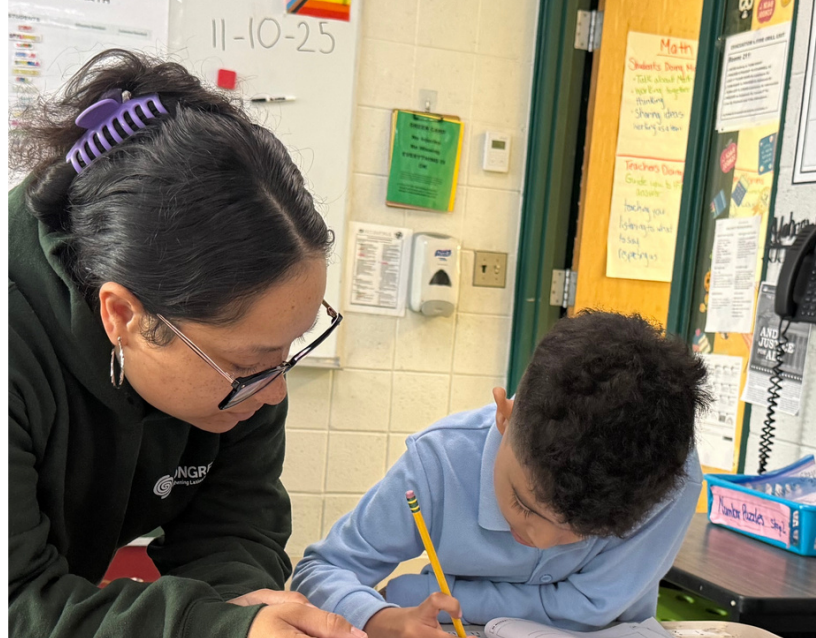




"I have learned how important my role is in being the change I need to be to my community."



"Thank you for creating a caring environment that will leave a legacy of change in our neighborhood's children."

HISTORIC FAIR HILL

Annual Impact Report 2026



"It's wonderful to have library time again. It's been 15 years since my students experienced library time."



"Even if something doesn't look like it can be fixed, it can."

Dear Friends of Historic Fair Hill,

When I reflect on the past year in Fairhill, three words keep coming to mind - dreaming, learning, and growing.

The work we carry on from the abolitionists buried here, and from our founders, is rooted in refusing to accept the status quo, and instead challenging ourselves to make the world a better place. We know that when young people have opportunities to imagine themselves in the future, to be exposed to new ideas, and to learn new skills, they gain the tools and confidence to help shape that future. We see this every day in our libraries, in our classrooms, and among our trees.

This summer, our youth internship centered on community pride. Our interns met local leaders, explored incredible partner organizations, learned more about the people and places that make our community special, and - perhaps most importantly - began to see themselves as part of the solution.

We are able to do this work because of you. Your generosity and belief in our community allow us to strengthen what we've built and sustain it for generations to come. Together, we're creating spaces to dream, opportunities to learn, and a stronger future for our community. Now, we are embarking on an exciting new phase of growth as we create a home of our own where we will be able to welcome more young people and families than ever before.

We hope you will see your impact reflected on these pages and that you will continue to dream, learn, and grow with us.

In peace,



Kerry Roeder,
Executive Director



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What has Historic Fair Hill been up to?

Your ongoing support brings vital literacy, greening, and community programming to the neighborhood.

Youth Interns

Our young people are the heart of our work. Now a year-round program, youth interns learn about gardening, community, and leadership. This summer, they focused on neighborhood pride and community beautification.



Family Literacy

We know that caregivers are a child's first and best teachers. Our Family Workshops include picture book read-alouds, playful literacy activities, and social-emotional awareness that are modeled by our library coordinators. The learning continues into the summer with our Wondrous Wednesday programs that connect literacy and nature together.



We have continued to grow our collaborative partnerships with incredible organizations throughout Fairhill. Connecting regularly, we have been learning from and sharing with one another, so that we can build on the strengths of our Fairhill community. Once a month, we distribute food together at a shared farmstand.

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PLUS... we operated 4 school libraries, employed 6 parent assistants, paired 75 students with reading buddies, and distributed over 6,000 books. We welcomed 2,000 visitors to the grounds, gave away 3,000 pounds of fresh produce, maintained 2 school gardens, and hosted 50 school garden visits. We hosted 26 Family Fun Days and our annual Joy & Wellness Festival.

The Mighty Work Still Before Us

As we look toward the future, here are the projects which will foster our dreaming, our learning, and our growth.

Building Project

After more than 30 years, we look forward to having a building to call home. Located across from the burial ground, this new headquarters will allow us to deepen and extend our impact. We'll be able to have year round literacy programming, community workshops in all weather, and much needed additional storage for food and books.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Capital Campaign. We're getting ready to break ground in early spring!

Food Forest

Working with the Mayor's Office of Clean & Green, our Auburn Street Garden is expanding. The plan includes 7 fruit trees with a mix of perennial herbs & companion plants. You will soon be able to walk through, harvest something, learn about what's growing, and see how different plants can work together.

As the trees mature, the amount of fresh produce we're able to grow and share will also increase!



Advocacy

We strongly believe in using our voices to advocate for peace, justice, and equity. In the coming year, we are committed to continuing our work with partners including Read by 4th, the Philadelphia Alliance to Restore School Librarians (PARSL), the Pennsylvania Literacy Coalition, and the District Attorney's Anti-Violence Prevention initiative.



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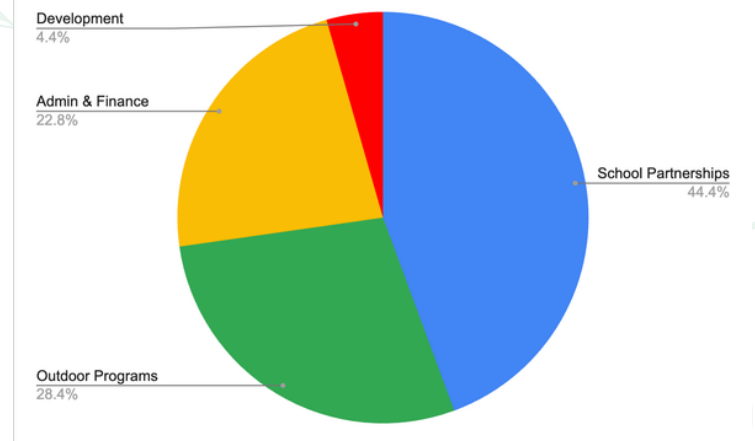
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Grants	\$450,271
Endowment Income	\$33,802
Other	\$32,240

Total Funds Received \$774,292

Use of Funds

Development	\$27,050
Admin & Finance	\$139,253
Outdoor Programs	\$173,220
School Partnerships	\$270,727
Capital Improvements	\$31,500

Total Funds Expensed \$641,750
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