On behalf of all of us at EPH, we’d like to thank everyone who was able to support our Fall Fundraiser. We had a wonderful October evening at the Winter Hill Brewing Company, with Sheri as our hilarious and talented emcee once again. Blake Evitt from Parkour Generations Boston gave an energetic and inspiring speech about the way that our after school students have learned to trust their bodies and move with confidence through their work together, and Dr. Jill Kasper from the Cambridge Health Alliance spoke movingly about how EPH is the perfect place for her daughter. The raffle was a huge success and we’d like to thank especially all the local businesses and organizations that donated products, gift cards, or vouchers: Encore Boston Harbor, CorePower Yoga, Converse, Earls Kitchen and Bar, Fuji Kitchen Assembly, the Museum of Science, Uber, Flatbread Co. Pizza, and Razors Barbershop! It was a very successful event that wouldn’t have been possible without our community’s support and generosity.

Wish List Items Requested

Our food pantry program needs your support with supplies! Our guests have needs that can’t be served with only food; there is a shortage of household staples such as towels, toilet paper, hand soap, deodorant, and reusable shopping bags. We are accepting donations of these and similar items as we face the holiday season.

Our preschool also always needs donations of diapers (sizes 4T and 5T) as well as extra shirts and pants in size 3T and 4T.

Thank you in advance!

CORRECTION:

In the last newsletter, we listed the grant amounts from two foundations incorrectly. We thank the Mabel A. Horne Foundation for their support in the form of $10,000 for the food pantry, and we thank the Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation for their donation of $2,500 in food and supplies.
Food Pantry Updates

October and November were busy months for the food pantry! In the past month we collected tens of thousands of pounds of food to distribute in Thanksgiving baskets for our families and community members. With the help of volunteers from BostonCares and the Harvard Kennedy School, as well as over $2,000 in donations from our supporters, we were able to organize and give out almost 350 full Thanksgiving dinners! Jessica worked tirelessly along with EPH staff to ensure we had more than enough frozen turkeys and produce for everyone, to guarantee hearty nutritious meals for all of our guests. We’d like to extend our thanks to Gordon Food Service for supplying us with a freezer truck, Matt from Neighborhood Produce for his support, Market Basket for having a well-stocked poultry section, and everyone in our community who chipped in to help us purchase turkeys; this event would not have been this successful without your help!

New Stairs, New Us!

Across September and October, we took steps (get it?) to rebuild our egress stairs that run from the Afterschool program to the playground, which were uneven and needed to be replaced. Thanks to David Bilian at A&T Remodeling, we now have the most beautiful set of stairs that are safe to use and nice to look at! India held a ribbon-cutting ceremony with some of the afterschool students to celebrate the stairs once they passed inspection.

2019 Annual Appeal

Each week, over 80 students participate in our afterschool and preschool programs. The building is filled with their laughter, play, and joy in learning. Over 60% of the students we serve come from families that are very low income, who choose our program because of our diversity and affordable rates. We keep our rates low so that all students, regardless of family circumstance, can access the education and extracurricular support that they deserve. Your gift will help us buy program supplies, healthy snacks, and maintain our beautiful classrooms. Your gift makes a difference. Our students and families are counting on you.

Donate to our organization at: http://teph.org/donate-today/

Afterschool Updates

The girls of the Elizabeth Peabody House afterschool have been having an amazing time learning and experimenting with hands on STEM based experiences and projects. We are very happy for the mentors from the Science Club for Girls that come and work with our students!