

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of UPPER ST. CLAIR

1993 - Present

A sampling of activities/events

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony Pops, PSO Fiddlesticks and Pittsburgh Symphony Chamber Orchestra have all performed in the USC Theatre, dating back to 1993, due to their partnership with CFUSC

PSO morning concert for Senior Citizens at Fort Couch Middle School

PSO members involved with summer recreation program, capped with a **Tiny Tots Concert** in HS auditorium

WTAE selected USC as the community which had done the most with the PSO Outreach Project

Summer **Step Aerobics** program held for residents at Fort Couch Middle School

Provided start-up funds for **USCHS Alumni office**

Folk singing group, *Schooner Fare*, conducted the first of many **artists-in-residence** programs in the district at Boyce Middle School

John Houseman Acting Company artists-in-residence at USCHS; evening performance of *Twelfth Night* for the community

CFUSC and St. Clair Hospital collaborated in preparing a **computer guide** to assist individuals in the purchase of home computers

Provided linkups for amateur **radio contact** between middle school students and **NASA's American-Russian joint space shuttle flight**

Super-VHS **camcorder purchased for Campus News** at USCHS

Bell Atlantic Grant **provided satellite communications within the district**, and to other schools, through fiber optics

CFUSC was selected by **Carnegie Museum of Art** for a **partnership**

CFUSC **sponsored the first cover** of the newly created township/school district magazine, *USC Today*

Kirk Muspratt, PSO Resident Conductor, worked with the High School English Department to develop an **interdisciplinary program** to be used in conjunction with the **students' study of *Romeo and Juliet***; Tchaikovsky's music was discussed

Linda Serene, CFUSC organizer and first Board of Trustees Chairperson, was recognized by **WQED** as the **VITA (Volunteer in the Arts) Award recipient**

Partnership with Thrift Drug Company, USC Township and the high school soccer program **to fund the Soccer Tournament Kickoff Classic 1995, which brought high school soccer teams together from all over the world**

The **King's Sisters** held a **"Masters Class"** with a group of USCHS choral students

Provided a **batting cage** for Boyce School baseball field.

Sponsored **TECHNO-EXPO** from 1995 - 1999, a Saturday exposition for all ages of cutting edge technology which affects how we live, learn and work

Through the funding of a Pew Grant, **Carnegie Museum docents** worked with the staff at Boyce Middle School to rewrite the Arts Curriculum

P. Buckley Moss, noted artist, worked with teachers and special needs students at the high school; spoke to School Board and community residents in the evening re: "The Importance of the Arts in Education"

Partnership Dinner, co-sponsored by CFUSC and the USC School Board, to recognize the **70+ partnerships** which have been formed with CFUSC

The Dance Alloy conducted workshops with all students in second and fourth levels, plus some high school students

"Opera Goes to Fort Couch" - Pittsburgh Opera conducted a series of visits to Fort Couch Middle School

Sponsored **"Celebrate the Arts"** for several years - a Saturday event designed to promote the arts (art, music, theatre, poetry reading, story-telling, dance, creative writing) for children and adults (4,000 + participants)

A CFUSC grant allowed **Joseph Zaphenat Amenowade**, an artist from Ghana and a Fullbright Scholar at NYU, to **work with third level students and Boyce Middle School students**; he showed and discussed Ghanian art works and his own work at **"Celebrating the Arts '96"**

"The North American Marsville Project" - Boyce Middle School was selected as one of seven national sites, along with link-up sites in Canada, to commemorate the ten year anniversary of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education; fourteen international

sites were connected through live PictureTel video conferencing, with an astronaut at each site. U.S. Astronaut, Rick Heib, was a guest for three days

Sponsored the **spring cover of USC Today**

Purchased **CPR mannequins** to teach the CPR technique annually to all eighth grade students, as well as conduct classes for residents

Purchased a safety launch for the **USCHS Crew Team**

Contributed to **Baker Elementary School playground apparatus**

George Fosberg, **PSO principal trumpet player**, and **Doc Severinsen** conducted a **masters class** for high school students

Equipment purchased to make it possible for the High School Campus News to activate the educational channel, **Channel 19**

“Plant 2000 Tree Project” to plant 2,000 trees in the township by the year 2,000

The Four Freshmen conducted a clinic for USCHS students

“Learning to Look” - Marilyn Miller Russell, **Curator for Education at Carnegie Museum**, conducted a first-hand experience for adult residents in learning about great works of art from the collection of the Carnegie Museum of Art

The Pittsburgh Renaissance and Baroque Society provided a three day interdisciplinary (i.e., foreign language, music, social studies and English) program residence of the Baltimore Consort for USCHS and Fort Couch students, plus two concerts open to the community

University of Pittsburgh’s **“Shakespeare-In-The-Schools”** provided study guides to English classes and a presentation of “Hamlet”

for juniors and seniors, as well as residents

Philadelphia Dance Council (Philadanco) multicultural experience through the Boyce Middle School Curriculum; a residency conducted by eleven Philadanco dancers developing basic dance expression with all Boyce students, plus a presentation for all Fort Couch students

Computers and software provided for students to **create web pages** as an extra-curricular activity through the Graphic Arts Department

CFUSC provided the resources for a **USC Oral History project** to be conducted during the summer; two 45 minute video-tapes of the history of USC was the result.

The PSO, Westminster Church and CFUSC joined together to offer **“Celebration of Music,”** a free, five-week class on concert music for adults

Provided funds for the Boyce sixth level FLIGHT Team of students, and their parents, to visit **Carnegie Museum** to engage in **in-depth discussions with artists and docents** regarding original works of art from historical periods which are studied in the sixth level curriculum

In partnership with the USC Township and USC School District, co-sponsored a **“Leadership Conference” for community leaders** dealing with technology, and featuring William Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education. (11/10/98)

In partnership with the Boyce PTA and the USC School District, the **Pittsburgh Renaissance and Baroque Society** provided a Medieval musical experience for all Social Studies classes, plus a performance for all students and senior citizens

To celebrate the **inauguration of the new auditorium/theater** on May 27, Lucas Richman, Assistant Conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra,

was **commissioned to create an original composition** to have its world premiere by the **PSO and USCHS Pantheon Choir**

Prime Stage, involving 60-80 students from Fort Couch and USCHS. Purpose was to **write and produce a play**. The topic was the Holocaust and whether it could happen today

Initiated a community-wide committee of the township, township library, EMS, and school district to undertake the **“eCommunity Project” (Electronically Connected Community)**

Supported CISV (**Children’s International Summer Village**), involving twelve year olds from many different countries, lived at Fort Couch during July

International Poetry Forum workshop for USCHS students, plus an evening presentation of **“Will and I” by Michael York**

Ongoing support of **“Odyssey of the Mind,”** which is a program open to all school age children in the district and is run by parent volunteers to foster creative and divergent thinking

Offer the experience of a **PSO Young People’s Concert** to 600 6th. and 8th. level Middle School students; this is part of an ongoing longitudinal study by Bayer, in which USC has been involved, as to how early exposure affects later involvement in the arts

Provided the funding from the Allegheny Power grant for the consultant’s fee to conduct a workshop for planning/implementation of the **Boyce-Mayview property development**

“Poets-in-Person” provided an inter-generational activity by bringing in Laura Jean McLaughlin to work with high school students and residents

Provided the “school participation fee” to have a **regional poet visit three**

times to introduce and develop an appreciation of poetry. Program concluded with a one-day symposium featuring a nationally known poet, Sue Ellen Thompson

75 computer monitors purchased from EarthWalk Communications, Inc. Funding provided through Technology Matching Grant

Commissioned Sam Hazo, Jr. (Boyce music teacher) to compose an original piece for the fall dedication of the renovated high school

Upper St. Clair website, www.mainStreetUSC.com launched on March 28, 2000

Provided a Linzner bus to take a group of USC and SHASDA residents and township officials to Harrisburg on August 13th. to visit an environmental center that may serve as a model for the Mayview site

Helped underwrite the cost of installing the Baker School Butterfly Garden

Rep. John Maher secured a \$50,000 PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development Grant; funds were released from the grant to purchase three teleconferencing cameras and related equipment (\$19,870) to conduct video-conferencing in the schools, as well as community organizations

A Technology Telethon was held to raise funds for technology throughout the school district; These funds provided 78 Earthwalk PC tuners for the High School, 31 iMac 400 computers for Fort Couch Middle School, 3 video-conferencing cameras and equipment to be used by the school district, township, and township organizations, Mimio capture bars to create an interface between a smart board and computer monitor, Ethernet network module and cisco switch which enables the joint School district and township server to carry all communications throughout the district, and Mac-Based Final Cut Pro video

tape editing equipment for the TV Studio at the high school, which broadcasts on Cable 19

\$4,000 was granted to the Environmental Education Center for legal fees in setting up a corporation and filing for 501 (c)(3) status with the I.R.S

The purchase of 2 AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) was authorized to complement the two provided through the state to the school district, and one donated by Vista Resources; the defibrillators will be placed in the schools and Municipal Building

QUEST for Lifelong Learning at Upper St. Clair held it's first term with 73 registrants for four classes

In partnership with The Almanac, the United States Air Force Band of Flight performed at USCHS Theatre

A Trail Bike Club and Fly Fishing Club were started by the Recreation & Leisure Focus Committee

CFUSC established a goal of raising \$80,000 for the purchase and installation of an acoustic shell at the USCHS Theatre

Provided a \$400 grant to the HS Art Department to bring renowned ceramist Sharif Bey to the school for a student and adult workshop

MainStreetUSC eNews was developed to provide weekly news updates of activities in the township via email

"Flavours", the USC cookbook, was printed

CFUSC had their application approved by the Commonwealth to participate in the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (ETIC) for the Environmental Center on the Boyce-Mayview property

A \$2,000 grant request from the Athletic Association was approved for the refurbishing of the Fort Couch and Boyce Pony League Fields

"Becoming A Competitive College Applicant" has been a series of annual seminars for students and parents for the past six years; this ongoing seminar features admittance officers from different colleges and universities

A \$500 grant approved to SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Ministry) to help fund a "Festival of Cultures," a musical featuring Hindu, Gospel, Greek, Indian and Christian music and dancing

A USCHS Crew Team grant request for four ergometric rowing machines was partially funded; CFUSC contributed \$250 per machine, up to a total of \$1,000

\$300 grant to support the expansion of the Pittsburgh Jewish-Israeli Film Festival to the South Hills in March 2004; the festival is a three-week event that offers film fans of all backgrounds a diverse range of works, complimenting the screenings with innovative and informative programming for students and adults; many of the films offered at these screenings have won prestigious awards and prizes

A \$500 grant request was approved for USCHS Social Studies teacher Todd Flynn to fund the "Greatest Generation USC War Memorial"; funds were used to produce "War bonds" to be sold to fund a memorial in Upper St. Clair dedicated to those who fought in WWII

Cash prizes for Community Day parade floats, "Moon Walk" inflatable and Kids' Train have been provided, plus the annual Duck Race

The USC Fire Station building campaign of the USC Fire Department, was supported by purchasing an 8" X 8" \$500 brick

CFUSC, in partnership with The Almanac, presented the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and The Pied Pipers in the USCHS Theatre

“Break It Down” was a **sharing of cultural traditions through music and dance**, which referred to breaking down cultural barriers. The program was presented in the Upper St. Clair High School Theatre. CFUSC paid for the advertising costs so that all donations could go to the Tsunami Relief

Bus shuttles are provided each year from Westminster parking lot to USCHS for the **Town Hall South Lecture Series**

CFUSC made it possible to bring **Kathaka Gunjan, an Indian dance program**, to USC to perform for high school students and the community

A grant request from USC High School physics teacher, Tracy Doyle, was approved in order to start a **Robotics Club for 9th through 12th grades** in the fall, 2005; the funding provided the site license, LEGO Robotics Kits (basic kit) and VEX Robotics Kits (advanced kit)

CFUSC underwrote the \$2,500 cost of the **cover** for the **winter issue of USC Today Magazine**

A \$5,000 grant request by Dr. Lombardo brought the **Mongolian Performing Arts performance** to USC

CFUSC sponsored a **public seminar on school finance**

The USCHS **Ethics & Integrity Committee grant** request of \$1,750 was approved for consulting fees associated with the Duke University Center for Academic Integrity

A one-time grant request of \$2,500 was approved to augment \$1,500 each from the school PTAs for **support of the REEC** (Regional Environmental Education Center) as well as **SWEEP** (School-Wide Enrichment Program)

QUEST sponsored a **five part seminar series on China**

A **Steinway D Concert Grand Piano** was purchased from CMU for the USC Theatre stage for \$22,750 through donations

received, a Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development Grant by State Representative John Maher, and a large donation from Aleen Mathews in memory of her daughter and former trustee, Julie Mathews Klym

CFUSC partnered with the Upper St. Clair School District and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance to bring a **Chinese performing arts group**, performing ethnic dance, opera, music, martial arts, and acrobatics, to the Upper St. Clair High School Theatre; the group came to the United States to perform at the United Nations in New York City. Pittsburgh was chosen as the only destination outside of NYC to perform, as part of the Pittsburgh 250 celebration.

A **Youth Steering Committee** grant request for \$2,500 was funded to \$1,000 to help fund a workshop formally titled **“Everyone’s an Asset Builder”** to encourage, inform, and engage interested members of the community regarding developmental assets for the healthy development of adolescents and to increase community awareness of problems among our youth

CFUSC is the depository for the **USC Crew Team Scull Fund**

A \$945 matching grant was approved toward a **USC Cheerleading** request for new **mats**

Veterans Memorial Funds (\$4,658) were transferred from a CFUSC special account to a Memorial Fund 501(c)(3)

“An Evening with Marvin Hamlisch” was held in the USC Theatre on August 31, 2009

In conjunction with the Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild, **Latin jazz pianist Eddie Palmieri** will present a concert in the USCHS Theatre on March 19, 2010
