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Education offers hope.

We believe that all children, regardless of their economic circumstances, deserve access to quality educational opportunities.

We believe that parents should have an opportunity to choose the best school for their children. We believe that with choice comes a sense of ownership and involvement.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc. is committed to offering educational choices to low-income families through privately funded scholarships.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Books on a Train and a Red Bird Provide Scholarships for Children

This past year I had the opportunity to take part in many wonderful projects and events that all benefitted the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund. We started the year with a book on a cardinal, spent an afternoon bowling with families in March, helped students collect a million pennies, celebrated the fifth anniversary of *Raise the Cap* in June, and ended the year hosting an event centered on a children's book on a Christmas train.

In January, NOSF offered free workshops to partner schools with local author Stacy Lievens sharing her story of *Ricky Red Bird – A Lesson in Virtue*. Ms. Lievens wrote the book after a childhood friend passed away and a cardinal bird started appearing at her window. Ms. Lievens hosted over a dozen workshops at area schools and made available copies of the books to the students with the proceeds going to NOSF scholarship program.

In March, NOSF hosted *Strikes and Spires for Scholarships* to beat the winter blues. Families and friends gathered at Timbers Bowling in Maumee to spend an afternoon bowling and raising funds for scholarships.

Students got in the act raising funds for NOSF and helping their classmates with a week-long school penny war called *Your Change to Make a Change*. Nineteen schools participated and raised \$10,077 for NOSF, including Sandusky Central Catholic School who collected \$1,300 in pennies during Catholic Schools Week.

In June, NOSF hosted its 5th annual *Raise the Cap* event at Fifth Third Field. The event did not disappoint. Friends of NOSF as well as scholarship families spent the evening with Toledo's favorite Mud Hens.

The fall was spent planning *On Track for Education: A Night on the Polar Express*. *On Track for Education* funds educational programs in Northwest Ohio. The inaugural event took place December 3 and focused on Chris Van Allsburg's book *The Polar Express*. Guests at the event were treated to an evening of food provided by Toledo's finest restaurants and caterers, entertained by the Toledo Opera and participated in interactive experiences with Imagination Station and the Toledo Zoo.

This year was a success thanks to the generous people who believe in the mission of the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund. As we look ahead to 2018, we are motivated by the support of donors and thrilled to continue awarding scholarships, especially as we prepare to celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

Ann Riddle, Executive Director



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017

- Presented *On Track for Education: A Night on the Polar Express* along with HOPE Learning Academy Foundation at the Downtown Toledo Train Station.
- Local author Stacy Lievens presented workshops at partner schools on her book *Ricky Red Bird – A Lesson in Virtue*. Proceeds from the sale of the book went to support NOSF
- Hosted *Strikes and Spires for Scholarships* in March
- Introduced *Champion for Children* giving level to support one NOSF scholarship for a year



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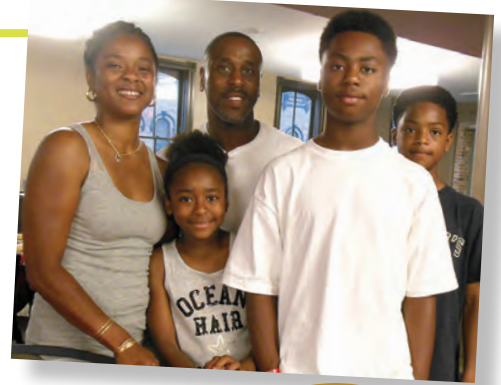
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



REVENUE

● Donated Income:	\$ 537,893
● Children's Scholarship Fund Match:	\$ 131,633
● Special Events:	\$ 123,191
Total:	\$ 792,717

EXPENSES

● Scholarship Payments:	\$ 555,788
● Management & Operations:	\$ 79,792
● Special Events:	\$ 63,084
● Marketing & Fundraising:	\$ 29,552
● Scholarship Software & Support Costs:	\$ 18,476
● Professional Fees & Evaluation:	\$ 18,407
Total:	\$ 765,099
Net Assets, End of Year:	\$ 177,090

The above information was extracted from NOSF's audited financial statements, which are available, along with our IRS 990 form, on NOSF's website: <http://nosf.org/about-us/financials>

The above information is prepared on a modified cash basis and is taken directly from the financial statements audited by Rehmann.