



# Brookstone Schools

*Sowing Seeds of Wisdom*



Annual Report 2017-18

*Daniel, 5th grade  
Front Cover: Autumn, Kaleb,  
& Kaitlyn, 1st grade*



# THE GIFT THAT MATTERS

Steve Hall, Brookstone Head of School



I knew this was going to be a big day for graduates, an event families would recall for months, maybe even years.

It was June 7th, the last day of school and Commencement. Excitement filled the hall as the crowd watched the processional. The program went like clockwork from the opening welcome to the awards. Then something unexpected and off script occurred.

Myles Stradford, the class salutatorian, stepped up to the microphone. I could tell by his body language that he was eager to speak. "Hello, my name is Myles Stradford, and I've been at Brookstone since kindergarten." He went on to recount memories from the past decade, honoring those he loved who had helped him overcome obstacles.

He called people by name – several teachers, staff, and Partners who supported him for 9 years. Myles asked them to come forward one by one to receive a gift of flowers or a plaque. It was a poignant moment. People were stunned. I know I was.

Among the thousands of graduates in our city this spring, I had to ask myself, "How many would have the savvy to do something like this?"

Isn't commencement supposed to be all about honoring graduates? But Myles turned the tables. He put the spotlight

elsewhere! People had given time, love, and financial support to help him reach his potential. They were his heroes, and he wanted to celebrate that.

I was moved to tears when Myles gave the last award – a plaque engraved with a simple message:

*I will never forget the foundation that was laid for me here at Brookstone Schools. They say it takes a village to raise a child. Thank you for being part of my village. I am forever grateful!*  
- Myles Stradford

This plaque, now hanging in our school office, reflects what we strive for: to be a community where loving one another is the pervasive ethic underlying all interactions.

People invest in relationships. The most magical, sacred thing is how we transform one another in the process.

In this year's annual report, we wanted to emphasize the theme of caring and its impact on lives in our community. A teacher, a partner, and a graduate each share how their lives have changed. Their perspectives may differ, but common to all is the transforming power of love.

Who can deny it? It is the greatest gift any of us can give or receive from others.

Siblings Lundyn, Kindergarten,  
& Myles, 8th grade



# ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

Research confirms that reading proficiency by 3rd grade is an essential step toward academic success. Students who do not achieve literacy standards by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. That is why attaining this 3rd grade reading benchmark is a critical gauge for the success of Brookstone students. We are pleased to report that our spring 2018 reading assessment showed 88% of our students had achieved this reading milestone by 3rd grade.



Our annual DIBELS reading assessment in spring of 2018 showed that 88% of Brookstone's third graders had achieved reading proficiency.

In spring of 2018, our students took the IOWA and scored at the 66th percentile. This result is a composite score for all grades for combined math and reading. It means that our students achieved a score that is higher than 66% of students across the US who took the IOWA.



Based on the combined IOWA reading and math test scores, our goal is to accelerate students' growth so that they show 13 months of academic growth in a 10 month school year. In 2018, our students showed 12.7 months of growth.

*Ashley Whitley, lunch buddy  
and tutor, & Nadia, 4th grade*



# FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

## Revenue

|                             |    |           |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|
| Total Contributions         | \$ | 1,904,313 |
| Student Tuition & Fees      |    | 49,477    |
| NC Opportunity Scholarships |    | 117,600   |
| Other Income                |    | 102,074   |

**Total Income: \$ 2,173,464**

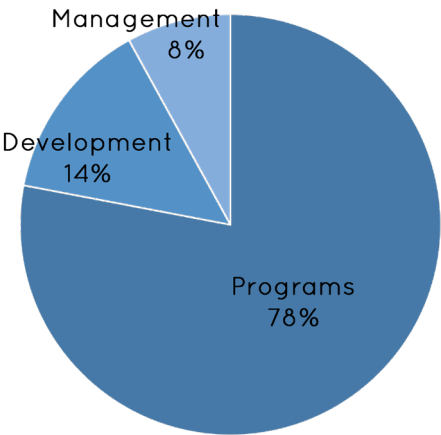
## Expense

|                           |    |           |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Personnel Costs           | \$ | 1,294,287 |
| Occupancy                 |    | 107,664   |
| Program Costs             |    | 146,304   |
| Fundraiser                |    | 65,887    |
| Administrative Overhead   |    | 67,142    |
| Marketing and Development |    | 19,758    |
| Other Expenses            |    | 27,607    |

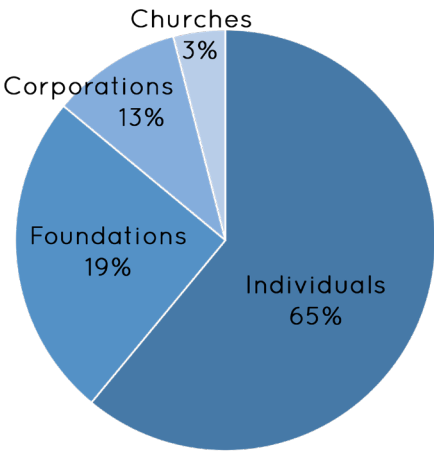
**Total Expense: \$ 1,728,649**

**Net Income: \$ 444,815**

Expenses

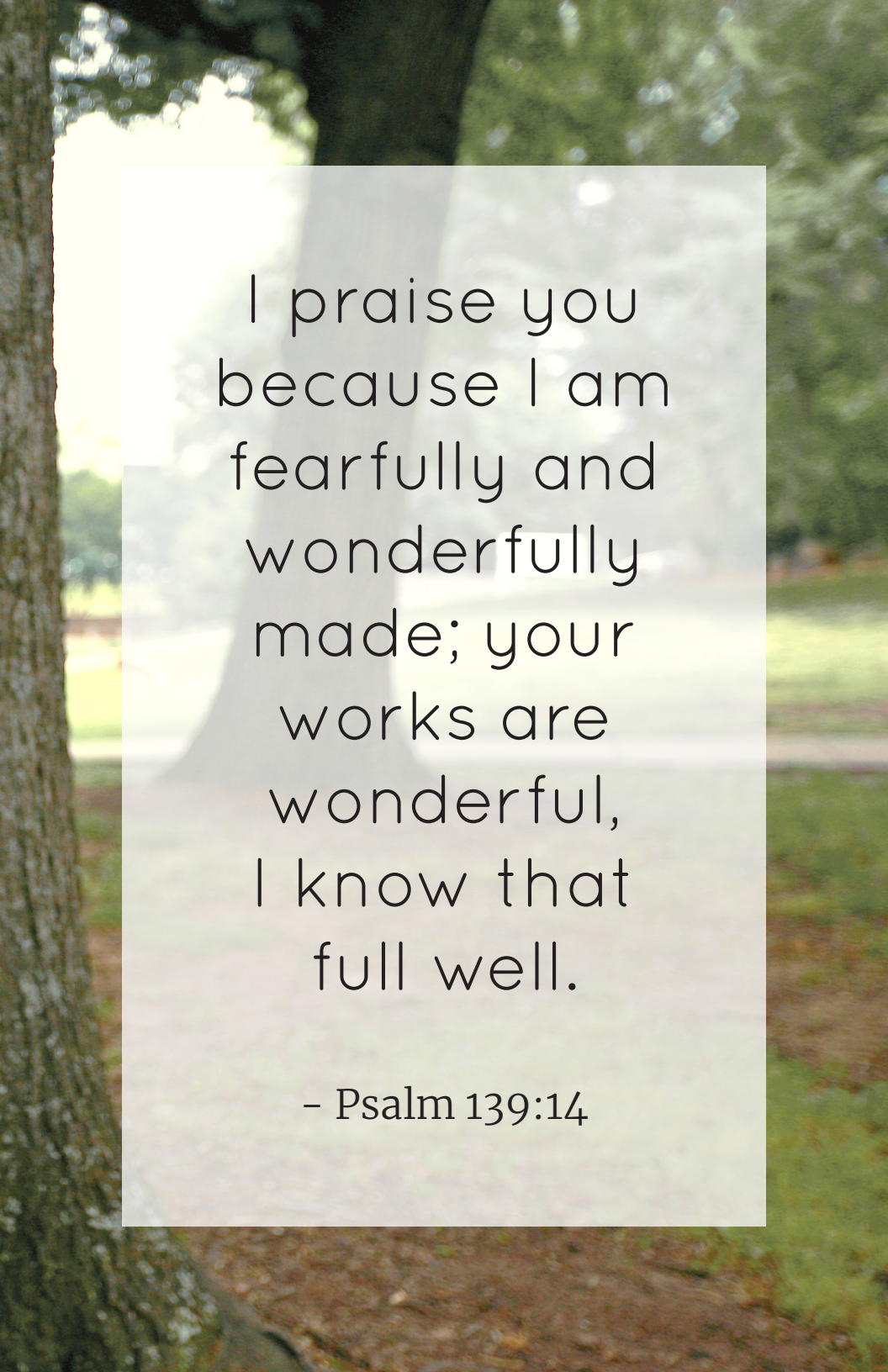


Donation Revenue



Alba, 4th grade



A person wearing a white robe stands in a sun-dappled forest. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangle in the center of the image.

I praise you  
because I am  
fearfully and  
wonderfully  
made; your  
works are  
wonderful,  
I know that  
full well.

- Psalm 139:14

*Aniya Gaynor, lunch buddy,  
& Nola, 1st grade*



# BREAKTHROUGH TO EMPATHY

Kathy Acuff, Brookstone teacher



"I feel like a failure." This is what I said to myself eight years ago after my first year teaching at Brookstone. I was emotionally and physically depleted.

I thought I knew what I was getting myself into when I signed on. Like many entering ministry for the first time, I thought I would jump right in and make a difference – maybe even change someone's life.

As I look back now, I realize how naive, maybe even somewhat arrogant, my thinking was. I truly cared about my students, but I had little understanding of their circumstances.

The next year something happened that opened my eyes. In the middle of a parent conference, this single mother broke down and confessed how overwhelmed she felt. She was struggling to work a full time job and provide for her family. I could relate. I, too, was a single mom struggling to cope. I felt her pain through my own brokenness.

From that point on, I found myself able to empathize and offer an ear to listen. I didn't just feel sympathy for parents. I could see myself in their situation and love them right where they were. Several years later, I taught one class of students two years in a row. This

allowed me to go deeper in building relationships with students and families. They felt safe to open up and share difficult situations with me. We began to pray together in a new way.

Other ministry opportunities opened up. I began taking a few students to the Bible camp my own children attended in the summer. I felt honored that these families trusted me enough to take their children away for a whole week.

I've met some amazing people at Brookstone – heroes who have faced life's challenges head on with grace and courage. They have taught me that relationship is not dependent upon social status or race; it is about intentionally loving the people next to you and meeting them right where they are.

It has taken me many years to understand what it means to follow Christ's great command to "love your neighbor as yourself." I'm being challenged each day as a teacher to put this into action. If someone were to ask me about the ministry here, I can't think of a better way to respond than say, "This place grabs you, touches you, and changes you."

That's exactly what has happened to me.

*Jerry Stone, lunch buddy  
and tutor, & Gary, Stephen, &  
Jamin, 6th grade*



# A LITTLE TIME BIG RETURNS

Stephen Neill, Brookstone Partner



I still remember the first time I met my lunch buddy, Jeremiah. I was a little nervous, but he wasn't. Although he was only in second grade, Jeremiah walked straight up to me, looked me in the eye, and introduced himself with a firm handshake. It was impressive. I didn't know it at the time, but this was the beginning of a very impactful friendship that has now lasted five years.

Volunteering at Brookstone was the first chance I had to get involved with kids whose lives are different than mine. It has been both rewarding and eye-opening for me. Many of these kids face struggles unfamiliar to me, but I've seen firsthand how this school is a constant in their lives. Brookstone fosters an environment of love and consistency that helps them feel anchored in a safe place.

Over the years, I've become good friends with Jeremiah and a number of his classmates. I've learned how hungry these kids are for relationships. If you come to have lunch with them, it's a big deal! They can't wait to tell you about what they are doing in school, the sports they play, and what's going on in their lives.

It does not matter what my mood is when I arrive at school; the reward of

being with these kids always leaves me with a big smile. Most times, being with them is the most rewarding and impactful thing I will do with my day.

My relationship with Jeremiah and his friends is no longer limited to just lunch at school. They have also become friends with my son. We're privileged to spend time together outside of school doing everything from going out for pizza to attending birthday parties to spending a day at the National Whitewater Center.

God has opened up other opportunities as well. For instance, Camp Rockmont (in the North Carolina Mountains) offers a week-long camp program for students. I was able to connect Jeremiah with this opportunity, and he attended camp four summers in a row. Last summer, eight Brookstone students were able to attend. It was a life-changing experience for them to get away, play sports, swim in a lake, and sleep in a cabin surrounded by natural beauty.

I've learned that by my investing a little time, I can help open doors that are normally closed for some. I can make a difference. When I think about how my own life has been enriched by serving these kids, I am amazed and humbled by God's goodness.

Tyven, 8th grade



# LOVE ADDED ON

Chris Martin, Brookstone alumnus



Brookstone is special because it's the first thing my whole family invested in together. My brother, sister, and eight of my cousins graduated from here. For me, everything started here. It's where I received guidance, began my relationship with God, and discovered my love for basketball.

My fifth grade year was a real struggle. There were some difficult things going on in my family, and I felt responsible for looking out for my younger siblings and cousins. At that age, I just wanted my way. I tried to push my way on others, and if it didn't work, or someone disagreed, I'd be upset. And, I'd make sure everyone around me knew I was upset.

My fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Orr, helped me to start thinking about others instead of myself. She became a person I could trust and talk to. She taught me that showing love and care to others can brighten someone's day. And seeing that you've helped someone also helps you.

The biggest lesson Mrs. Orr taught me was that life doesn't revolve around me. It's bigger than me. Instead of selfishly seeking attention from others by showing negative emotion, I learned to open up more and express myself by talking things out. I learned humility.

If I hadn't learned these things, I probably would have quit basketball

in high school. My junior year was tough because everyone around me was getting college offers. I was doing the exact same things, working just as hard, and nothing came my way. Reflecting back on what Mrs. Orr taught me, I decided not to let my emotions get in the way of my basketball career, and I stayed committed when I was tempted to give up.

When I signed to play basketball for Presbyterian College, I did it in front of friends and family in Brookstone's fellowship hall, I was proud to share that moment with them because my Brookstone family helped shape me into the man I am today. I'm no longer pursuing my future for just my family. I'm doing it for Brookstone too – for the people who invested in me and my family. Seeing the way Brookstone has taken care of my family drives me and pushes me to make sure I'm doing something right for them because of what they did for me.

The love I got from Brookstone was different from the love I got at home. I knew my mom loved me, but when I came to Brookstone, it was like more love added on. People who didn't owe me anything went out of their way for me. They showed me I'm cared for. I'm wanted. They taught me the concept of God by showing me there is a greater love out there. I realized God was in them as they were loving me.



Children are  
likely to live  
up to what  
you believe  
of them.

– Lady Bird Johnson,  
former First Lady of the  
United States

*Donovan, Deysi, & Myles,  
8th grade*



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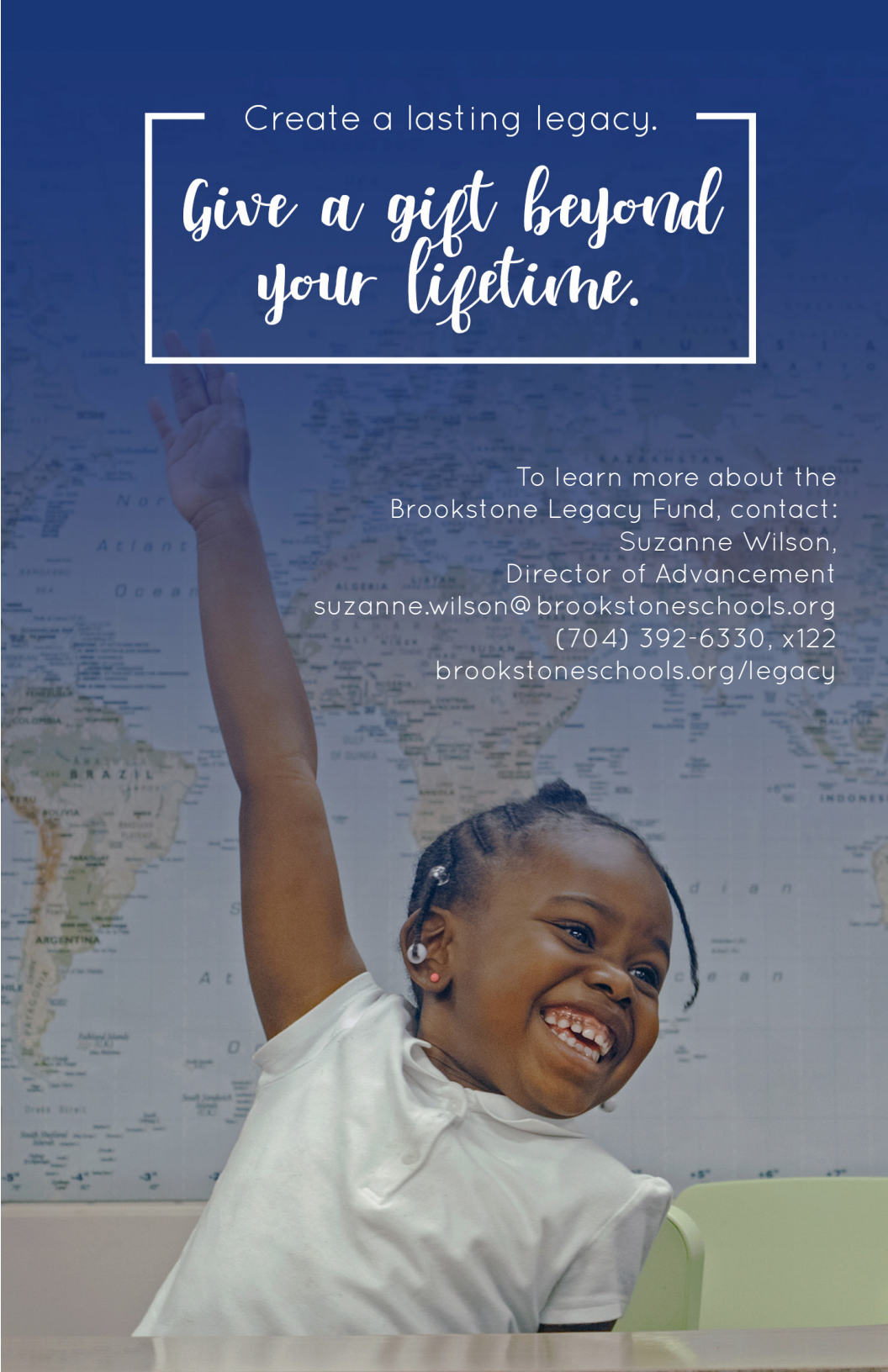
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