CHAMPS
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
FOUNDATION

# Annual Report 2024

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"There are so many opportunities for me at CHAMPS—theater, music, robotics and more. I get to do all of these with great teachers."
Jordan, Junior

# Letter From Our Team

The CHAMPS Foundation Board is proud to share our Annual Report for 2024, highlighting the progress we've made in just our second year.

From launching the 20 for 20 campaign to strengthening our community connections with a laser tag party at Ultrazone and sponsoring the Back to School picnic, we are building momentum and creating meaningful opportunities for CHAMPS students. We also hosted a mixer for parents new to CHAMPS to kick off the 2024-2025 school year. Thanks to the support of our donors, alumni, and families, we are making a tangible difference—one that will continue to grow in the years ahead.

Over the past two decades, steadfast support for CHAMPS has honored a remarkable history - and now, it fuels a future filled with boundless potential.  Let's keep this momentum going. Together, we can make an even greater impact in 2025 and beyond.

"What started out as just a high school turned into the best place, at the right time for me. The Academy choices were diverse, but I found a home in Theater, which expanded all possibilities for me and made me realize I can reach so much farther than I thought I could."
Paddy Daly, Senior



# Our Mission

To expand, enhance, and improve student learning environments, provide educational opportunities, and augment school facilities.




"CHAMPS' unique curriculum and open environment embraced differences, allowing me to be my authentic self. The support from peers and teachers gave me the confidence to learn, lead, and pursue STEM. This led me to a B.S. in Robotics Engineering and now an MBA at MIT—an opportunity that has taken me further than I ever imagined."
Yael Rosenblum, Class of 2011

# Building on a Strong Foundation

**The CHAMPS Charter High School of the Arts Foundation, launched in 2023, is a non-profit dedicated to raising funds that expand educational programs, enhance school facilities, and support vital extracurricular activities. In 2024, we continued this mission with significant strides in fundraising, community engagement, and program development:**

## Fundraising & Grants

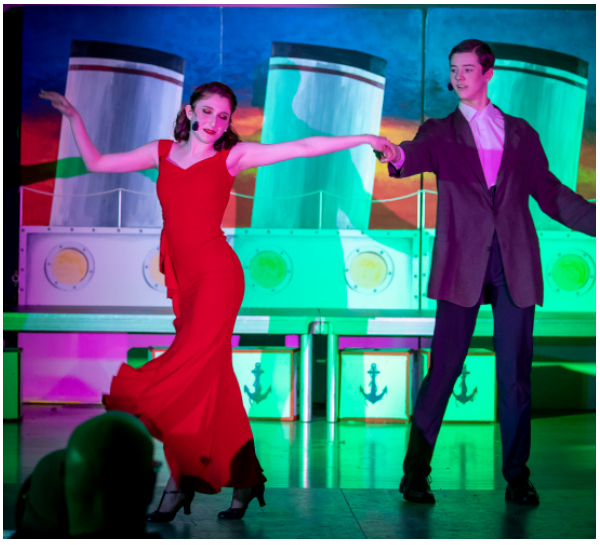
- Pursued strategic grant opportunities, including the Honda Grant ($25,000) and I.Am Foundation, to secure funding for institutional growth and program expansion.
- Obtained Regulatory Approval for a 2025 raffle license to support fundraising initiatives and expand revenue-generating opportunities.

## Community & Parent Engagement

- Established framework for yearly meet-ups commencing with annual Back-to-School Picnic and Meet & Greet Mixer to engage parents, strengthen school-family relationships, and foster community connections.

## Academy & Program Support

- Developed Academy Sponsorship Packages to enhance funding for specialized programs.
- Appointed Academy Liaisons to enhance program leadership, streamline communication, and strengthen support for Theater and Robotics initiatives.



## Student & Alumni Engagement

- **Enhanced Student & Alumni Engagement through experiential events, including an Ultrazone Laser Tag event, fostering school spirit and community connection.**
- **Implemented Targeted Alumni Outreach Strategies leveraging social media to strengthen engagement and cultivate long-term relationships.**

## Foundation Growth & Development

- **Executed a Digital & Brand Refresh, launching the Foundation website and implementing a comprehensive logo rebranding to elevate organizational visibility and engagement.**
- **Solidified the Foundation's operational standing with the Attorney General's Office.**

"CHAMPS was crucial in my training as a young performer. Without the training CHAMPS offered me...I wouldn't be where I am today.

Some of my fondest memories were dancing in the center of the school yard at the old church campus. The students were constantly creating art. At times it felt like our school was the reincarnation of the movie FAME. "

David Wright, Class of 2011



# FINANCIALS

## CHAMPS Foundation

### Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

| | TOTAL |
|---|---|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| Checking - Wescom | 4,425.24 |
| Savings - Wescom | 7,911.83 |
| **Total Bank Accounts** | **$12,337.07** |
| **Total Current Assets** | **$12,337.07** |
| **TOTAL ASSETS** | **$12,337.07** |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| **Total Liabilities** | |
| Equity | |
| Retained Earnings | 7,030.79 |
| Net Revenue | 5,306.28 |
| **Total Equity** | **$12,337.07** |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** | **$12,337.07** |

## CHAMPS Foundation

### Statement of Activity

January - December 2024

| | CINEMA | GENERAL FUNDS | GIVE $20 FOR 20 | PICNIC | RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS | ROBOTICS | THEATER | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| Contributed income | | | | | | | | $0.00 |
| Donations directed by individuals | 250.00 | 2,787.75 | 192.43 | | | | 4,210.00 | $7,440.18 |
| Sponsorship | | 336.38 | | | | 1,150.00 | 1,890.00 | $3,376.38 |
| **Total Donations directed by individuals** | **250.00** | **3,124.13** | **192.43** | | | **1,150.00** | **6,100.00** | **$10,816.56** |
| Fundraiser- Other | | 364.00 | | | | | | $364.00 |
| Silent Auction Income | | 50.00 | | | | | | $50.00 |
| **Total Fundraiser- Other** | | **414.00** | | | | | | **$414.00** |
| Fundraiser- Restaurants | | | | | 652.26 | | | $652.26 |
| **Total Contributed income** | **250.00** | **3,538.13** | **192.43** | | **652.26** | **1,150.00** | **6,100.00** | **$11,882.82** |
| Interest income | | 7.98 | | | | | | $7.98 |
| **Total Revenue** | **$250.00** | **$3,546.11** | **$192.43** | **$0.00** | **$652.26** | **$1,150.00** | **$6,100.00** | **$11,890.80** |
| GROSS PROFIT | **$250.00** | **$3,546.11** | **$192.43** | **$0.00** | **$652.26** | **$1,150.00** | **$6,100.00** | **$11,890.80** |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Awards & grants to others | | | | | | | 4,200.00 | $4,200.00 |
| Fundraiser Expenses | | 138.40 | | 470.86 | | | | $609.26 |
| Insurance | | | | | | | | $0.00 |
| Directors & officers insurance | | 1,368.00 | | | | | | $1,368.00 |
| **Total Insurance** | | **1,368.00** | | | | | | **$1,368.00** |
| Office expenses | | 209.10 | | | | | | $209.10 |
| Merchant account fees | | 93.39 | | | | | | $93.39 |
| Shipping & postage | | 14.60 | | | | | | $14.60 |
| Software & apps | | 90.17 | | | | | | $90.17 |
| **Total Office expenses** | | **407.26** | | | | | | **$407.26** |
| **Total Expenditures** | **$0.00** | **$1,913.66** | **$0.00** | **$470.86** | **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$4,200.00** | **$6,584.52** |
| NET OPERATING REVENUE | **$250.00** | **$1,632.45** | **$192.43** | **$ -470.86** | **$652.26** | **$1,150.00** | **$1,900.00** | **$5,306.28** |
| NET REVENUE | **$250.00** | **$1,632.45** | **$192.43** | **$ -470.86** | **$652.26** | **$1,150.00** | **$1,900.00** | **$5,306.28** |

# Moving Forward

## Twenty Year Anniversary

The school's upcoming Twenty for Twenty celebration in September 2025 will be both a golden milestone and a reflective moment for CHAMPS. The anniversary provides the opportunity to assess our distinctive strengths, comparative advantages, and pressing challenges collectively and to begin designing a unifying vision for the future.

As we approach this milestone, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to CHAMPS—whether through financial support, volunteering, teaching, or simply being an engaged member of our community. Your dedication has been instrumental in shaping the school's legacy, and now, we invite you to come together to celebrate 20 years of creativity, resilience, and excellence.

This anniversary is more than just a moment in time—it is a testament to the strength, longevity, and unwavering spirit of our CHAMPS family.

**Let's make this celebration one that honors our past and paves the way for an even brighter future.**

# Our 2025 Strategies

To ensure CHAMPS continues to grow as a hub for creativity, innovation, and academic excellence, we are launching a series of targeted fundraising initiatives as part of our 20th-anniversary campaign.
These strategic investments will enhance student learning environments, expand enrichment opportunities, and provide essential resources to support our talented students and faculty.

## Expand & Enhance Key Learning Spaces

- Upgrade the Mezzanine common areas to foster collaboration and community.
- Relocate executive offices to allow for the development of essential classroom spaces on the 5th floor.
- Build out state-of-the-art labs, including an Animation Lab, Programming/Coding Labs, and a Science Lab, to support CHAMPS' commitment to STEAM education.



## Broaden Student Access to Competitions & Performances

- Provide experiential opportunities—such as competitions, performances, and collaborative events—which are vital to student development and help them gain confidence, build connections, and showcase their talents.
- Investing in transportation and access to ensure every student—regardless of background—has the opportunity to participate, perform, and excel in their chosen discipline, reinforcing CHAMPS' mission of equity, inclusion, and artistic excellence.

## Enhance Student Enrichment & Academic Growth

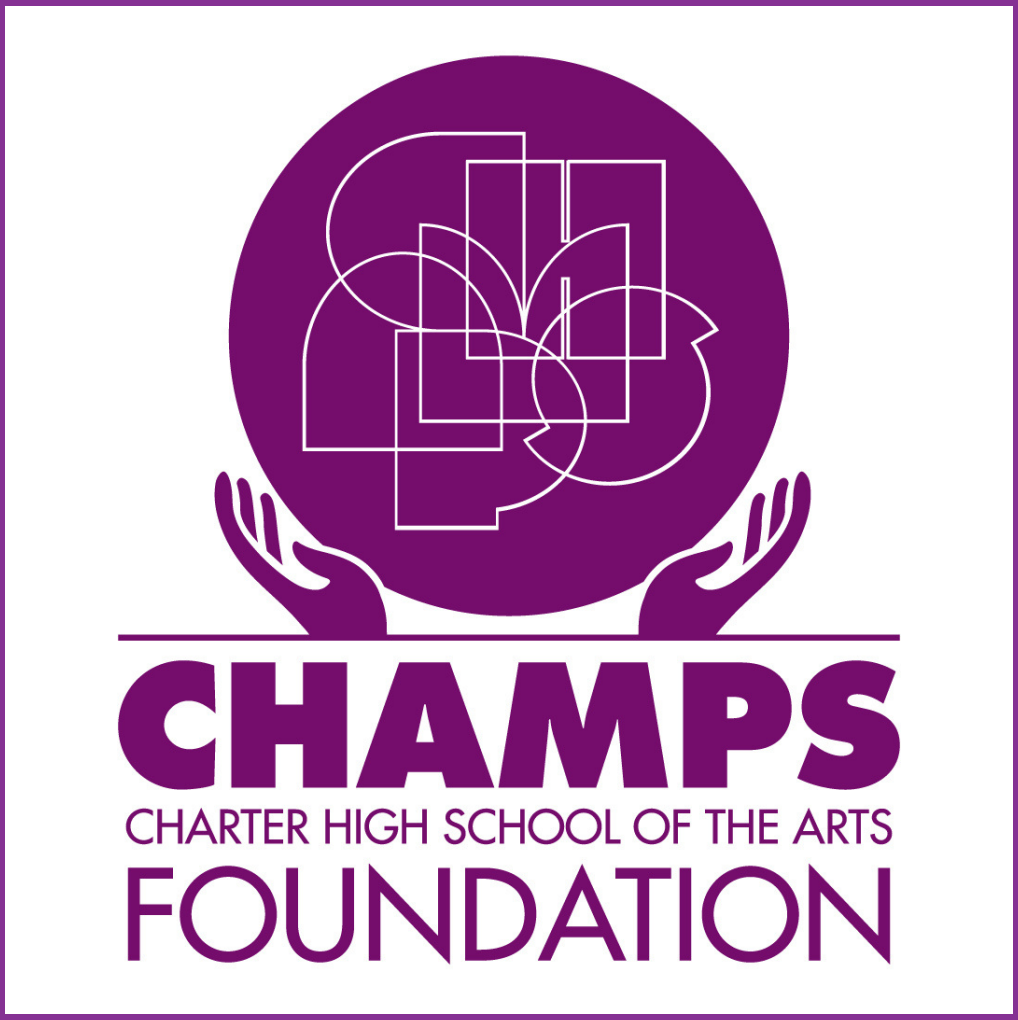
- Foster artistic and creative expression through expanded afternoon enrichment programs in Dance, Fine Arts, and Theater, allowing students to develop their skills and showcase their talents.
- Broaden STEM opportunities by introducing advanced coursework such as Biology, Pre-Calculus, and additional STEM-focused classes, giving students access to subjects that will prepare them for future careers.
- Invest in summer enrichment, empowering students to explore their passions, strengthen their academic foundation, and gain hands-on experience in the arts and sciences—enhancing their overall educational journey.

“The people here have seriously changed my life. My brother went to CHAMPS and made it all the way to the World Robotics competition, which was insane. Now I’m trying to surpass his achievements and win at Worlds.”
Brandon, sophomore





"CHAMPS was always an outlet for me to express my creativity, it created a safe space for me to understand what I wanted to do in my career. Not only was I surrounded by my peers that I love, I was also surrounded by talent that I could learn from. I will always remember my days and long nights in "Little Shop of Horrors", "American Idiot" and "Pippin". Shout out to everyone who helped me become the woman I am today! I would not be who I am without ya'll!!!
Go Panthers!!”
Dara Renee, Class of 2019
“Kourtney” on High School Musical: The Musical: The Series

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