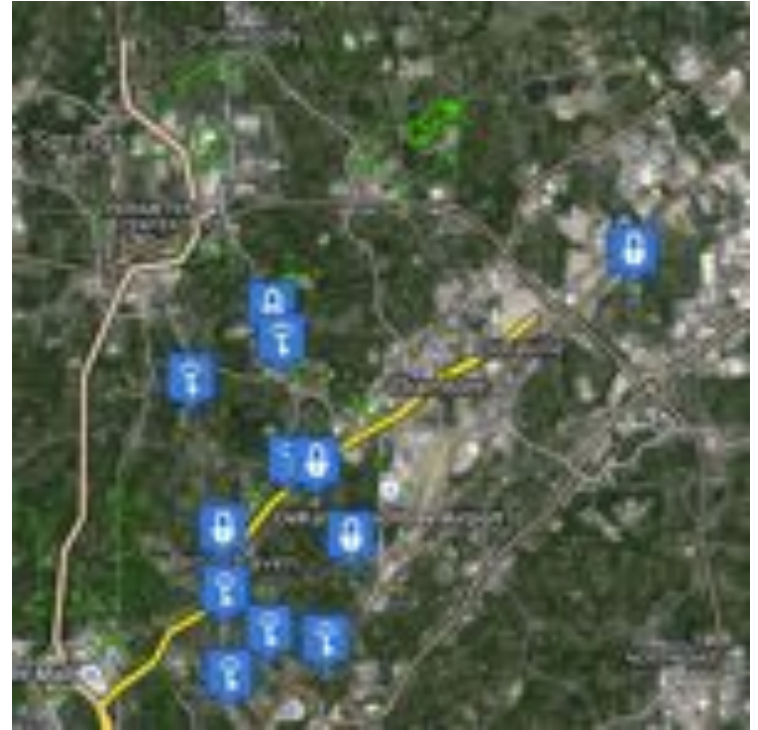
## Year 2 (2015)

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

## Year 3 (2016)

- Established first Doraville site, began maintenance program for existing sites.

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

<sup>1</sup> Sponsorship fee is used to defray costs of items 1-9.

# Contact

The Cross Keys Foundation, Inc. Volunteer, Kristin Gokce, is the program leader for our Little Free Library initiative. She can be reached at:

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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 Cross Keys High School





# LFL Honeysuckle Park, Doraville



# LFL - Student Volunteers at Warehouse





# Atlanta Urban Debate League



The Foundation approved sponsorship for Sequoyah Middle School  
The Foundation approved sponsorship for Cross Keys High School

League fees will be paid by the Cross Keys Foundation annually.



# Special Events 2016

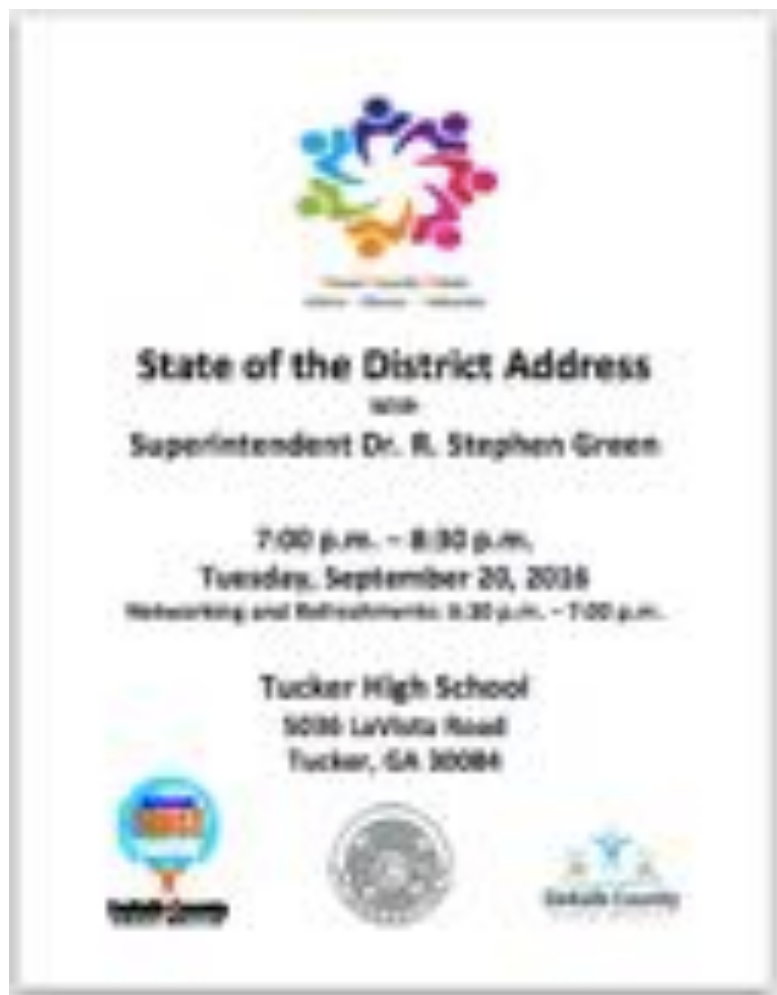


Sponsor: School Crashers 2016 – Oakcliff ES

See video: <http://tinyurl.com/ckfcrashers2016>

# Special Events 2016

State of the District Speech – Tucker HS.  
Cross Keys Foundation co-sponsored the Superintendent's State of the District Address. We supplied volunteers and Refreshments to encourage engagement.



# Advocacy 2016

- Cross Keys Task Force (Latin American Association, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Cross Keys Foundation) ensure accountability for the Fernbank ES, John Lewis ES, and CCHS redistricting moves.
- The Foundation served as chief advocate for the community in the DCSD Secondary Schools Study and resulting SPLOST V projects plan.
- CKF [white paper recommendations](#) to DSCD were well received and influenced much of the resulting plan.
- Effort resulted in earmarks of \$84M for a new HS and \$30M for two new ESes. Additional funds in the millions were allocated for urgent needs at Cary Reynolds and other area schools.

# 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;"<sup>1</sup>

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

# Financial Report

The unaudited financial results for Cross Keys Foundation, Inc. for calendar year 2016.

All Foundation reports are available on our web site at:

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



Thank you!

