



Farther Foundation Annual Report



2008

Mission & Vision

Farther Foundation enables students from economically disadvantaged circumstances explore interests, expand horizons, gain inspiration and elevate aspirations for leadership and success.

We do this by providing scholarships and support for students to participate in educational travel experiences that are significant and potentially life changing. Farther Foundation partners with schools and community organizations to identify students who demonstrate commitment to success through academic achievement, participation in support programs and a willingness to take a bold step beyond the familiar.



Experience breaks down barriers and heightens aspirations

Summertime is a crossroads for students, and an ideal time for personal growth. Without proper opportunities however, summer all too often becomes a period of stagnation or backsliding. Students from economically disadvantaged families in and around Chicago face several barriers to success:

- Socio-economic isolation,
- Lack of diverse role models for success,
- Ignorance of opportunities for enrichment and advancement, and
- Lack of educational enrichment resources.

Farther Foundation provides opportunities for students to participate in age appropriate educational travel programs. They interact with individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences, become immersed in new cultures and experiences, learn and develop skills, cultivate leadership potential and attain personal growth.

Board of Directors

Farther Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Maureen Barradas to our Board of Directors. Though not yet out of college, Maureen already is well traveled and has a wealth of personal qualities and experiences that reflect the students we serve and exemplify the success we hope they achieve.

In June of 2009, Maureen D. Barradas will receive her Bachelor of Arts in English from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. A POSSE scholar, Maureen has served the Carleton community as a student leader in various organizations. A three-year co-chair of Asian Students in America (ASIA), Maureen is most concerned with the academic and social welfare of her fellow multicultural students. Passion for youth education and community organizing was fostered by her experience as a HighSight scholar and YAWP: Young Asians with Power writer during high school.



Born in Manila, Philippines, and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Maureen continues to stay in touch with communities in both cities. While at Carleton, she studied literature through three international programs in London, the Middle East, and, most recently, Madrid. She believes strongly in the power of travel to inspire personal development, provide different perspectives on one's own origins, and encourage a global mindset.

Our Board

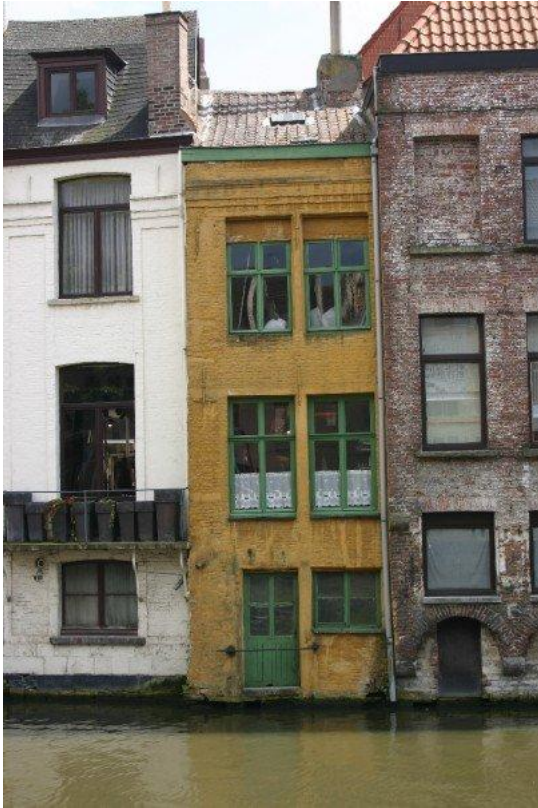
David Weindling, *President and Secretary*
Founder, Farther Foundation

Susan J. White, *Vice President*
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Maureen Barradas
Student

Farther Foundation is currently seeking additional board members who are committed to the mission of the organization and the people we serve. Nominations are welcome.



Strong Foundations

In our first half-year of existence, we set out to establish an organization in which we epitomize the same qualities we admire in the students we support – feet firmly on the ground, active and purposeful in building and sustaining a network of support, eager to learn and prepared to succeed.

As we look ahead to awarding our first grants and scholarships in 2009, we acknowledge our accomplishments to date and the people who helped us get here. My own personal network of support begins with my wife, Sherry and the rest of my family who allow me to dedicate my time and effort to the mission of Farther Foundation.

Farther Foundation owes its distinct look to Sandi Weindling of Push Communications who designed our logo, and Alexia Vanek of Fabutron for her work

on our website. We were ably guided through the legal processes and necessities of establishing ourselves as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by Jacob Zehnder of Mosher & Associates. We were afforded pro-bono legal assistance from Lana Raines of Reed Smith in reviewing options and policies for insurance.

Farther Foundation is very grateful to the many individuals who have taken the time to meet with us, offered help and advice, referred us to others and agreed to partner with us in supporting deserving students. We are grateful for the generosity of our family, friends and supporters who provide the resources to award the scholarships that are the core of our mission. Later in this report, we acknowledge all our donors who have inspired us with their generosity and their faith in our mission and our organization. We are especially grateful to our *Founding Farthers*, those supporters who contributed at least \$5,000 during this critical start-up phase of Farther Foundation.

Thank you for your support,

David Weindling
Founder and Board President

Programs for 2009

Farther Foundation makes it possible for students to participate in unique educational travel experiences. Inspired by experience, students become active and engaged learners, full of potential and more fully aware of the world and its opportunities.

In January, Farther Foundation began accepting applications for support from students seeking to participate in educational travel programs during the summer of 2009.



The Students: Eligible students are incoming high school freshman through graduating high school seniors from the Chicago area. Students come from families that are economically disadvantaged. Generally, students have no previous educational travel opportunities and have met a minimum threshold for academic achievement. Students are sponsored by an Education Partner, and are actively

involved in programs that enhance regular school curriculum and support the student's own demonstrated dedication to personal growth.

Education Partners: Our Education Partners are public schools, private schools, and community based organizations that provide students with extra-curricular support (e.g. tutoring, mentoring, internships, extended school day, after-school programming, leadership training, college preparatory activities). Partner organizations serve as a reference and a partner for the student in the application process.

The Programs: Educational travel opportunities are provided by established operators that have age appropriate programs designed to allow students to become immersed in new cultures and experiences, learn and develop skills, serve a community, cultivate leadership potential and attain personal growth. We select programs that allow the student to interact with others who have different backgrounds and experiences. Programs are generally one week in duration or longer and can be foreign or domestic.

The Scholarships: Scholarships to support a single student's participation in a program are available up to \$4,000. Scholarships may cover program fees, travel to and from the program location and other related costs such as passport fees or required insurance.

Special Program for 2009

Farther Foundation received a special grant from Carl & Rachael Weissman and the Weissman Family Foundation that will allow two deserving students to travel on a month-long adventure through the Pacific Northwest this summer. Our partners in this program are the Summer Quest office of the Chicago Public Schools and OpenRoads.

Summer Quest connects Chicago Public High School students with enriching pre-college programs, giving them the opportunity to spend weeks outside their local neighborhoods exploring new intellectual, social and leadership experiences.

Last summer, 210 students enrolled in over 40 programs across the country. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch in grades nine, ten and eleven, with a grade point average of 2.5 are eligible to apply for Summer Quest. Summer Quest boasts an 80% college enrollment rate for its travel program participants as compared to the school system's 25% overall rate.

OpenRoads Provides summer adventures for high school students that combine literature and documentary arts (photography and video) in a highly experiential outdoor environment. OpenRoads programs broaden the horizons for diverse groups of students by taking them on a character building journey throughout a region of the U.S., documenting the stories of others while learning to tell their own. At month's end, their work is exhibited at the Seattle Museum of Art.



Financial Report

	2008 Actual (6-1-08 to 12-31-08)	2009 Budget	Notes
Revenue			
Contributions	\$45,900	\$50,000	
Interest income	\$8	\$25	
In-Kind Occupancy	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$500 per month in home office space and equipment, travel expenses, supplies
In-Kind Administration	\$26,000	\$52,000	25 hrs/wk x \$40/hr = \$1,000 per week
Total	\$74,908	\$108,025	
Expenses			
Administration (In-Kind)	\$26,000	\$52,000	Donated volunteer time
Occupancy (In-Kind)	\$3,000	\$6,000	Donated office space and equipment
Communications	\$370	\$700	Telephone, e-marketing, web hosting
Printing & Postage	\$1,155	\$1,000	
Legal services	\$5,965	\$0	One-time cost of establishing nonprofit org.
Insurance	\$0	\$600	Directors and Officers Insurance
Website Development	\$500	\$200	
Software	\$610	\$0	Office and Accounting software
Miscellaneous	\$138	\$500	Seminars, fees, supplies
Total	\$37,738	\$61,000	
Net revenue available for scholarships	\$36,170	\$47,025	

- Financial report is unaudited

Our Supporters

Farther Foundation is very grateful to acknowledge the support of the many generous donors who believe in our mission and the potential of the students we serve.

Our Founding Farthers have made significant contribution of \$5,000 or more to establish Farther Foundation during our critical start-up period:

Steven & Jeannette Levitt
Lanny & Terry Passaro
Susan & Bill Pitzele
Kirk & Angie Weidner
David Weindling & Sherry Nordstrom
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