

# Duncan-Jenkins Trust

A Charitable Trust Supporting Teachers and Students  
Of the Washington and Hillsboro-Deering School Districts

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## 2015 Report of the Trustee

As I'm sure many of you are aware, the 2015 economy was not as robust as 2014. The stock market was down; however, because we distribute funds based on a 3-year rolling average of the value of the Trust, the 2016 distributions should be very similar to the distributions of 2015. Subject to final calculations, we hope to be able to distribute close to \$350,000 in 2016. Of this, about \$125,000 will go to scholarships, \$175,000 to teacher enrichment programs, and about \$85,000 to student programs. (This does not add up to the amount anticipated for 2016, because we have some \$35,000 in teacher enrichment funds left over from 2015.) As I've said many times before, I am convinced that the availability of resources from the Duncan-Jenkins Trust for our teachers, students, and staff increases the quality of education for the students of the Washington and Hillsboro-Deering School Districts. This is an asset that enriches not only the quality of education in our school district, but also the quality of life in our communities. I am especially proud to be associated with such a unique program.

For 2015, we granted \$81,913 for student enrichment programs. The richness of these programs included an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C., "Click, Clack, Moo" at the Capitol Center for the Arts, No Strings Marionettes at Washington Elementary School, a trip to the top of Mt. Washington on the Cog Railway, a trip to the Museum of Science in Boston, and a NH Dance Institute Residency.

We granted \$136,543 for teacher enrichment programs which provided opportunities for teachers to travel during the summer to enhance their skills through workshops and training sessions and to participate in special programs related to their teaching. As a result of these grants, teachers were able to attend a variety of professional conferences throughout the United States, and to travel to Ireland, England, Italy, Nova Scotia, Montreal, Australia, and Scotland.

And finally, our scholarship program in 2015 awarded \$128,000 in scholarships to a total of 51 students. Two students received the Sally Jenkins Distinguished Scholar Award, and the single largest scholarship awarded by the Duncan-Jenkins Trust was \$8,000.

I'm very privileged to work with a dedicated, conscientious and hardworking Grant Committee who literally spend hours reviewing applications and evaluating grant requests. This Committee consists of Grace Jager and Ron Jager, at-large members from Washington, Linda Musmanno representing the Washington School Board, Rick Pelletier representing the Hillsboro-Deering School Board, Robert Hassett, Superintendent of Schools and myself as Trustee. Special thanks to these Committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas S. Hatfield, Trustee  
The Duncan-Jenkins Trust