



EPAK

EAST PALO ALTO KIDS FOUNDATION

GRANTING OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY CLASSROOM

Celebrating 25 Years

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT





Since 1993, the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK) has been a community-based, volunteer organization whose mission is to promote educational opportunities and academic success for students by awarding grants to teachers of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park schools.

EPAK at a Glance

- EPAK is a non-profit founded in 1993 to improve the quality of education for students in economically disadvantaged East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.
 - The organization supports district and charter schools, serving over 4,000 children in pre-K through twelfth grade.
 - Our model of granting to teachers has a direct, immediate impact and provides much-needed classroom tools and resources.
 - EPAK's all-volunteer board keeps administrative expenses at less than 6% of budget, ensuring an impressive 94% of funds raised goes directly to benefit students.
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Costaño students made blankets for a local animal shelter.

President's Message



Lee Dinneen
EPAK Board President

Twenty-five years ago, EPAK was founded to increase prospects for students who live in economically disadvantaged East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. We designed our giving model to immediately and directly reach those who need help the most.

Since 1993, EPAK has given over \$4 million to area schools, supporting literacy,

STEM education, field trips, tools for special needs students, and curricula such as health and wellness and makerspace programs. Students, teachers, administrators, and community leaders consistently tell us EPAK's work has helped inspire, stretch imaginations, and pique intellectual curiosity. This just motivates us to work harder and do more.

This year, we gave \$238,728 in \$600 micro-grants and \$14,350 to set up new teachers for success in the classroom. Thankfully, donations remain strong and continue to grow. Lisa Tracy, Executive Director of the Callison Foundation, sums up the view of many of our donors:

"EPAK is a slam dunk. Who knows what the kids need? Teachers know. With every dollar given to EPAK, you make a tangible difference for an entire classroom, from whiz-bang science projects to thrilling field trips to books that change lives."

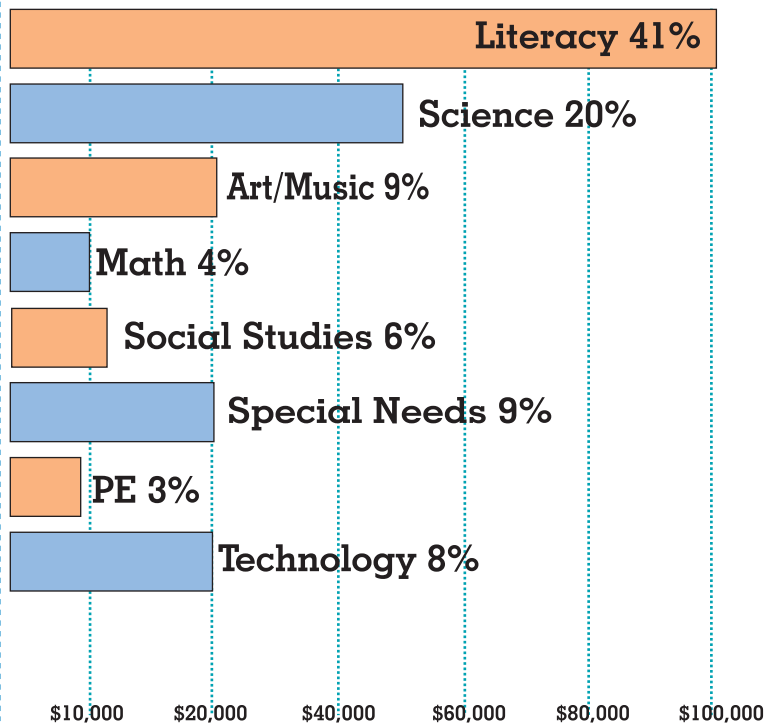
We recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Heising-Simons and Lucile Packard Foundations that will allow us to activate a project called 'Bridging The Empathy Gap in Educational Giving.' The goal is to create better understanding between donors, ourselves, and our grantees by gathering impactful stories from educators and students and bringing them to donors. I look forward to updating you as this initiative progresses.

Rewarding as it is to reflect back, it is more important to look ahead and plan for the future. With shiny new tech company buildings, East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park look very different from 25 years ago. Don't be deceived by the visual prosperity. These changes bring acute cost-of-living pressures to area families. Schools are feeling the pinch and students are bearing the brunt. **Today, your support of EPAK is more vital and valued than ever.**



Our Impact 2017-18

Grants awarded: \$238,728



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25 favorite EPAK-sponsored field trips!

African American Shakespeare Co.
Angel Island Immigration Station
Año Nuevo
Aquarium of the Bay
Arden Farms
California Academy of Sciences
Chabot Space Center
Chinatown Tour

CuriOdyssey at
Coyote Point Museum
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Foothills Park
Happy Hollow Park & Zoo
Hidden Villa
Lawrence Hall of Science
Mission Dolores
Monterey Bay Aquarium

Oakland Zoo
Pier 39
Pomponio State Beach
Roaring Camp Railroad in Felton
Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum
Capitol and Fort Sutter, Sacramento
San Francisco Zoo
San Mateo County History Museum
Tech Museum



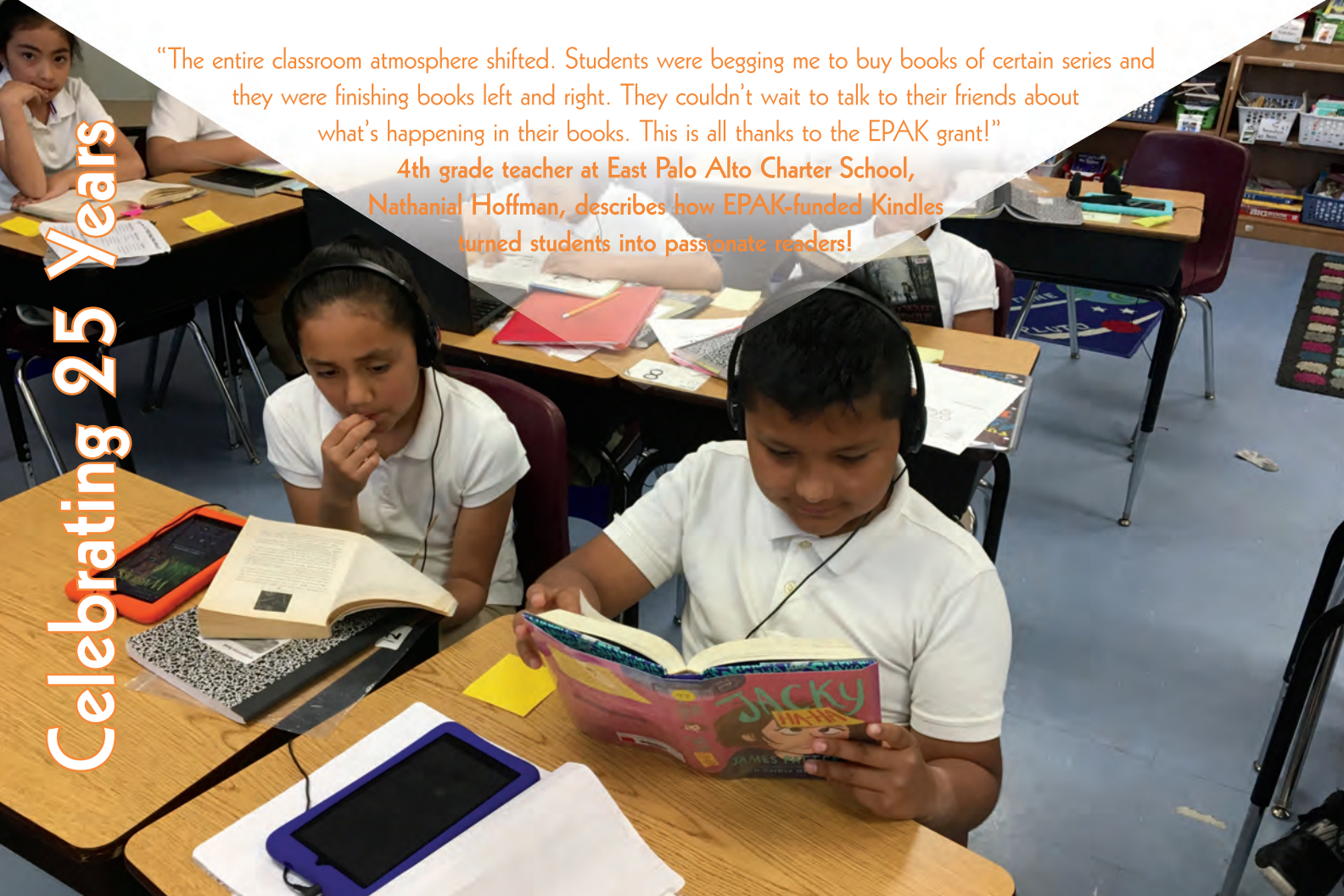
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"The entire classroom atmosphere shifted. Students were begging me to buy books of certain series and they were finishing books left and right. They couldn't wait to talk to their friends about what's happening in their books. This is all thanks to the EPAK grant!"

4th grade teacher at East Palo Alto Charter School,
Nathanial Hoffman, describes how EPAK-funded Kindles
turned students into passionate readers!



Financials Our operating expenses were 5.9% of revenue for the 2017-18 fiscal year

Revenues

Donations	\$349,851
Other Income	\$ 141
Total Revenues	\$349,992

Expenses

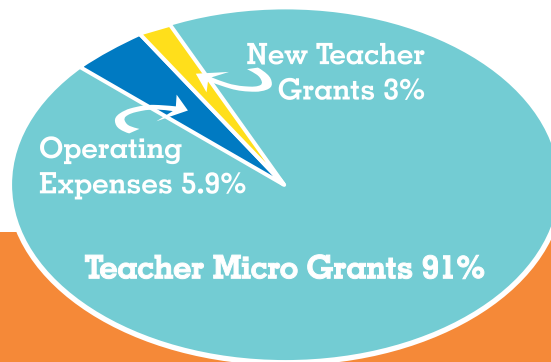
Grants	
Teacher Micro Grants	\$238,728
New Teacher Grants	\$ 14,350
Total Grant Expense	\$253,078
 Operating Expense	 \$ 17,981
Total Expenses	\$271,059

Assets & Liabilities

Cash*	\$344,495
Liabilities	\$ 0
Total Net Assets	\$344,495

Change in Net Assets \$ 73,436

**Cash Balance includes \$25,000 special project grant from Heising Simons & Packard Foundations*



EPAK Supporters

It is through the generous and dedicated support of our donors that EPAK has been serving the children of East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park since 1993. Without our donors, teachers and students would not have the educational opportunities other communities take for granted. Our strong base of diverse contributors makes EPAK a stable and trusted partner for all schools in the area. **We appreciate your generous and continued support.**

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"Thank you again for your continued support of Ravenswood teachers and students. As I prepare to retire after 10 years in Ravenswood, I am forever grateful for the yearly contributions from your foundation."

Judy Kluper, Brentwood School





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