

Somerville Ed Foundation



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2019 Community Appeal

By middle school, students without access to quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities can suffer up to a 6,000-hour learning gap compared with peers enrolled in quality programs (ExpandED Schools, 2013). Quality summer programs offer young people the opportunity to forge positive relationships with adults and peers, and build social, cognitive, and practical skills. Healthy relationships form the foundation of social-emotional skills and the ability to function successfully throughout life—at home, in school, with family and friends, and as members of a community. (Crowley, Greenberg, & Jones, 2015).

-- Glenda Soto, 2018 SPS Summer School Director, Principal Argenziano School

I want to help

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Dear Friends,

The mission of the [Somerville Education Foundation](#) (SEF) is to promote learning opportunities for all Somerville residents by raising and distributing funds, facilitating discussion and promoting best practices related to education.

To fulfill this vision, SEF has established three community goals:

1. **Basic Needs.** Prioritize community resources to first ensure that all children and young people are secure in basic needs for food, shelter, clothing, support for resident status, health, mental health, and are ready to learn.
2. **Year-Round Learning.** Expand access so that all children and young people have the opportunity to access high-quality out-of-school time programs.
3. **Applied Learning.** Ensure all high school students have the opportunity to access internships, summer jobs, coops, and project-based applied learning opportunities.

Many of you already do so much for the community and yet there is more to be done. We will not solve these needs in a single year, but we can over the next 10-20 years.

The Summer Learning Campaign began last year. Thanks to the support of many of you, we exceeded our initial goal by raising and distributing \$27,000 to enable community partners to provide 100

Somerville young people with 7,000 hours of quality summer learning opportunities ([2018 Report](#)).

This year, SEF and the [Somerville Chamber of Commerce](#) have begun working together to operate an annual campaign and establish funding to support these goals. We invite you to partner with us and join the Summer Learning Campaign by clicking [here](#) to answer three questions:

- Will you make a financial contribution to the 2019 Summer Learning Campaign?
- Would you like to volunteer with a community group?
- If you would like, please share with SEF what you are currently doing to support the community.
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Please join with us in committing to provide our young people with all the support they need to progress through their education to a life of happiness and success. Together, we can organize businesses and residents to provide the volunteers, internships, and financial support every young person's needs.

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