Dear Friends

We have such gratitude for the ways you support our community. This report attempts to celebrate the incredible students, families and team members who are at the heart of the daily life of The Learning Community.

The times we are in challenge all of us to give deeply of ourselves to come through on our promise to our children, particularly children of color and children in low-income communities—that they have the quality of education they are so undeniably deserving of receiving. This year, with your help, we did just that, and we graduated our first cohort from our English as a Second Language certification course.

Please consider this report as one way we share the gratitude we feel for your support. Enjoy!

Meg O'Leary
CO-DIRECTOR

Sarah Friedman
CO-DIRECTOR

Marc Greenfield
BOARD CHAIR
Coming together and advocating

Our team came together with other immigrant-serving community agencies, as well as the legal community, to advocate for our children and families who are targeted and threatened under new immigration rules. We worked to create systems to rapidly respond to threats and also to proactively inform statewide policy and practice with consideration of our immigrant community members.
Middle graders speak out! After the Parkland shooting, our 6th, 7th and 8th graders felt compelled to look into local gun legislation and, as a result, advocated for the passage of bill #H7891, presenting their rationale to legislators and local leaders in front of Central Falls City Hall.

And spoke out again! They also joined their peers from other districts in a respectful protest at the State House.
Our students of color are excelling and, in 2017, outperformed Rhode Island’s white students. Our elementary school outperformed more than half of Rhode Island’s suburban districts on the state standardized test. We achieved this result even as Rhode Island is recognized as having the most significant achievement gap in the country, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
Our Teaching Studio graduated its first cohort of teachers from the only English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher Certification program run by an elementary school in the state and one of only a handful nationally. (The Teaching Studio is The Learning Community’s professional development team, serving other Rhode Island public schools and educators.)

Graduating cohorts of better prepared educators
### Statement of Financial Activity (unaudited)
Year Ending June 30, 2018

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*Facility Improvements from Capital Reserve* $ 150,153

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Fiscally responsible
Grateful for our supporters!

Our Exploratorium, an afterschool and summer program, offers hands-on inquiry experiences through a rigorous combination of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) programming, with a secondary focus on social action that encourages students to participate in their communities and become leaders of change and innovation. With help from our wide network of public and private partners, we provide the groundwork for future economic independence and strength through programming that augments our school day curriculum and ensures our students are prepared for high school, college, and high-wage 21st century careers on par with their suburban peers.
“We are committed to supporting the community we serve, especially our youth. That’s why we are proud to invest in The Learning Community — a school that is proving that all students, regardless of their socioeconomic background, can thrive in and out of the classroom when provided the high-quality educational opportunities all youth deserve.”

- Donna Gregson, Executive Vice President, Pawtucket Credit Union.

“Amica Insurance is proud to support The Learning Community in its mission to prepare our youth for academic, career and life success. The faculty and staff are deeply committed to teaching and providing students with the quality educational opportunities that they deserve, which is critically important for all Rhode Islanders. By providing our youth with the best resources, regardless of where they live, they have the opportunity to strive for success.”

- Robert A. DiMuccio, Amica Chairman, President and CEO
“We are pleased to partner with The Learning Community and support its students as we work together to help expand the learning experience and improve the lives of young people. We are continually looking for ways to help solve today’s educational and environment challenges. Our work with The Learning Community will help reach more students and help strengthen social fabric of Rhode Island.”
- Ed White, Executive Director, National Grid Foundation

“More often than not, youth living in urban communities are not given the same access to critical experiential learning opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) as their suburban peers. This reality is resulting in a lack of preparedness and excitement among urban youth for careers in demand in today’s fast-paced, global economy. That’s why we’re proud to invest in The Learning Community’s Exploratorium afterschool program, which is benefitting all Rhode Islanders by encouraging urban youth to explore their passions, discover new interests and be prepared to thrive in and out of the classroom.
- Michele Cinquegrano, Regional Director, Verizon Government Affairs
What is it like to be a student here at The Learning Community? What would you say are some of the things that have been consistent over time here?

You can communicate with teachers, they really care. They help you with your school work and in your life. Each student is given the opportunity to have a great education and communicate with everyone. You become like family, create bonds here that helps throughout your years here.

The teachers always encourage kids to get work done and keep going. They also explain why you will need this in your life and with your career. The Learning Community has been consistent with letting students know education is very important whether you go to college or not.

What are your dreams for the future?

I want to be a photographer or pediatrician. I loved when I was at LC to go read to the Kindergarten class. The Learning Community always encouraged me to look at my goals and stay focused, when I felt like giving up or procrastinating teachers always kept me focused and did not let me give up. You can communicate with teachers, they really care. They help you with your school work and in your life.

What would you say to someone who wants to know about The Learning Community?

My mom attends conferences, parent cafes and she is given the chance to meet everyone and ask questions and talk to teachers. She could contact the school at any time for anything. I had a sibling who graduated and a sibling who is now in 5th grade so I still get invited!

We had a chance to focus on immigration in 7th grade and shared our stories of what our families went through. Visitors came in to hear our stories and hearing us made a difference since the visitors were important people and they heard what we had to say.

Are there any people or experiences that have influenced you here?

One of my teachers in 8th grade helped a lot and gave me great advice. He always kept me on track and taught me it was important to work hard for my future. He always saw the potential in me and reassured me and made it clear why the work we were doing is important. He was not just a teacher, but also a friend—he was my strongest influence.

Catherine Landero
Our families are our true partners. We are honored to learn from them and to try to live up to the trust they have in us to care for their children with as much commitment as they do.
Thanks to you, our friends and supporters who gave resources, time and expertise. Our after school and summer Exploratorium program was able to offer a rich variety of experiences and academic supports for our students. Our students got to enjoy newly upgraded playground equipment!
Did you attend Get Smart! Get Funky!? With a whole new vibe and the amazing Funky Autocrat band, we had a blast and we grossed $100,000 too!

Save the date for next year’s event: April 4, 2019!
Grateful

Thank you to everyone who is a member of our Learning Community and committed to providing each of our students with the best education possible, while sharing the innovations working in our classrooms with other public school districts to maximize student impact.

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