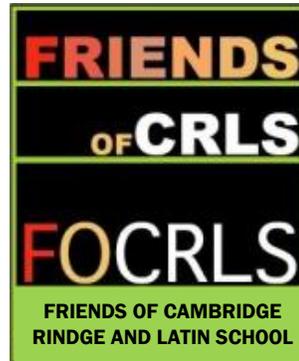
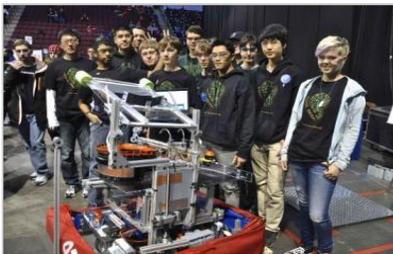




**FRIENDS OF CAMBRIDGE RINDGE AND LATIN SCHOOL  
FOCRLS  
Annual Report  
2012 / 2013**



*Creating opportunities for CRLS students, faculty, and graduates  
Investing in the power of their ideas*



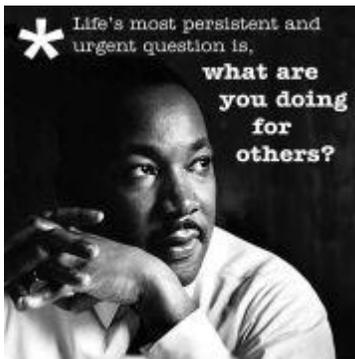


## DEDICATIONS



To the Victims of the Boston Marathon Tragedy and Their Families

*and*



To the Memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Helping our Students and Alumni Live Their Dreams

Dear Friends,

2012 – 2013 was a year marked by great stress and challenge for people close to home and world-wide who were touched by the violent events of the Boston Marathon on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Cambridge was affected in complex ways that both joined and separated us from others; Cambridge residents were seriously injured by the bombing; many of us had friends, family, sons, and daughters running that day; some of us were perilously close to the bombing sites on Boylston Street. But for us there was more: the dawning, incomprehensible realization that two of our own, a recent graduate of CRLS and his older brother, had become prime suspects in this horrific attack. As a result, many in Cambridge and CRLS have felt saddened, angered, and betrayed. We know now that it can happen here.

Since last April, we have moved into a quieter time of self-reflection. Through the calming leadership of our superintendent and principal, and others to whom we turn for guidance, our school and our city have come together to cope and to heal. We have collectively taken these events as a challenge to build a better future – to define for ourselves the unique and deeper meanings of Boston Strong, Cambridge Strong, CRLS Strong, to recommit ourselves to the caring, equity, and quality that define life in Cambridge. We dedicate our Annual Report to the Boston Marathon victims and their families, and to our collective healing.

We also re-dedicate ourselves to equity and social justice in education in a year also marked by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March on Washington at which Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his iconic “I Have a Dream” speech. Here in Cambridge, at its yearly MLK Breakfast, Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and its two founders were awarded the Cambridge NAACP’s Education Award. For FOCRLS, the NAACP Education Award is our call to action – to work even harder for equity and justice in the education of our Cambridge public school children. With our community’s continued support, great things can and will happen for all of our students.

For every FOCRLS scholarship to a first generation college student, for those in our “It Takes a Village” College Success Program who walk across the graduation stage with an earned “can do” sense of their future, for the student who became a FOCRLS Travel Fellow and returned from El Salvador determined to study human rights issues in college, for our Unsung Heroes, and for every one of the 121 faculty and staff members who’ve added something zesty and innovative to their teaching with a Faculty Innovation Grant – for all of this and more, we thank our hundreds of volunteers and financial contributors. Please read about our year, and as you do so, consider joining us in creating more opportunities that make a difference in the lives of Cambridge Rindge and Latin students. You won’t regret it.



Elaine Schear, Ed.D.

CRLS parent, Co-founder and President, Friends of CRLS

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During 2012/13, our seventh fiscal year, Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (FOCRLS) raised \$122,213, primarily in donations from CRLS families, Cambridge/corporate businesses, foundations, alumni, and generous community members, bringing the total of our funds raised to over \$320,000!

Accomplishments of Friends of CRLS during the past year include:

- Faculty Innovation Grants: 14 grants of up to \$1,000 each to teachers and other staff for innovative proposals for in-classroom and extracurricular enrichment.
- The Unsung Heroes Program, funded by FOCRLS and administered by the CRLS Deans of Students, awarded to 16 emerging student achievers each semester for their efforts in citizenship, stewardship, gains in attendance, athletic leadership, and academic improvement, 280 students to date.
- Travel Fellowship funds were awarded to three students, making it possible for them to participate in educational trips to London and El Salvador.
- Five FOCRLS college scholarships of \$1,000 each were presented: three First Scholars awards; and two Saheed Future Educations scholarships honoring retired CRLS principal Dr. Christopher Saheed.
- An award of \$500 was given to a CRLS junior in memory of classmate Charlene Holmes, CRLS '14, a popular student whose character was marked by her care for others.
- Faculty Distinction Awards were presented during the June '13 graduation to 4 teachers nominated by seniors for their impact on their growth and development while at CRLS.
- FOCRLS Fiscal Sponsorship program facilitated fundraising for Celebrate CRLS (CCRLS), the CRLS Arts Committee, Friends of Cambridge Athletics (FOCA), and for the London Trip.
- A year-long Strategic Planning process was undertaken by the FOCRLS Board, identifying goals for the organization for the next three years, focusing on sustainability, scholarship development, and alumni outreach.
- Business and Civic Community Outreach this year culminated in June with a Business Leaders Breakfast. Held in the Pearl K. Wise Library, the event drew 32 members of our business and civic leadership communities, including Cambridge Mayor Henrietta Davis.

## MISSION AND GOVERNANCE

### An Expanded Mission

In June 2013, the FOCRLS Board updated its mission statement to reflect its broadened and growing range of alumni activities, now reading:

*The mission of Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (FOCRLS) is to develop, support, and enrich the academic and social development programs at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and to support the alumni of CRLS and its predecessor schools. In so doing, FOCRLS promotes achievement and a greater community investment in the future of CRLS, its current students, and its graduates.*

### Governance

The planning, management, and implementation of all FOCRLS activities are carried out by the FOCRLS officers (Elaine Schear, President; Jamie Sabino, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Vernon, Secretary) and Board. We are proud to be a *working* Board. Many Board members have taken formal responsibility for development of particular working areas – Victoria Harris as Business Community Outreach Coordinator, Neil Rosenberg as Media Outreach Coordinator, and Donna Spiegelman as Project Director of the It Takes a Village College Success Program. Donna Erikson stepped down from the Board mid-year but continues in her role as Mayfair Raffle Coordinator, for which we are most grateful.

As evidenced by our new FOCRLS mission statement, work with alumni assumed an ever-greater part of FOCRLS life. Board member David Vogel (CHLS '74) served as FOCRLS Alumni Coordinator, and two new Board members this year, Sandra Lima (CRLS '98) and Paula Paris (CHLS) have also been active in alumni development outreach. The year closed with FOCRLS welcoming Ted Darling (alum of the Rindge Technical School) to the FY2014 FOCRLS Board, in the role of liaison to the Rindge Alumni Association with which he has had a strong affiliation over the years, currently serving as the RAA Executive Secretary.

Our close relationship with the CRLS administration is reflected in CRLS Principal Damon Smith's *ex officio* membership on the Board, a role in which he actively engages.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-13

**Elaine Schear** (President), Ed.D., co-founder of FOCRLS, is a life-long educator and supporter of public education. After teaching language arts at the middle and high school levels and with adult learners, she became a juvenile and family social worker at Roxbury District Court and Director of Roxbury Community College's Teaching-Learning Center. Elaine has served on the faculty at Wheelock College's Urban Education Program and as an Assistant Professor of Education at Emmanuel College. She is a volunteer tutor of writing skills at the CRLS Tutoring Center and a writing coach and editor in private practice. Elaine is the mother of a 2010 CRLS graduate and a current CRLS student, Class of '14.

**Jamie Sabino** (Treasurer) is the parent of two children, one a student at CRLS, class of 2014. Jamie served as president of the Friends of the King Open School and chaired the King Open Events and Fundraising Committee. As an attorney at the Trial Court, her work encompasses, among other things, the court system's response to victims of domestic violence.

**Elizabeth Vernon** (Secretary) is Lee M. Friedman Judaica Technical Services Librarian in the Harvard College Library, Harvard University. She has a doctorate in Library Administration and has two decades of experience as a data management and database design consultant, including extensive pro bono work with nonprofit organizations.

**Donna Erikson** (Board) graduated from Michigan State University with dual certification in standard and special education. Her teaching career spanned Michigan and Massachusetts—she has taught in Braintree, Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, and in the Boston public school systems, and substitute taught and volunteered in the Cambridge Public School system. She is the parent of a CRLS student, class of 2014. Donna served on the Board through December 2012, and continues to serve as the FOCRLS Raffle Coordinator.

**Victoria Harris** (Board) is the parent of a CRLS student, Class of 2015, and an 8th grader at the Rindge Avenue Upper School who will be a freshman at Rindge in 2013. In addition to her work with FOCRLS, Victoria serves as the Learning Community C representative on the CRLS School Council, and as a member of the CRLS Arts Committee and Friends of the Peabody School. She earned Masters' Degrees in social work and public health from Boston University, and currently works in project management and evaluation. Victoria is the incoming FOCRLS Business Community Outreach Coordinator.

**Sandra Lima (Board)** Sandra Lima is a CRLS '98 alumna and graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Sandra is currently working at Harvard Medical School as a Financial Associate and Administrative Coordinator. In her free time, Sandra is very passionate about event planning and alumni outreach and has co-organized two ten-year reunions for her class. Sandra is also the sponsor of the Sandra Lima Class of 1998 Scholarship at CRLS. Her scholarship is given annually to a senior of Portuguese-speaking descent, who holds a leadership position in student government or in an extracurricular activity, and is financially in need. Sandra coordinated the FY2013 FOCRLS Flatbread Fundraiser, which reached out to CRLS alumni and the Cambridge community.

**Paula Paris (Board)** Paula Paris is a longtime Cambridge resident, Cambridge High and Latin School alum (Class of 1974), and parent of a 2001 alum. Paula has worked in various roles in government, finance, and in the non-profit sector, including Development Director for the Cambridge Friends School and for JFYNetWorks. She has been the Deputy Director of JFYNetWorks since 2001. Paula has been also been Development Chair of Brandeis's Heller School Alumni Board, and most recently served as its President. She is currently a Trustee of Cambridge Health Alliance, and has also volunteered with the Boston Women's Fund, Cambridge Historical Society, Cambridge Arts Council and Cambridge Montessori School. Ms. Paris holds a Master of Management in Human Services from Brandeis University Heller School for Social Policy and Management, and Bachelor of Music from the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music.

**Neil Rosenberg** (Board) is a Cambridge High and Latin School alum (Class of 1976) and the parent of a CRLS grad (Class of 2012). Since 2008, he has involved himself in FOCRLS' work, with particular emphasis on publicity and fundraising, and helped to develop partnerships for the It Takes a Village Program. Neil has extensive experience on boards of several nonprofit organizations. He is Director of Finance at UMass/Boston. Neil served as FOCRLS Media Outreach Coordinator, and is incoming Scholarship Committee Chair for 2013-14.

**Damon Smith**, (Board, *Ex Officio*) Damon Smith is the Principal of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Prior to serving briefly as Interim Principal, during the 2011-12 school year, Damon was Dean of Curriculum at CRLS for 6 years, and has served as coordinator of the History Department and advisor to the CRLS Environmental Action Club. Known among students, faculty, and families for his accessibility, Damon is an insightful leader intent upon bringing new programs and best practices to the high school. A native of New York City and the son of public school teachers, he has a long history as an educator in the Boston area.

**Donna Spiegelman** (Board), co-founder of FOCRLS, is Professor of Epidemiologic Methods at the Harvard School of Public Health, in the Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Nutrition. She is a member of the national advisory board of J Street, an organization that works to promote a peaceful end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and is Chair Emerita of its Boston chapter. She has served FOCRLS as its first President and later as Treasurer. She is mother of a CRLS student, class of '14 and another who graduated from CRLS in 2010. Donna is the FOCRLS It Takes a Village (ITAV) Project Director.

**David Vogel** (Board) David Vogel is a graduate of the Cambridge High and Latin School (Class of 1974) and father and step-father to 4 graduates of CRLS. He also serves as President of the Burn Survivors of New England, and is on the steering and advisory committees of Celebrate CRLS. He teaches at Merrimack College and has a private practice as a forensic Mental Health Consultant. David serves as the FOCRLS Alumni Outreach Coordinator.

#### **NEW INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013-14**

**Ted Darling (Board)** A 1972 graduate of the Rindge Technical School, Ted has worked tirelessly on many activities supporting and enlivening its rich and vital history. He has served as President of the Rindge Alumni Association in 1982, 1983, and 1988, and as its Executive Secretary from 1995 to present. Ted was inducted into the Cambridge Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 1996 and into the Rindge Alumni Hall of Fame in 2003. He was Rindge "Man of the Year" in 1988. A Rindge Conference was named after Ted in 2002. Since 1983, Ted has served as Treasurer of the John Wood Scholarship Fund, and since 2011, as treasurer of the Cambridge Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Nancy Tauber (Board)** Nancy Tauber is the parent of a CRLS sophomore and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. She serves as Executive Director of the Kids' Council, a City of Cambridge Board dedicated to developing policy and program recommendations aimed at improving the quality of life for children, youth, and families in Cambridge. Additionally, Nancy's past experiences, which include teaching in the Newton Public Schools and serving on the Cambridge School Committee, provide her with a wealth of relevant perspectives.

## FOCRLS PROGRAMS

### Faculty Innovation Grants

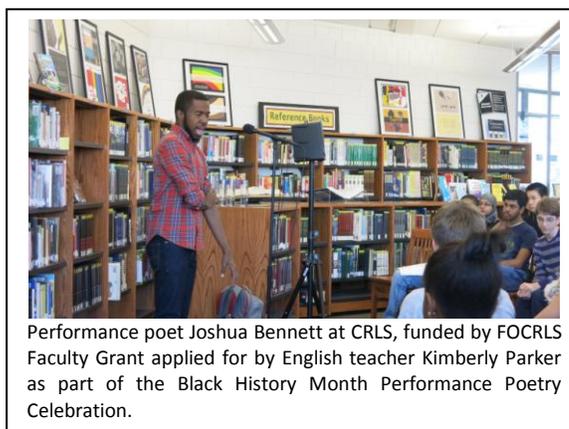
The Faculty Innovation Grants program is the FOCRLS flagship program, the first that we developed and funded in the CRLS community, celebrating its seventh year in 2012-13.

Grant proposals are sought from across the spectrum of the school's academic and social development courses, programs, and extracurricular clubs. The Faculty Grants are meant to make possible innovation that enhances and enriches the curriculum. Our aim is to reach many diverse programs and students of many different capacities, talents, and interests.

Proposals were solicited from CRLS faculty through school-wide email, fliers, the CRLS website, the daily DYK (Did You Know), and through the newsletters of the CRLS Teacher Resource Center. Applications were blind-reviewed in December and April by review committees composed of CRLS parents, community members, and alumni.

14 grants of up to \$1000 were awarded in Fall 2012 and 7 in Spring 2013 to the faculty listed below to support their projects during the calendar year following the grant. In total \$10,401 in grants was disbursed this year to fund these projects undertaken by 20 faculty members, including several multi-faculty collaborations. These grant-funded projects reflect a broad range of disciplines and creative leadership on the part of CRLS faculty. (To date, 121 faculty and staff have received grants.)

Faculty are required to submit evaluation materials developed by FOCRLS. Evaluations, written by teacher and students, along with digital photos (such as those above) and videos, are particularly encouraged. Grantees have complied with thoughtful responses that help us to assess our current and future Faculty Grant funding goals.



Performance poet Joshua Bennett at CRLS, funded by FOCRLS Faculty Grant applied for by English teacher Kimberly Parker as part of the Black History Month Performance Poetry Celebration.

### **Fall 2012 FOCRLS Faculty Grantees:**

- **Ed Byrne & Larry Aaronson** - "Technology Upgrades for CRLS Yearbook and Defraying the Cost of Yearbooks for Students Experiencing Financial Hardship"
- **Patricia Cronin & Alice Chen** - "Go, GO, GO Graphic Novels!!! Building Reading Interests Through Reading and Reviewing Graphic Novels"
- **Karla Gandiaga** - "Exposing SEI Science Students to Science Museums and Climate Change Workshops"
- **Bianca Hegre** - "Taking It to the Next Level: Soldering in Jewelry Making"
- **Kris Newton** - "Supporting the CRLS Science Team"
- **Janet O'Reilly** - "STEP It Up! Promoting the Art of STEP at CRLS"
- **Dr. Kimberly Parker** - "Black History Month Performance Poetry Celebration featuring Joshua Bennett"

## Spring 2013 FOCRLS Faculty Innovation Grantees:

- **Deborah Haverty - "Merging Old and New Murals"**  
*Student muralists' works over the past 5 years will be represented in a visually stimulating and collaborative installation on floor 3 of the Arts Building.*
- **Sherry Madden and Eydie Garcia - "Living the Culture in *In the Time of Butterflies*"**  
*A trip to New York City for students of Spanish language and history to see a Spanish theater company production of Julia Alvarez's novel, available in translation around the globe.*
- **Andrew Miller - "Project-Based Learning in Physics"**  
*Optics, motion, force. Real-time problem-solving, engineering, and experimentation in the lab.*
- **David Mish - "The Houses on Cambridge Streets: English Language Learners Write Books to Become English Language Authors"**  
*Creation of students' stories and "button books" inspired by Sandra Cisneros's best-seller, *The House on Mango Street*.*
- **Susan Van Blaricum, Jacqueline Cesario, Diane Elinskas, Marya Wegman - "Grilling up Opportunity Diversity and Respect!"**  
*Equipment co-funded by FOCRLS and Student Government to facilitate community-building, good eating across cultures, and sustainable, rental-free grilling.*
- **Courtney Wilkes - "Spreading Spoken Word at CRLS"**  
*Students across grade levels refine their writing and slam techniques through participation at a Massachusetts Student Day of Poetry at Salem State College.*

## Unsung Heroes

The Unsung Heroes program, in its sixth year, recognizes emerging student achievers whose progress and efforts often go unseen and "under the radar."

Criteria for recognition include but are not limited to the purely academic. Citizenship, stewardship, gains in attendance, athletic leadership, and academic improvement are all considered during the nomination process carried out by Deans of Students, counselors, and teachers. Students may be recognized for going beyond their "personal best" as students, for helping a classmate in distress, for service they perform within or outside of CRLS. Winners are selected each semester through the vigilance of deans, counselors, and faculty.



Unsung Heroes are chosen from each grade and Learning Community, for a total of 16 Unsung Heroes each term - 280 students have been recognized to date. In what has become a tradition, awardees are presented with certificates and customized watches with the CRLS Falcon logo in the CRLS student-run café, the "Falcon's Nest" (see photo above) or in the media cafeteria, during a breakfast program attended by their family members, Deans of Students, counselors, and FOCRLS representatives.

### **Student Travel Fellowships**

High school-sponsored trips give students the first-hand opportunity to experience cultures, lives, languages, and locations unlike their own. The students' ability to think globally about issues - whether cultural, aesthetic, ecological, or economic - broadens them as people who are likely to have a positive impact both here and abroad.

However, trips are often costly and for many of our students, difficult to afford. With this in mind, FOCRLS sponsors a Travel Fellows Program, available to students with a B average or higher, whose financial resources would otherwise prohibit such school-sponsored trips. Prospective fellows must apply, meet financial criteria, and submit letters of recommendation, after which a review committee makes selections; students must raise part of the funds themselves.

I would like to thank the Friends of CRLS for the amazing experience I was able to have because of you, to El Salvador. It was amazing to get the opportunity to travel abroad and I believe it's an important experience to have as a student. [...] I was able to practice my Spanish and hold conversations, learn about history I never knew about, and find a new subject I am really interested in, theological liberation. [...] And most importantly, I was able to bring home an important life lesson: to just keep going. The people I have met there have been through so much trauma, but are still able to love and keep demanding change.

**Metea Koronas, CRLS 2014  
Recipient, Student Travel Fellowship**

This year, FOCRLS awarded \$5,068 in travel grants, making it possible for one student to participate in a CRLS theater trip to London and two students to participate in the El Salvador Sister City trip.

The trip to London, called "Curtain Time in London" by the partnering educational travel company EF Travel, provides an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in England's theater tradition and in the surround of the historic bounty of the city of London itself.

The students participating in the El Salvador trip visited Las Flores, Cambridge's sister city, where they had many inspiring encounters, including meeting with activists working against gang violence, working with young activists in the capital and in Las Flores, hearing new stories about mining resistance and its importance, talking with the Mayor of Las Flores, and story-sharing with community elders about their perspectives spanning up to nine decades. Student participation in this trip represented a collaboration between the Cambridge Peace Commission, CRLS, and Friends of CRLS.

### **Scholarships: First Scholars and Saheed Future Educators**

Scholarships have become another substantial area of FOCRLS support for CRLS students. FOCRLS currently has two scholarship programs: First Scholars, and Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators.

First Scholars awards, currently in the amount of \$1000 each, are given to academically-talented, low-income CRLS seniors who are the first in their immediate family to attend college, and are bound for a 4-year institution of higher education. Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarships, in honor of the recently retired Principal of CRLS, are awarded to CRLS seniors with a demonstrated commitment to a career in education, also in the amount of \$1000 apiece.

*Coming from a home in which my parents can't afford to buy me everything I need for school, the Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship has allowed me to be less dependent on my parents financially. [...] Without your generous donations I would not be able to buy the materials I will need for college. On behalf of my family, I would like to thank all of you for investing in me.*  
Rout Asefa, CRLS 2013  
Recipient, Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators

First Scholars awardees for 2013 were: Yvonne Appiah, Shakhi Begum, and Meklit Gizaw. Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarships were awarded to Rout Asefa and Nadia Friedler, both of whom aspire to become high school English teachers.



Rout Asefa, a Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship recipient receiving her \$1,000 award. Rout will be a freshman at Clark University this fall.

### **Faculty Distinction Awards**

For the seventh consecutive year, FOCRLS funded the Faculty Distinction Awards. The four recipients of these awards are nominated by CRLS seniors, who identify the instructors who have most made a difference in their learning and growth while at CRLS. Presented at the opening of the June graduation ceremonies, the biography of each faculty member is read by the Principal, and engraved plaques are presented by senior class officers. This year's awardees, presented at the June 6 Commencement were: Nicole Pacheco, Lily Rayman-Read, Sameira Veloso, and Dan Weathersby.

**Officer Nicole Pacheco** is a lifelong resident of Cambridge. She graduated from CRLS in 1988 earned a Bachelor's Degree at Framingham State College and a Master's Degree at Ana Maria College. An eighteen-year veteran of the Cambridge Police Department and School Resource Officer for the past ten years, Pacheco is also a volunteer coach with the girls' basketball team. Throughout CRLS, Officer Pacheco is known to students as a safe ally and avid supporter of their needs and goals. At no time were her skills more needed, timely, and appreciated than in the days following the Marathon bombing in the spring of 2013.

**Lily Rayman-Read** was selected for a Faculty Distinction award after only one year at CRLS. A graduate of Brown University, where she majored in History and Sociology, and Harvard University where she received her MA in Education, Rayman-Read started her career as an English teacher in the South Bronx. In a note to FOCRLS, she said that she “loved joining the CRLS community, and getting to work with all the amazing students and staff in the building...[she] greatly enjoyed teaching both history and psychology, as well as getting to be a community meeting teacher to an unforgettable group of seniors.”

**Sameira Veloso** has been a faculty member in the Special Education and History Departments at CRLS since 2005. A graduate of the former Pilot School at CRLS, Ms. Veloso attended Boston College where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Education. She completed her Master’s Degree in Moderate Special Needs from Lesley University in 2006. Before teaching at Rindge, Ms. Veloso taught at the Graham and Parks School and at Somerville High School in the Bilingual and Sheltered English Immersion programs, where her interest in teaching children with special needs developed. Ms. Veloso is an active member of the Portuguese community at Saint Anthony's Church and at the Escola Portuguesa de Cambridge & Somerville, where she teaches Portuguese. In addition, she is a singer, dancer, and instructor with the Portuguese Folklore group, Corações Lusíadas, in Cambridge.

**Dan Weathersby** is a guidance counselor in Learning Community S. A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Northern Illinois University, Mr. Weathersby majored in elementary education, but after obtaining a temporary position ten years ago at CRLS, he realized his true interest was in working with high school aged students. He has since earned a Master’s Degree in guidance counseling from Cambridge College. In this role, Mr. Weathersby has found great success connecting with students, supporting them through their high school years, and assisting them through the college selection process.

### **It Takes a Village (ITAV) College Success Program**

The It Takes a Village (ITAV) program, which aims to maximize CRLS graduates’ college success, entered its second year, made possible by grants in FY2012 and FY2013 from the Cambridge-Agassiz-Harvard Fund. The ITAV 2011-12 ITAV pilot project, an Accuplacer college placement testing prep workshop, was such a success that CRLS implemented Accuplacer after-school prep classes during the 2012-13 school year.

The main project for the ITAV College Success Program in 2012-13 was an expansion of its week-long summer intensive Accuplacer workshop, led by JFYNetworks, FOCRLS’s project partner for college placement test administration. FOCRLS also worked closely with the CRLS administration, counseling staff, the CRLS Tutoring Center Director, and Cambridge School Volunteers.

FOCRLS is also an active participant in the Cambridge College Success Initiative, composed of local organizations that work after school and during the summer with CRLS students and their families on college readiness, job placements, adult education, housing, and other initiatives that improve the quality of life.

This year's summer college preparation workshop served 33 students planning to enter one of the Massachusetts community or four-year colleges in the fall (Bunker Hill, Middlesex, UMassBoston, Framingham State), preparing them for the Accuplacer college placement exam.

The Accuplacer exam is used by these and many other colleges nationwide to determine which students can enter directly into college classes, and which will require remedial/developmental classes first. Since students incur tuition fees for developmental classes but do not earn college credits for them, the cost of college escalates, which is a proven and significant factor in the high dropout rate at our public colleges and universities in Massachusetts and nationally.



Photographs from the weeklong June 2013 It Takes a Village Accuplacer Workshop

Of the 33 students participating in the June Accuplacer workshop (above) pre- and post-testing resulted in 70% of developmental classes being eliminated and 27% (9) students testing completely out of developmental classes. With partner JFYNet, a certified College Board Accuplacer exam administrator, these students received certified test score reports to present to their college Registrars in September.

The 2013 ITAV Project Coordinator was Caitlin Sullivan, a recent CRLS student teacher in history (2012/2013) who graduated in the spring from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education with a Master's Degree in Education.

Reflecting the "It Takes a Village" concept, the project reflects the involvement of a wide array of other figures from FOCRLS, CRLS and the broader community. ITAV Director and FOCRLS Board member Donna Spiegelman designed the overall project, provided supervision and guidance for Caitlin Sullivan, and saw the project through from its beginning

to the present stage. In addition, key to the success of the ITAV Project were the support of CRLS Principal Damon Smith and CRLS Guidance Coordinator Lynn Williams.

Other contributors included: CRLS Math Teacher Christopher Nemitz, Rindge Technical High School alumnus Roland Gibson, Tutoring Center Manager Rene Meshon, and Cambridge School Volunteers Howard Bernstein, Sue Hall, Sue Gerngross, Myrna Levine, Sarah Kay, Lavinia Chase, Barb Greene, Irina Katz, Mauro Ferdman, Fred Kotler, Elaine Schear, Alan Blitz, and Steven Flythe, a volunteer with FOCRLS. In addition, the staff of JFYNetworks, particularly Derek Kalchbrenner and Joan Reissman, proved to be invaluable partners in this project.

Plans are underway to expand the ITAV program further in the year to come. With the help of a \$15,000 grant from the Cambridge Agassiz Harvard Foundation, we will not only aim to reach even more students in the Summer 2014 Accuplacer workshop, but in addition, we will be launching an alumni and community mentorship program that pairs Cambridge high schools alumni with recent graduates who share their career interests.

We also plan to expand college scholarships, and hope to raise sufficient funds to support a dedicated counselor for CRLS alumni embedded at UMass-Boston, Bunker Hill Community College and Middlesex Community College similar to those provided in Boston for their Boston public high school alumni.

### **Fiscal Sponsorship**

FOCRLS' status and mission as a 501(c)3 non-profit enables us to provide the opportunity to groups within the CRLS community to receive donations which will be tax-deductible to the donor. Student clubs (with application by a teacher advisor), alumni, and community groups are eligible to apply for fiscal sponsorship.

During FY2013, \$23,833 was raised for activities at and relating to CRLS via FOCRLS fiscal sponsorships, by Celebrate CRLS, Friends of Cambridge Athletics (FOCA), and the CRLS Arts Committee, as well as fundraising activities connected with the CRLS "Curtain Time in London" trip.

Notably, FOCRLS provided fiscal sponsorship support for two fundraising events during the course of the year, the Regattabar Fundraiser and the First Annual CRLS Student vs. Staff Basketball Fundraiser.

### ***Regattabar Fundraiser***

In November, the Arts Committee hosted a jazz benefit concert fundraiser at Regattabar through the efforts of CRLS jazz/ band/ instrumental teacher Ken Gable. The event raised \$1,157 for specialized percussion instruments not available at CRLS.

### ***First Annual CRLS Student vs. Staff Basketball Fundraiser***

The Basketball Fundraiser was a first-of-its kind partnership between Friends of Cambridge Athletics (FOCA) and Friends of CRLS. FOCRLS was pleased to serve as the fiscal sponsor for donations to the FOCA athletic scholarships raised by this June 12th event, which also raised funds to benefit Boston Children's Hospital. This fundraiser was launched by a CRLS family deeply appreciative of Boston Children's Hospital, which has given their family dedicated, inspiring care since 2001, and the equally inspiring care through high quality education and support since 2010 by Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.

It was a great game! The staff won by 2 points, and \$5,870 was raised for athletic scholarships, in addition to considerable funds raised for Boston Children's Hospital (not administered by Friends of CRLS). At the event, Dr. Scott Pomeroy, Neurologist-in-Chief at Children's Hospital, spoke about brain disease research, encouraging students to follow their interests into research and science. Comedian Jimmy Tingle, local and national social and political humorist and CRLS graduate, gave the audience many laughs!

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

### **Cambridge NAACP Education Award**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the country, “strives to ensure that all students have access to an equal and high-quality public education by eliminating education-related racial and ethnic disparities in our public schools” (*from the NAACP website*).

At its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast, held February 23 at the Cambridge Marriott Hotel, the Cambridge Chapter of the NAACP presented Donna Spiegelman and Elaine Schear, co-founders of the Friends of CRLS, with the 2013 Education Award for their service and dedication to the students of CRLS.



FOCRLS Co-Founders Donna Spiegelman and Elaine Schear receive awards at the Cambridge NAACP Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

For our founders, and indeed Friends of CRLS, to have earned this acknowledgement from the NAACP, is deeply significant. We regard the award as a call to action to sustain our mission, consistent as it is with social and racial justice, far into the future.

### **CRLSstrong**

CRLSstrong is a collective of recent graduates of CRLS, the alumni of its predecessor schools, community members, and parents who came together in response to the Boston Marathon bombing and the revelation that both bombing suspects graduated in recent years from CRLS.

Organizers of CRLSstrong chose Friends of CRLS as the recipient of funds raised at the CRLSstrong rally on April 28, 2013 at Joan Lorenz Park, which abuts the high school and public library. This gathering brought together many supporters of the high school “to provide a safe and open space for members of CRLS and the wider Cambridge community” to reflect on the tragic events.



Sam Gebru, one of the CRLSstrong organizers, speaks to the crowd gathered in Joan Lorenz Park in front of the Cambridge Public Library on April 28

These funds will further strengthen programs supporting the students, faculty, and alumni of CRLS, and will be used to promote the values of Opportunity, Diversity, and Respect that CRLS, CRLSstrong and FOCRLS stand behind.

## DONATIONS AND GIFTS

### Summary of Giving

\$98,380 was raised this year in donations from all sources, including individual donations, grants, corporate donations, and raffle sales, excluding fiscal sponsorship donations (see below for information on fiscal sponsorships). This represents a 76% increase in our fundraising over the previous year, FY2012, and a 160% increase over FY2011, an impressive vote of confidence for FOCRLS from the Cambridge community.

In addition, FOCRLS received \$4,000 in in-kind donations of goods and services during the course of the year.

### Individual and Corporate Donations

Gifts from individuals – CRLS parents, alumni, and community members – continued to constitute the largest portion of donations received by FOCRLS, totaling \$53,988 in 2012/2013, through 306 donations.

Friends of CRLS gratefully received contributions from the following donors:

#### **\$1000+**

Anonymous  
Timothy Buntel  
Lisa Campoli  
Gerald & Kate Chertavian  
Neil Kadagathur  
Winifred Lenihan  
Randall MacLaren  
Orhun Muratoglu & Tonya Orme  
Judy Polacheck  
Elaine Schear & Donna Spiegelman  
Kara Swanson & Washington Taylor  
Mary Rita Weschler & Douglass Payne

#### **\$250-\$999**

Steven Atlas & Lestra Litchfield  
William Bennett & Jonathan Rich  
Boston Volvo Village (Raymond Cicculo)  
Laura Brewer & Neil Gershenfeld  
Sarah Callahan & David Armstrong  
Sonia Chalfin & John Wakeley  
Catherine Chute & Hull Fulweiler  
Elizabeth & Kelly Conlin

Jessica Daniels & Paul Blackborow  
Emily Dexter & Armond Cohen  
Barry & Ismartilah Drummond  
Richard & Judy Fisher  
Sarah Gallivan  
Steven Greenberg & Avra Goldman  
Eric Grunebaum & Miriam Tender  
Susan Hall & David Bass

Victoria Harris & William Blanchard  
Hong Kong Restaurant (Paul Lee)  
Anwar Kashem  
Mary LaClair  
Kristin & John Macomber  
Maureen Manning & Michael Walsh  
Eileen Marasco  
Joanne Moore  
Rowan Murphy & Andus Baker  
Stephen Oakley  
David O'Connor & Lillian Jen  
Martha O'Mara

John Pratt  
Helen & Peter Randolph  
James Recht  
Kurt Roth & Jan Lerbinger  
Tim & Amy Rowe  
Jamie Sabino & Richard Klibaner  
David Sandberg & Dina Mardell  
Carol Sandstrom & Christopher Small  
Mark Simmons & Laurie Rothstein  
Michele Sprengnether  
David Vogel

### **Up To \$250**

Barbara Ackermann, Steven Atlas & Lestra Litchfield, Anonymous, Eleanor Arcanjo Farinato, Marie Immaculee Aubourge, Raymond Ausrotas, Harry & Carol Azadian, Aaron Barrett, Dorothy Perkins Bartlett, Timothy Bass & Stephanie Tournas, Dawn Baxter & Spence Smith, Sarah Bell, Nadine Berenguier & Bernd Widdig, John Berke, Regina Berkowitz, Raymonde Best, Bigelow Manor LLC, Robert C. Binstock, Linda Black, Afshan Bokshan & Scott Chisholm, Marcela & Julian Bonder, Francis Boudreau, Diane & David Brancazio, Daniel Brennan, Ellen Brodsky & Theodore Rybeck, Lois & Pascal Brunet, Leslie Brunetta & Peter Loftus, Charles & Kimberly Burke, Lynn Cadwallander & Richard Barran, Annique Caplan, Cynthia Carpenter & Jesse Winch, Susan Chasen, Virginia Childs & Amory Atkin, John Clark & Elizabeth Barringer, Bronia Clifton & Jason Burns, John Cobb, Amelia Cohn, Nancy Cole & Catherine Brady, Anthony Cortese, Fran Cronin, Stacey Daniels, Barbara Danielson, Albert Darling, Steven & Isabel Darwin, Boudewijn Dejonge & Josefina Wendel, Denise Dilanni, Hollis Donaldson, Ruby Pierce Donohue, Elsa Dorfman & Harvey Silverglate, Roger Dottin, Robert Downing & Heather Graham, David Duffy, Charles Dumond & Mary Ruggiero, Marcia Dworkind & Charles Merzbacher, George Dyer, Felton Earls, Chantal Eide & Richard Schooner, Marjorie Eiref, Judith Epstein-Fisher & Richard Fisher, Donna & Raymond Erikson, Gabriel Feld & Ana Vaisenstein, Susan Fisher, Mary Foley, Karen Fortoul & Kate Goodale, Henry Frisch, Yogesh & Kalpana Gajjar, Agnes & Cliff Gallant, Anthony Galluccio, Joyce Gerber & Richard Lamkin, Christopher & Laura Gerhard, Lauren Gibbs, Porter Gifford & Serena Wilkie Gifford, Janet Goldman, Byron & Mary Jo Good, Patricia Goudvis, Apostolos & Helen Goulopoulos, Alan Green & Frances Cohen, Harriet Griesinger, Elizabeth Bray Guiu, James Gussen, James & Nancy Hays, Alice Heller & Larry Chlds, Charles Henebry & Lili Porter, Paul Hines, Elizabeth & Melville Hodder, Ronald Hoffeld, Gerald & Nisha Holton, Arthur Hughes III, Kim Hull, Robert & Nancy Hurlbut, Patricia Intriери, Nancy Ishihara & John Zinky, Mekonnen Jeju, Melvin & Elizabeth Jemmison, Carol Johnson, Patrick & Rajee Joyce, Chris & Lisa Kaneb, Kristina Kehrer & John Berosh, Elisabeth Keller, Craig & Hope Kelley, Richard Kelly, Sam Kendall & Cathie Zusy, Nancy King, Pamela Klein, Paul Kramer, Andrea Kramer & Timothy Roach, Paul Kroner & Lynne Riley, Lisa & Edward Kuh, Jennie Kwo, Jin Yong Kye, Darlene Lamothe, William Laskin, Carole Lee, Kaela Lee, Tunney Lee, Patricia Leger, Margaret Levenstein, Mara Levine, Victoria Lewis, Wilhelmina Lewis, Yen Lim,

Sandra Lima, Longleaf Lumber, Melissa Ludtke, Henry & Carol Lukas, Cynthia Mark & Man Chak Ng, Jayne Marquedaut, Jessica & Joachim Martin, Kevin Massey & Dita Obler, Richard McCabe, Elizabeth & Peter McCann, Barbara & Edward McDonald, Sean McDonnell, Andrew McLaughlin, Hugh McManus, Joseph McNamara, Margery Meadows, Philip Millstein, MIT Government and Community Relations (Sarah Gallup, Paul Parravano & Anya Alexandra Bear), Nicholas Mitropoulos, Dan Monahan & Heather Woodcock, Edward Moriarty, Mary (Laitres-Campbell) Nilsen, Allan Nineberg, Martha Osler, Paula Paris, Elisa Pepe, Frances Perkins, David Perry, James & Penelope Peters, David Petty & Lucy Patton, Tim Plenk & Janet Axelrod, Rui Ponte, Adriana Prat, Christopher Pullman, David Quigley & Megan Demott-Quigeley, Jean Ramey, Christina Ramos, Jenifer Raskin, Hank Reisen, Avery Rimer & Richard Weissbourd, Lee Robbins, Diane Roseman, Mindy Roseman, Neil & Kathleen Rosenburg, Alexander Rothenberg & Emily Mather, Richard Schooler & Chantal Eide, Daniel Schutzberg, Samuel Seidel, Martha & Thomas Sieniewicz, Harvey Silverglate & Elsa Dorfman, Kenneth Simmons, Jo & Maxwell Solet, Eileen Span & Mark Vanger, Stephen Spitz & Diane Roseman, Winifred Stopps, Jenny & Guy Stuart, Peter Sturges & Sasha Lauterbach, Nancy & Antony Tauber, Annette Terzian, Timothy Toomey, Robert Travers, Jr., Nancy Walser & Robert Buder, Laura Watkins, Karen Weintraub, Julia Wertz, Andrea Williams, Martha Williams & Honora Willcutts, Amy Wilson, Benjamin Wilson & Amy Nadel, Annegret Wittram, Mike Wolfson, Michael Young, Pu Zhang & Shi Yang, Dorothy Zinberg.

### **Grants and Special Gifts**

Friends of CRLS is honored by the confidence and trust conveyed by four special grants and community gifts this year.

- The next phase of FOCRLS's "It Takes a Village" College Success project was made possible by a \$15,000 grant from the Cambridge-Agassiz-Harvard fund.
- CRLSstrong selected FOCRLS as the recipient of funds totaling \$1,510 raised at its April 28 rally.
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care donated a gift of \$500 for the Charlene Holmes Memorial Award.
- A grant of \$2,000 from the New York Community Trust, through the recommendation of Maria and Greg Jobin-Leeds.

### **Fiscal Sponsorship Donations**

During FY2013, \$23,833 was raised for activities at CRLS via FOCRLS fiscal sponsorships, including money raised for Celebrate CRLS (CCRLS), the CRLS Arts Committee, Friends of Cambridge Athletics (FOCA), and the CRLS-sponsored "Curtain Time in London" trip.

We appreciate the support of the following donors to our fiscal sponsorees:

**\$1000+**

Cambridge Community Foundation  
Francis Duehay  
Laura Edelstein  
Kristin & William Martin  
Elissa & William Warner

**\$250-\$999**

Cambridge College	Susan Hall & David Bass
Cambridge Health Alliance/The Cambridge Hospital	Donna & Peter Hollinger
Cambridge Housing Authority	David & Catherine Hornstein
Cambridge School Volunteers	Sun Joo Kim
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Darling	Lesley University
Dunkin Donuts 2480 (Brandon Woolkalis)	Carol & Steven Pieper
FOCA	Robert & Susan Schechter
	Michele Sprengnether

**Up to \$250**

Anonymous, Enid Beal, Alfred Bigelow, Lawrence Childs, Joanne & Daniel Cohn, Nancy Cole, Willam Downey, Gunnar & Sarah Edelstein, Fresh Pond Market, Alice Friedman, Celia Gilbert, Charles Henebry, Michael & Elisabeth Lay, Cheryl Lebenson, Lorraine Lyman, Claire Messud & James Wood, Mothers Discussion Group, Thomas Powers, R & B Cafe Corp, Sarah's Market and Cafe, Anthony & Tamara Rogers, Betsy Sason, Valentine Talland, Amy Thornton, Mary Tittman, Julia Werntz

**In-Kind Donations**

FOCRLS gratefully received in-kind donations from many Cambridge and near-Cambridge businesses and individuals for the Cambridge MayFair Raffle and the Flatbread Community Event Raffle, from Petsi Pies for the FOCRLS Business Leaders Breakfast, and from Patagonia for winter clothing for students in need.

**Mayfair Raffle**

The FOCRLS MayFair Raffle was made possible by strong support from the Cambridge business community; 45 local businesses (see list below) provided a total of 59 prizes (many in the form of one or more gift cards), valuing over \$4,000:

The raffle culminated in a day of brisk ticket sales at the FOCRLS table, provided free of charge by the Harvard Square Business Association and Executive Director Denise Jillson.

Artist & Craftsman Supply  
Axiom Learning  
Black Ink  
Bonny's Garden Center  
Bourbon Café  
Broadway Marketplace  
Bukowski Tavern  
Cafe Kiraz  
Cambridge Family YMCA  
Cambridge Naturals  
Central Square Theater  
Coady Florist  
Concord Ave. Cafe  
Court House Seafoods  
Darwin's Ltd.  
Didriks / Local Root  
East Coast Grill  
Emma's Pizza  
Flatbread Pizza  
Four Burgers  
Frank's Steak House  
GranGusto  
Harvard Book Store

Harvard Square Eye Care  
Henry Bear's Park  
Hyatt Hotel  
Jeana's Dirty Dog Salon  
Joses Mexican Restaurant  
Kolbeh of Kabob  
Mary Chung Restaurant  
Masse's Hardware  
MidCambridge Cleaners  
Middle East Restaurant  
Ole Restaurant  
Pizza Pie-er  
Porter Square Books  
Savvy Hair Design  
Scoopsies Ice Cream  
Seven Stars  
Sparkle Cleaners  
Stellabella Toys  
Susanna's Clothing  
TAGS  
Tavern on the Square (Central)  
Upstairs on the Square

### **Flatbread Community Event Raffle**

The Flatbread Community event brought together two sources of funds. The Flatbread Company very generously donated a portion of its proceeds from the evening. In addition, the evening incorporated a raffle, with prizes donated by alumni and other community members, as individuals or businesses.

Raffle prizes were received from the New England Patriots; Soul.Train. A Mind and Body Fitness Studio (Jonathan Medeiros, CRLS Class of '98); Jacqueline Cesario (CRLS teacher) and senior class board; Noah McIntyre, CRLS Class of '98; Salon Capri (Newton Highlands); CRLS parent Elisa Pepe; Garrett Tingle, CRLS Class of '99 and Tommy Doyle's; the Lima sisters: Lisa Lima-Soares, CRLS Class of '92, Christina Lima, CRLS Class of '96, and Sandra Lima, CRLS Class of '98; and Friends of CRLS. (A detailed list of raffle prizes can be found in the Flatbread event description below.)

### **Local Scones for Local Leaders**

Breakfast confections for the first FOCRLS business leaders breakfast were provided by Pesti Pies and its proprietor Rene McLeod, a longtime supporter of FOCRLS and many other Cambridge Public Schools events city-wide.

## Patagonia: Warmth = Safety for CRLS Students

Patagonia, the environmentally-active clothing company, donated winter apparel to Friends of CRLS to be made available to students in need of such outerwear. The donation came through the efforts of Patagonia Associate Travis Beauchamp of the Newbury Street Patagonia store and Elaine Schear, FOCRLS President, who brought the needs of some of the CRLS student population to the Patagonia manager's attention. Dean of Students Filomena Silva helped with distribution.

## Businesses providing in-kind or financial support through the years:

### Restaurants and Cafes

1369 Coffee House  
Asmara Restaurant  
Bourbon Coffee Cambridge  
Bukowski Tavern  
Cafe Kiraz  
Christina's  
Concord Avenue Cafe  
Courthouse Seafood  
Darwin's  
Dwelltime  
East Coast Grill  
Emma's Pizza  
Flatbread Company  
Flour Bakery and Café  
Four Burgers  
Frank's Steak House  
Gran Gusto  
Grendel's Den  
Henrietta's Table  
Hi-Rise Bread Company  
Hong Kong Restaurant  
House of Chang  
Jose's Mexican Restaurant  
Kolbeh of Kabob  
Life Alive Urban Oasis and Organic Cafe  
Mary Chung Restaurant  
Middle East Restaurant  
Ole Mexican Grill  
Om Restaurant  
Petsi Pies  
Picante Mexican Restaurant  
Pizza Pie-er  
Rebecca's Cafe  
S & S Restaurant  
Scoopsies Ice Cream  
Tavern in the Square (Central)  
Tavern in the Square (Porter)  
Thelonious Monkfish  
Tommy Doyle's  
Toscanini's Ice Cream

Uno Chicago Grill  
Upstairs on the Square  
Zing Pizza  
Zoe's Restaurant

### Arts

A.R.T. – American Repertory Theater  
Brattle Theater  
Central Square Theater  
Christmas Revels  
Kendall Square Cinema  
Made by Me

### Accommodations

Charles Hotel  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Cambridge

### Business Associations

Cambridge Chamber of Commerce (CCC)  
Cambridge Local First (CLF)  
Central Square Business Association (CSBA)  
Harvard Square Business Association (HSBA)

### Shops/Markets

Artist & Craftsman Supply  
Black Ink  
Bonny's Garden Center  
Broadway Marketplace  
Cambridge Clogs  
Cambridge Naturals  
Central Square Florist  
Coady Florist  
Didriks  
Grolier Poetry Book Shop  
Harvard Book Store  
Henry Bear's Park  
Iggy's Bread  
Irish Imports  
Joie de Vivre  
lia sophia jewelry  
Looks Clothing Store

Magic Beans  
Marathon Sports  
Masse's True Value Hardware  
Nomad  
Patagonia  
Porter Square Books  
Raspberry Beret  
Seven Stars Bookstore  
Stellabella Toys  
Susanna Clothing  
Susi's Gallery for Children  
TAGS Hardware  
Trader Joe's  
Whole Foods

### Services

A. Quinn Hair Studios  
Axiom Learning  
Black Lotus Yoga  
Cambridge Family YMCA  
Cambridge Trust Company  
Cambridge YMCA  
Coach Noah Health Consultant  
Continentale Hair Salon  
Custom Eyes  
Get in Shape for Women (Central)  
Gino Hair Salon  
Google Boston  
Harvard Square Eye Care  
Healthworks  
Jeana's Dirty Dog Salon  
Microsoft Boston  
Mid Cambridge Cleaners  
Salon Capri  
Soul.Train. Fitness Studio  
Sparkle Cleaners (Concord Ave)  
Tarley Taylor haircut  
Whole Foods Markets

### Teams

New England Patriots

## Fundraising Projects and Events

### **Jump-starting the School Year: A Whole Foods 5% Day**

A Whole Foods “5% Day” on September 12, 2012 got the school year off to an energized start. As part of their community grants program, all three Whole Foods stores in Cambridge donated 5% of their profits that day to Friends of CRLS, a total of \$15,287.91. Through this donation, faculty and student projects in the areas of ecology, the environment, nutrition, and teen health received special encouragement through our Faculty Innovation Grants Program.

After ongoing discussions with Whole Foods for over a year, Elaine Schear, FOCRLS President, and Peter Sharon, Marketing Director at Prospect Street developed a partnership plan for the participation of many parents, students, and staff before and during the big day at all three Cambridge stores. As a result, the FOCRLS-Whole Foods 5% Day was highly visible throughout Cambridge, from window displays at Cambridge Trust Company in Harvard Square, to the *Register Forum* (student newspaper at CRLS), in televised news bulletins and posters in the school, to social media on the school and FOCRLS websites, and more.

Special thanks to marketing directors David Remillard at River Street, Claire Davies at Fresh Pond, and to the FOCRLS/CRLS communications team: Elisa Pepe (FOCRLS website), Beena Sarwar (Facebook and Twitter), Elizabeth Vernon (newsletters), Neil Rosenberg (print media), Lisa Waters (CRLS website), Paula Riley (T.V. feed at CRLS), Greta Hardina (Parent Liaison – school newsletter), Larry Aaronson (CPS photography), and to the many students, staff, and parents who tabled at the three stores informing shoppers about CRLS and urging them to expand their shopping lists that day in support of CRLS!

### **Solicitation Letters**

The major source of donations to FOCRLS were the mailed solicitations in December 2012 (end-of-year/holiday) and in May 2013 (pre-graduation). Both mailings went to the CRLS/CPS community (parents of students in grades 9-12) and to subsets of Cambridge homeowners and CRLS alumni. An email solicitation was sent out to the Friends of CRLS listserv as well.

These seasonal solicitations resulted in a total contribution of \$32,500 (with \$28,450 the response to the December solicitations, and \$3,320 the response to the May 2013 solicitation, as well as \$730 in early FY2013 in response to the Spring FY2012 solicitation.)

### **FOCRLS Raffle at the Harvard Square MayFair**

FOCRLS culminated its Sixth Annual MayFair Raffle on Sunday May 5, 2013, thanks to the generosity of the Harvard Square Business Association and its Executive Director Denise Jillson, who provided a table at the Harvard Square MayFair free of charge, in a central and lively location. The FOCRLS MayFair Raffle was made possible by strong support from

the Cambridge business community and the tireless work of raffle organizers Donna Erikson and Maureen Manning along with the many raffle volunteers they enlisted. This event has been critical in building FOCRLS partnerships and goodwill with the Cambridge business community and visibility with the general public.

A total of 59 prizes were donated by 45 local businesses, valuing over \$4000. (*See the Business In-Kind Donations section for a listing of prize donors.*) Income from the raffle totaled \$7,032 (including \$6,540 in raffle ticket sales, and \$492 in donations made at raffle sales tables); this was a 20% increase over the previous year's raffle income.

Tickets were sold for \$5 apiece, 5 for \$20, throughout the month of April preceding the Harvard Square MayFair event. Tickets were sold to 494 people through a variety of methods of outreach: email solicitations, with tickets purchased via Google Checkout on the FOCRLS website, in-person sales by volunteers to friends and family, tables at CRLS theater events, at the Central Square Post Office, at the Porter Square Mall, outside the Cambridge Public Library main branch on Broadway, and at Formaggio on Huron Ave.

Raffle Coordinators Donna Erikson and Maureen Manning were essential to this year's success. They not only coordinated all aspects of the raffle, but most notably expanded the number of tablings (14 sessions at 7 locations). Also key were the efforts of the many volunteers who worked on the raffle – soliciting prizes, selling tickets, mailing and delivering prizes, and more: Virginia Childs, Janet Domenitz, Fred Fantini, Avra Goldman, Victoria Harris, Nancy Hays, Arlene Holtzman, Deborah Hurley-Jones, Kalpena Jain, Craig Kelley, Kathleen Kelly, Melissa Ludtke, Trish Marti, Rowan Murphy, Alison Muyskens, Beverly Neugeboren, Jonah Neugeboren, Spencer Nineberg, Patty Nolan, Janet Randall, Neil Rosenburg, Jamie Sabino, Elaine Schear, Selena Sheaves, Elizabeth Vernon, and Cathy Zusy.

### **House Parties**

House parties are initiated and coordinated by families who volunteer to host a gathering to support the high school on behalf of Friends of CRLS. Hosts recruit others to plan the event and generate a list of invitees from among current and prospective families and others who are supportive of or curious about CRLS and FOCRLS. House parties include as guest speakers school administrators, and faculty and students who have been recipients of grant funding from FOCRLS, e.g. teachers who've developed innovative projects that were funded through the Faculty Innovation Grants Program, or students who have received FOCRLS Travel Fellows funding enabling them to take part in international school trips. Guests impart information to the group about the high school, about the impact of FOCRLS, and take questions. Refreshments - wine, cheese, and desserts - are staples of FOCRLS house parties and make the events festive.

Two house party gatherings took place in FY2013: one in February hosted by Lindsay Frazier & Owen Dempsey, parents of two current CRLS students and another who recently graduated; and another in May co-hosted by Kate & Gerald Chertavian and Tonya Orme & Orhun Muratoglu, parents of then-9<sup>th</sup> graders, at the Orme-Muratoglu home.

On the day of the Frasier-Dempsey party, Cantabridgians were still digging their way out after a major storm, a parking ban was on, and the T hadn't yet started running. But the show went on thanks to our gracious and can-do hosts, and it turned into a wonderful, warm, and well-attended afternoon. Deans Allan Gehant (Science) and Jeffrey Gaglione (Math) and Principal Damon Smith were our special guests. Real troopers, they had trudged in from Cambridge, Somerville, and Framingham to be there to speak about their work at the high school and their visions for CRLS.

The May afternoon of the Chertavian-Muratoglu/Orme party couldn't have been more different in weather conditions, but our hosts made it equally as welcoming and well-attended. Hors d'oeuvres were passed by their children and other current and prospective CRLS students, and there was much mingling between parents and CRLS staff, alumni, and students. Speakers included Principal Damon Smith, and also several faculty members who were recent faculty grant recipients, including Janet Goldman (math), Dr. Kimberly Parker (English language arts), and Jon Baring-Gould (ceramic arts).

House parties are social and informational events that build a volunteer base and strengthen support for Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. FOCRLS house parties also include a fundraising component; our house parties in FY2013 raised \$3,900 in new contributions to the school.

### **Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser**

On February 26, Flatbread Company in Davis Square was the site of a wonderful community-building event and fundraiser organized by FOCRLS board member Sandra Lima (CRLS Class of 1998). Flatbread generously donated \$1.75 for every small pizza and \$3.50 for every large pizza sold that night. All members of the community were welcome, but the occasion was used as a mini-homecoming for local alumni. Attendees enjoyed delicious pizza, bowled, and caught up with old friends or made new ones.



Flatbread Fundraiser February 26, 2013

In addition to the donation by Flatbread, additional funds were raised via an on-site raffle with an array of prizes from alumni and local businesses.

Thank you to our generous raffle donors:

- Autographed Patriots' Football by wide receiver, Brandon Lloyd, donated by the **New England Patriots**
- Soul.Train. A Mind and Body Fitness Studio Gift Certificate donated by **Jonathan Medeiros, CRLS Class of '98**
- Falcons' Pride Basket donated by CRLS teacher, **Jacqueline Cesario and senior class board**
- Health Consultations donated by **Noah McIntyre, CRLS Class of '98**
- Express Facial at Salon Capri donated by **Salon Capri in Newton Highlands**
- Handmade Soap Basket donated by **CRLS parent, Elisa Pepe**
- Tommy Doyle's Gift Cards donated by **Garrett Tingle, CRLS Class of '99 and Tommy Doyle's**
- Brunch Gift Basket donated by the **Lima sisters**: Lisa Lima-Soares, CRLS Class of '92, Christina Lima, CRLS Class of '96, and Sandra Lima, CRLS Class of '98
- Henry Bear's Park Gift Certificate, Framed Tribal Print, Party Gift Basket, and Wildlife notecards donated by **FOCRLS**

From this benefit event, FOCRLS raised \$1,000 from pizza sales and raffle, and strengthened ties among our alumni and other supporters.

### **Fundraiser at Henry Bear's Park**

For the third year, Friends of CRLS volunteers (CRLS parents and students) wrapped gifts for tips at Henry Bear's Park, a highly-regarded children's toy store in the Porter Square Mall.

We thank the management of Henry Bear's Park for giving FOCRLS the opportunity to be a part of the stores' efforts to make community and education-based programs visible, to help us raise funds, and to have some fun at the same time! Thanks as to our parent and student wrappers – Robin Bonner, Virginia Childs, Bronia Clifton, Emily Dexter, Izzy Gray, Maya Ludtke, Melissa Ludtke, Trish Marti, and Jamie Sabino – for making this a success.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

<b>INCOME</b>	Actuals FY 2013	Budget FY 2013	Actuals FY 2012	Actuals FY 2011
Individual Donations				
Spring Solicitation Prev. FY	730	1,200	1,210	-
Winter Solicitation	28,450	19,750	19,140	16,976
Spring Solicitation	3,320	3,200	3,260	2,855
House Parties	3,900	3,000	2,526	3,551
Alumni Events	250	250	155	875
Business Donations	-	1,000	-	-
Other events – Flatbread	1,108	-	-	-
Other	16,230	7,000	7,885	5,793
<b>TOTAL Individual Donations</b>	<b>53,988</b>	<b>35,400</b>	<b>34,176</b>	<b>30,050</b>
Fiscal Sponsorships FOCRLS %	1,192	400	328	414
Grants				
ITAV grant	15,000	5,000	5,000	
CRLSstrong	1,510			
Holmes Award	500	-		
Other grants	2,000	1,000	1,000	
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>19,010</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Other Income				
Car Decals	-	20	20	15
Henry Bear’s Park	192	225	208	223

Raffle	7,032	6,000	5,877	4,180
Targeted Gifts (ITAV)	250	5,000	-	-
Targeted Gifts (Saheed)	1,251	1,000	6,975	-
Targeted Gifts (other)	100	1,000	1,000	-
Other events/Whole Foods	15,277	-	803	-
<b>TOTAL Other Income</b>	<b>24,102</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>14,883</b>	<b>4,418</b>
Returned funds	88	-	632	1,003
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>98,380</b>	<b>55,045</b>	<b>56,018</b>	<b>37,885</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	Actuals FY 2013	Budget FY 2013	Actuals FY 2012	Actuals FY 2011
Grants and Projects				
Class Day	-	800	800	800
Faculty Distinction Awards	-	400	88	786
Faculty Grants	10,401	16,000	15,754	13,951
Holmes Award	500			
Scholarships	4,000	5,000	5,000	2,000
Student Emergency Fund	-	-	-	-
Student Travel Grants	5,068	10,000	9,960	8,974
Unsung Heroes	1,100	2,000	2,000	2,000
Special One-Time Grants	150	500	500	-
It Takes a Village	7,199	15,000	6,160	-
It Takes a Village FY 2012 Expenses	3,264	3,150	-	-

Alumni activities	1,250	1,250	-	-
TOTAL Grants/Projects	32,933	54,100	40,263	28,511
Operating Expenses	Actuals FY 2013	Budget FY 2013	Actuals FY 2012	Actuals FY 2011
Fundraising Expenses	10,106	9,000	9,350	7,498
Development associate	4,209	4,000		
General operating Expenses	2,249	2,250	2,044	2,661
TOTAL Operating Expenses	16,564	15,250	11,395	10,158
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	49,497	69,350	51,657	38,670

<b>NET REVENUE &amp; EXPENSES</b>	Actuals FY 2013	Budget FY 2013	Actuals FY 2012	Actuals FY 2011
NET REVENUE	48,883	(14,305)	4,361	(785)
Carry Over previous FY	25,009	25,009	20,648	21,433
Encumbered funds: \$12,800 ITAV grant, \$1000 Scholarships	13,800			
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS minus encumbered funds</b>	<b>60,092</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>25,009</b>	<b>20,648</b>

<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	Actuals FY 2013	Budget FY 2013	Actuals FY 2012	Actuals FY 2011
Fiscal Sponsorships Raised	23,833	8,000	6,551	8,271
FOCRLS 5%	1,192	400	328	414
Passed through funds	19,999	11,600	3,534	7,307
Special Fund - Holmes Raised			7,425	
Special Fund - Holmes Paid Out			7,425	

<b>TOTALS INCL. RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	Actuals FY 2013	Budget FY 2013	Actuals FY 2012	Actuals FY 2011
<b>Total Income + Fiscal Sponsor</b>	122,213	63,045	69,994	46,155
<b>Total Expense + Fiscal Sponsor</b>	69,496	80,950	62,616	45,977
Net Revenue Including Fiscal Sponsorships	52,717	(17,905)	10,584	7,072
Fiscal Sponsorship Carry Over	724	724	4,724	926
<b>Total Net Assets Including Fiscal Sponsorships Carry-Over</b>	60,816	11,428	29,733	21,574

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **The CRLS Community**

The 2012-13 school year began with communication about Friends of CRLS to all CRLS families. A full-page informational insert about FOCRLS was included with Principal Smith's "Welcome to CRLS" letter to parents, thus underwriting FOCRLS as an integral part of the school community and as an organization worth joining and supporting.

Throughout the course of the year, messages went out on the daily CRLS DYK [DidYou Know?] system, and FOCRLS public meetings and announcements have been included in the emailed CRLS Newsletter produced by Greta Hardina, CRLS Family Liaison.

As we continue to expand in the electronic realm, FOCRLS makes a priority of maintaining face-to-face contact in our community. FOCRLS had tables at a wide range of CRLS events, and as part of its Mayfair Raffle outreach at several Cambridge public locations (outside the Central Square Post Office, Cambridge Public Library, Porter Square Books, and Formaggio); and at the CRLS DanceWorks performance.

### **Community Meetings**

FOCRLS holds community meetings at CRLS five times a year, enabling CRLS parents and other interested members of the community to come together, hear about FOCRLS activities, and find out how to get involved. This year FOCRLS launched a speaker series in connection with these community meetings.

The 2012-13 school year included community meetings devoted to:

- An opening meeting welcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents and connecting them with other parents;
- A talk by Elaine Koury, Cambridge Public Schools Department Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator about the CRLS arts program;
- A brainstorming session about business community outreach;
- A talk by Gerald Chertavian, CRLS parent and founder of Year Up, about the work of Year Up, whose mission is to: "close the Opportunity Divide by providing urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their potential through professional careers and higher education."
- A lively year-in-review discussion with Principal Damon Smith as the closing meeting of the year.



### **The Cambridge Business Community**

The first FOCRLS Business Leaders Breakfast was held on the morning of Thursday, June 13, 2013 in the colorful and comfortable Fiction Room of the CRLS Pearl K. Wise Library.

This gathering of committed business, civic, academic community members, faculty, students and parents was a successful, first-of-its kind event. Guests included representatives of Citizen's Bank (Central Square and Kendall Square branches), Education First Educational Tours, Harvard Square Business Association, Harvard University, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, MIT, Mount Auburn Hospital, and Novartis, as well as Cambridge Mayor Henrietta Davis, City Councillors and School Committee members, parents, students, and CRLS faculty and administrators.

FOCRLS President Elaine Schear briefed guests on what this body of volunteers, composed of parents, alumni, and community members, does to help students succeed, focusing on the 40% who come from low income families, many of whom work after school and for whom English is not a first language.

After a round of introductions, Cambridge Mayor Henrietta Davis took the podium, and urged the community to invest in CRLS students. CRLS Principal Damon Smith pointed out that the CRLS concept of *renovation* did not just mark physical changes but also symbolized thinking in new ways. CRLS Marine Biology teacher Paul McGuiness, one of the first recipients of the FOCRLS Faculty Innovation Grants, shared his view that CRLS students highlighted the motivation and academic caliber of CRLS students. Marjorie Decker, Cambridge City Council member and CRLS alum, as the first person in her family to graduate from high school and go on to college (Harvard), shared and connected her story to that of many of our students.

A special shout-out to Renee McLeod, owner of Petsi Pies, for donating her remarkable breakfast confections to this event and to many FOCRLS gatherings over the past 6 years.

Attendees not only responded positively to the event in written evaluations, but have since met with FOCRLS representatives to develop or expand a relationship with the high school through financial contributions, donations of space for events, acceptance of proposals, and offers of space for art installations or murals by CRLS students. Scholarships and internships are under consideration.

The Business Leaders Breakfast event was so successful that we will be hosting several more such gatherings in 2013-14.

#### **FOCRLS is a proud nonprofit member of these business associations:**

- Harvard Square Business Association
- Central Square Business Association
- Cambridge Local First
- Cambridge Chamber of Commerce

## **Alumni Outreach**

Friends of CRLS was delighted to be the co-sponsor of the First Annual Alumni Homecoming, along with Celebrate CRLS, which brought together alumni from CRLS, CHLS, Rindge Tech and their guests to attend the First Annual CRLS Alumni Homecoming Week, for a series of events running from Friday, November 16th, through Friday, November 23rd, 2012.

FOCRLS Board members and volunteers participated in the planning and publicizing, and Rindge Tech alum and Friends of CRLS volunteer, Roland Gibson, spoke at the CRLS Open House. Alumni are an important part of a school's support network, and the Friends of CRLS is working to build ties between the alumni of CRLS and its predecessor schools Cambridge High and Latin and Rindge Tech, and the CRLS students of today.

Homecoming week events included:

### **Fall Musical**

Alumni and students attended a special presentation of this year's Fall Musical, *Urinetown*, written by Greg Kotis and composed by Mark Hollmann, followed by a meet and greet with the cast and crew hosted by the CRLS Alumni Association in the Media Cafeteria.  
*Friday, November 16 at CRLS's Fitzgerald Theater*

### **Football Game & Tailgate – Cambridge CRLS vs. Somerville High School**

For the first time in years, the Thanksgiving Day Football game was played against Somerville! CRLS Alumni Association hosted a "Tailgate" with us before and during the game with hot coffee and doughnuts.

*Thursday, November 22 at Dilboy Stadium in Somerville*

### **"Back to the Future" – The New CRLS Open House**

Tours of the renovated CRLS, a meet and greet, and an alumni roundtable got graduates re-acquainted with their new and improved alma mater.

Homecoming Week was significant not only in bringing together old school friends, but also in helping to mobilize alumni in support of CRLS students.

## **Building Cambridge Community Visibility**

Our organization's online presence continued to increase the visibility of FOCRLS and CRLS, thanks to two special volunteers. Our webmaster, CRLS parent Elisa Pepe, kept our website, up-to-date, informative, and attractive – visit it at focrls.org and you're sure to learn something new! Another CRLS parent, journalist Beena Sarwar, kept people talking about FOCRLS via social media, putting out the word with the FOCRLS Facebook page and Twitter feed. If you aren't yet a FOCRLS Facebook fan / Twitter follower, please connect to us now to learn news of FOCRLS and of the CRLS community. Meanwhile the FOCRLS

email lists continued grow, now reaching some 5,200 parents, alumni, and community members.

FOCRLS also continued to actively build its outreach via the Cambridge community press, with a range of articles in the *Cambridge Chronicle*, with Board member Neil Rosenberg as the driving force.

In addition, FOCRLS produced brochures customized for several events, as well as poster board displays featuring raffle promotion and the FOCRLS Travel Fellows program, designed by Elaine Schear and Elizabeth Vernon. Photos were provided for these materials by Larry Aaronson, Beena Sarwar, and Elaine Schear.

These materials helped enhance FOCRLS visibility at such events as the Harvard Square Mayfair and the CRLS Homecoming, as well as outreach to parents, alumni, and the business community.

## A THANK-YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As an organization driven primarily by volunteer energy, our success could not have happened without the work of many hands - current and former parents of CRLS students, current CRLS students, alumni of CRLS, CHLS (Cambridge High and Latin School) and RTS (Rindge Technical School), community members and leaders, CRLS staff, and business owners. A big thank-you to:

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Kate Chertavian	Sarah Kay	Janet Randall
Virginia Childs	Craig Kelley	Paula Riley
Bronia Clifton	Kathleen Kelly	Neil Rosenburg
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		Cathie Zusy

We also extend our appreciation to the many members of the CRLS staff who have acted as advisors and guides in our efforts to communicate within the school and with the many families whose students attend the high school. FOCRLS is grateful for the help and support we've received at various points through the year from the entire CRLS team. This includes the school leadership team, family liaison, DYK coordinator, financial

manager, professional development coordinator, librarians, faculty, department coordinators, culinary staff, RSTA staff, custodial and security staff, secretarial staff, and tutorial center staff and Cambridge School Volunteers (CSV).

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

We closed the 2012-13 year looking forward, not just to 2013-14, but to the coming three years. The past year's strategic planning process was one where we set forward as our key priorities for the organization over the next three years: 1) establishing a structure for long-term sustainability, 2) building our connections with the alumni community, and 3) significantly expand our scholarships program. Work is underway in all of those arenas, which we have been and will be sharing over the course of the year through our communications with our volunteers and with the community. We invite you to join us in this effort to support the students and graduates of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.



## BECOME A FRIEND OF CRLS

We hope that as a result of reading our Annual Report you will consider getting involved. Here are some possibilities:

- Take a further look at us. Begin by visiting our website at: [www.focrls.org](http://www.focrls.org).
- Explore in person. If you live in the Cambridge area or will be here on a visit, let us arrange a tour and amaze you with our CRLS state-of-the-art facility – eco-roof garden, media arts building, science and engineering labs, award-winning visual and performing arts facilities, a student-run café, and much more. Meet our exemplary faculty, school leaders, and students. If you're at CRLS, drop by at the FOCRLS Office, Room 2138, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the main (Rindge) building.
- Donate. Your contribution to our 501(c)3 foundation is tax-deductible, and your contribution will reach CRLS students without delay. Whether \$5 or \$50,000, your financial support will make a lasting difference.

### Payment Options:

- ✓ Online by credit card: <http://www.focrls.org>
  - ✓ By check, made out to FOCRLS and sent to:  
FOCRLS, P.O. Box 39-1541, Cambridge, MA 02139
- Volunteer. There are many ways to be involved. Here is a sampling of our needs. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help. We'll help get you started.
    - Publicity and Communications - write online and press pieces
    - Photography – at events, meetings, group photos of teachers, students
    - Tabling – at CRLS or FOCRLS events
    - Host a house party benefit
    - MayFair Raffle – ticket sales/tabling or outreach for prizes
    - Outreach to CRLS, CHLS, or Rindge Tech alumni
    - Outreach to the Cambridge business and corporate community
    - Become a mentor: work one-on-one with a CRLS graduate through the ITAV College Success Program.
  - Partner with us. FOCRLS has an active network of Cambridge business community partners. We are members of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, Cambridge Local First, Harvard Square Business Association, and the Central Square Business Association. If you'd like to hear how your business can be involved, please contact us.

Have another idea for involvement in FOCRLS? **Contact us at 857-235-9290 or [info@focrls.org](mailto:info@focrls.org).**

**Thank you!**