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**Lisa Sodeika**

President,  
the DeVry Foundation

This past year has been a tremendous journey for the DeVry Foundation. After a 33-year career with the DeVry Education Group, former Foundation President Sharon Thomas Parrott has retired – leaving behind her a legacy of service excellence, compassion and commitment. It is her vision and unparalleled spirit that helped to guide the Foundation since its inception in 2010, making a positive difference in the efforts of many worthwhile organizations. On behalf of the DeVry Foundation, we wish Sharon and her family the very best.

As the new President of the DeVry Foundation, I have been genuinely moved by the meaningful work our Foundation partners do to improve public education in grades K-12, prepare high school students for college, increase access to higher education, and promote economic and workforce development.

For example, Literacy DuPage provides free, accessible and customized one-on-one tutoring in reading, writing, speaking and understanding English to help adults achieve independence. They serve approximately 500 learners on an annual basis, and have impacted more than 10,000 adults and their families since 1972. Junior Achievement educates students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. During 2014-2015 they impacted 4.6 million students across the country. The Association House of Chicago helps at-risk youth in underserved communities achieve more positive outcomes. Our other 2015 partners, including New Leaders, Teach for America and One Goal, focus on recruiting and training effective teachers to guide tomorrow's leaders. We are proud to have supported these extraordinary organizations, and many more this past year.

Looking ahead, as workforce competitiveness grows and access to a quality education remains an obstacle to so many, we are committed now more than ever to make a difference in the lives of those in need. We also thank those who have joined us in this mission this past year. Whether empowering adults to improve their economic future and that of their families, enabling young children to develop a sound educational foundation or expanding access to higher education, our partners do more than just fulfill the criteria of the DeVry Foundation's charitable focus areas. Their meaningful work is an extension of DeVry Education Group's TEACH values – **T**eamwork, **E**nergy, **A**ccountability, **C**ommunity and **H**earth. These values represent a shared vision between DeVry Education Group and the DeVry Foundation to support educational and economic success in the communities where our students live and work.

**Lisa Sodeika**

Senior Vice President, External Relations and Global Responsibility  
DeVry Education Group

## FOUNDATION FOCUS AREAS

- Increasing Educational Access
- Strengthening the Transition from High School to College
- Improving K-12 Public Education
- Promoting Economic and Workforce Development

### ONE GOAL

“My OneGoal teacher saw some potential in me that I didn’t see in myself. All I needed was a goal in my sight and some fire under my feet. She kept college as a goal in my life and showed me I had to want to go to college like I wanted to breathe air.”

**Tyrese S.,**

OneGoal Alumnae, Class of 2016  
Northern Illinois University

### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

“The DeVry Foundation has been one of our best partners since 2008. In addition, each year, DeVry Group employees impact thousands of students in the suburbs and city by serving as role models and teaching the students valuable work readiness skills they need for their future success. Educators enjoy having DeVry experts expose students to the real-world skills they need to succeed in STEM-related fields.”

**Sandy Daffé**

President, Junior Achievement of Chicago

### GOLDEN APPLE

“Support from The DeVry Foundation is vital to Golden Apple and has allowed us to expand the Scholars of Illinois Program to increase the number of diverse and highly effective teachers to serve Illinois’ most vulnerable students in schools-of-need.”

**Dominic Belmonte**

President & CEO

### NEW LEADERS

“New Leaders is committed to building a future where all students get a great education that prepares them for success in school—and beyond. We have unmatched experience developing leaders capable of delivering on that promise and won’t rest until that vision is realized for every single child.”

**Jessica Zander**

Executive Director  
External Relations – West/Midwest

### TEACH FOR AMERICA

“Our mission – our unique role – is to enlist, develop, and mobilize as many of our nation’s most promising future leaders as possible to grow and strengthen the broader movement for educational equity and excellence. With the support of partners like the DeVry Foundation, 1600 Teach For America teachers and 90 Teach For America alumni that are now principals are collectively leading 67,000 students to path-changing outcomes each day in Chicago and Northwest Indiana.”

**Josh Anderson**

Executive Director

## SPARK CHICAGO

“Given that two-thirds of high school dropouts exit schooling in ninth grade or are held back in ninth grade only to drop out later, it is critical for organizations such as the DeVry Foundation to engage youth in their education early. Spark’s proven mentoring program impacts middle grades students by increasing attendance rates, improving academic performance, and developing key social and emotional skills. Together, Spark and the DeVry Foundation are making a difference for Chicago youth by getting students engaged, on-track, and ready for success in high school, college, and beyond.”

**Kathleen St. Louis Caliento, PhD**

Executive Director

## ASSOCIATION HOUSE

“Mentorship programs at high schools are a best-practice for drop-out intervention and prevention. The most effective mentoring programs are holistic and address students’ social, emotional and academic needs. Association House High School’s Mentorship program does just that. The program is critical to our high graduation rates, and we help our students become the best version of themselves. Our mentors and staff ignite a student’s spirit to succeed, and our graduates continue to pursue and achieve their personal and educational goals after their time at Association House ends.”

**Harriet Sadauskas**

President

## LITERACY DUPAGE

“At Literacy DuPage, volunteers are at the heart of our ability to empower adults, families and communities through literacy. However, technology is fundamental for tracking program data and outcomes, attracting volunteers and funding, and building capacity and increasing efficiency. We are deeply grateful to The DeVry Foundation for partnering with us on the TUFF project (Technology Upgrade For the Future), an ambitious initiative to improve our records management system, design and implement a new website and create a more efficient and remotely accessible work environment. Ultimately, this support will enable Literacy DuPage to serve more learners to empower them to achieve their personal and career goals.”

**Bernie Steiger**

Executive Director

## UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

“The University of Chicago Medicine founded the Summer Service Partnership to promote youth education, service, and leadership development through academic community service-learning projects on the South Side of Chicago. With the support of the DeVry Foundation our program has expanded its reach in the community, offered programming throughout the academic year, and helped to remove barriers faced by program participants in applying to college.”

**James Woodruff, MD**

Associate Dean of Students for the  
Pritzker School of Medicine

## FISCAL YEAR 2015 GRANTS

11 grants approved // \$395,000 awarded

### ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF CHICAGO \$25,000

This grant supports the Association House of Chicago's El Cuarto Año Alternative High School (AHC) and the Family Literacy Program. AHC re-enrolls students who have been excluded from the public school system in an effort to reduce the number of individuals without a high school diploma, and the Family Literacy Program helps children acquire new literacy skills and encourages parental support through regular reading.

### CITIZEN SCHOOLS OF ILLINOIS \$10,000

This grant supports the implementation of Citizen Schools' 8th Grade Academy (8GA) program across their Chicago Public School campuses to ensure all of the 8th grade students are prepared for the transition to high school and equipped to make the best choices around the high school application and selection process.

### COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF CHICAGO \$35,000

This grant supports education, healthcare and enrichment programs by connecting Chicago Public School students with Communities In Schools partner organizations that deliver these services at no cost to students and schools.

### GOLDEN APPLE FOUNDATION \$25,000

This grant supports the expansion of the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois Program. Funds will be used to increase their ability to recruit students from underserved households and help them succeed in college while providing workforce development needed to improve K-12 education in schools of need in Illinois.

### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT \$160,000

This grant supports volunteer programs throughout the U.S. that focus on financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurial education.

### LITERACY DUPAGE \$25,000

This grant was used for Literacy DuPage's Technology Upgrade for the Future (TUFF) project, substituting their existing records management system and website to help the organization streamline and improve free accessible and customized tutoring services.

**NEW LEADERS**  
**\$25,000**

The third installment of a three-year commitment, this grant supports the preparation of administrative and instructional leadership for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) through a three-year partnership with the Chicago Leadership Collaborative that will ensure a growing pipeline of qualified talent for CPS through 2015.

**ONE GOAL**  
**\$25,000**

This grant supports OneGoal's Fellows program, which identifies and trains highly effective teachers to lead students attending non-selective high schools in low-income communities to enroll in and graduate from college.

**SPARK CHICAGO**  
**\$15,000**

This grant supports Spark's hands-on youth apprenticeship programming in the 2014-15 program year. Their career-oriented apprenticeships directly contribute to positive academic outcomes through hands-on programming and comprehensive evaluations of student performance and program effectiveness throughout the program year. Foundation support will provide hands-on opportunities for nearly 300 students from 10 Chicago Public Schools on the south and west sides of the city.

**TEACH FOR AMERICA**  
**\$25,000**

This grant will sponsor five teachers recruited by Teach for America who are committed to reducing educational inequalities in low-income communities.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
**\$25,000**

This grant supports the Summer Service Partnership which aims to promote education, service and leadership development by engaging youth on Chicago's South Side in an academic community health service-learning program by providing summer employment for 32 South Side high school students.

FISCAL YEAR 2015 **FINANCIALS**



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**Support and Revenue**

Beginning Cash Balance.....	\$1,309,655
Interest Income.....	\$335

**Donations and Operating Expenses**

Donations to Public Charities.....	\$395,000
Operating Expenses.....	\$20
Ending Fund Balance .....	\$914,971



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