

Window On a Wider World

2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



WINDOW ON A WIDER WORLD

Window On A Wider World is dedicated to enriching the education of Texas Panhandle students through arts, science and cultural experiences.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP

The Texas Panhandle has a proud heritage and legacy. We take pride in providing the best for our children, not only for the “basics” but also the “extras” that enhance and help produce well rounded students, who are able to compete no matter where they choose to live. Years ago WOWW became a part of that “enhancement” by providing an opportunity to expand the curriculum to expose our children to experiences that are not available outside of WOWW. This past year over 9,000 elementary students in 30 school districts each experienced 4.5 enriched experiences that they do not have access to on a daily basis; opening new vistas that will continue to “spark” imagination for a lifetime that continue to uphold that legacy. WOWW now has over 160 programs accessible through its website. WOWW is making a greater commitment via social media to allow greater access to WOWW’s programs without breaking the “tight” budgets that every school district must deal with constantly amid the struggle of “providing” the right mix of “basics” with music, art, literature, and theater.

WOWW continues to burnish the legacy of giving our children the enriched and valued learning experiences that come from being able to be “up close and personal” and “hands on” outside of the traditional school room structure and setting. It comes through listening to the sounds of symphony, opera and choir, the viewing of masterful pieces of art, the speaking of lines in a play, and the participating in dancing, painting, drawing and sculpting. WOWW connects the student to a lifetime of enjoyment through arts, science and culture.

On behalf of the staff and the board as well as the participating school districts and nearly thirty organizations that make up WOWW, we ask that you “join us” in carrying forward the “legacy” of giving our children the best in their educational experiences.

Richard L. Hanna

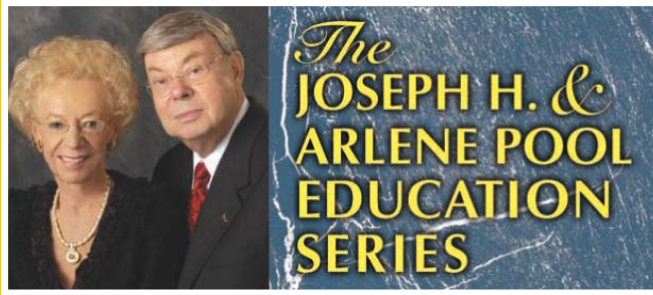
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The generous support of Joseph & Arlene Pool allows Window On a Wider World to reach thousands of students each year. Their contribution launched an unprecedented education program that will continue to impact future generations and make our panhandle community thrive. Thank you for believing in WOWW and your support for developing an enriched education program for our children.

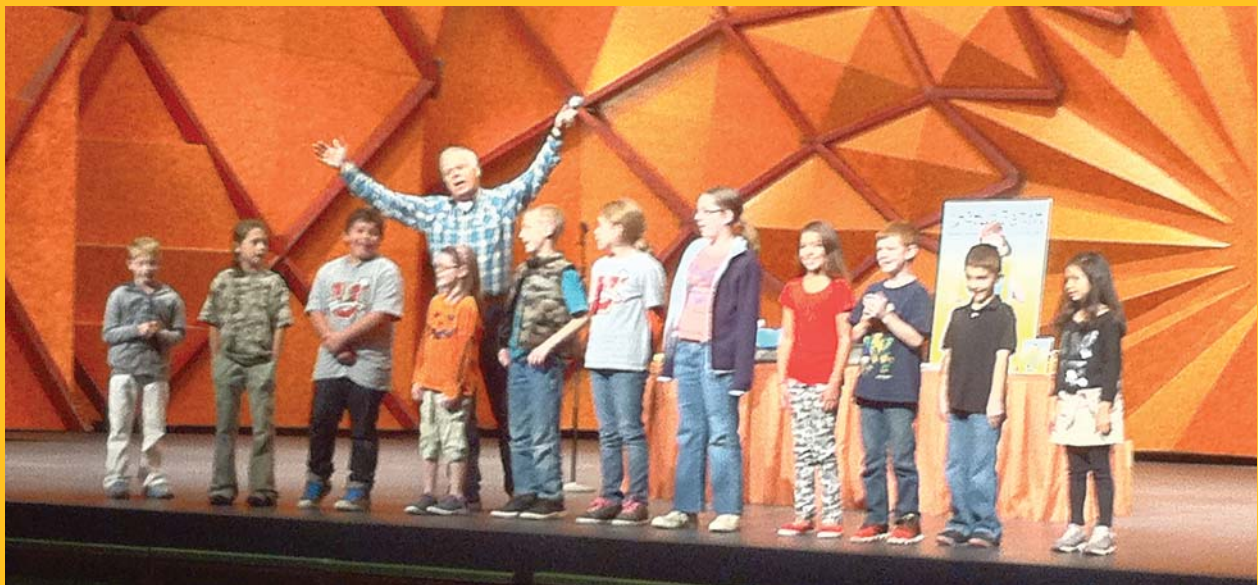
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The initial vision of founder Carol Bush Emeny is enhanced through her daughter Mary and the family foundation. Their ongoing generous support gives children and often their families a window on a much wider world than they ever dreamed possible. The Tecovas Foundation has graciously invested in our future and sees the 'Panhandle Spirit' as we have come to know and love it!



BILL AND SANDRA GILLILAND

Bill and Sandra Gilliland have embraced the vision for enriched education since the inception of Window On a Wider World. Their vision of a comprehensive, collaborative effort in the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts building project was the catalyst to magnify the impact of arts and cultural programs for every child's learning experience. The Gillilands believe the investment in WOWW assures all our children's lives are enriched and better prepared for the future.



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We are looking forward to celebrating our 10th Anniversary this coming year! Window On a Wider World has expanded throughout the Texas panhandle communities in more than 30 school districts to provide **ALL** children experiences they would never have outside of WOWW.

Enriched education experiences allow the best environment for our children to think creatively, and produce innovative and higher level thinking skills. WOWW is a unique and inspiring partnership between our 28 non-profit partner organizations, school districts, volunteers, retired teachers as WOWW Reps, our staff and our board of directors, all of whom are passionate in providing alternative ways of teaching and learning. The positive influence of this program for our children is impacting their lives thanks to your generous support. Interest is growing outside our region south to Lubbock, east and north to Oklahoma and west to New Mexico and we look forward to their participation. Our children, teachers, administrators, and parents are thankful that WOWW has offered education experiences that engage the learner and prepare all students for success! Your faithful support is paying big dividends for our children and their future.

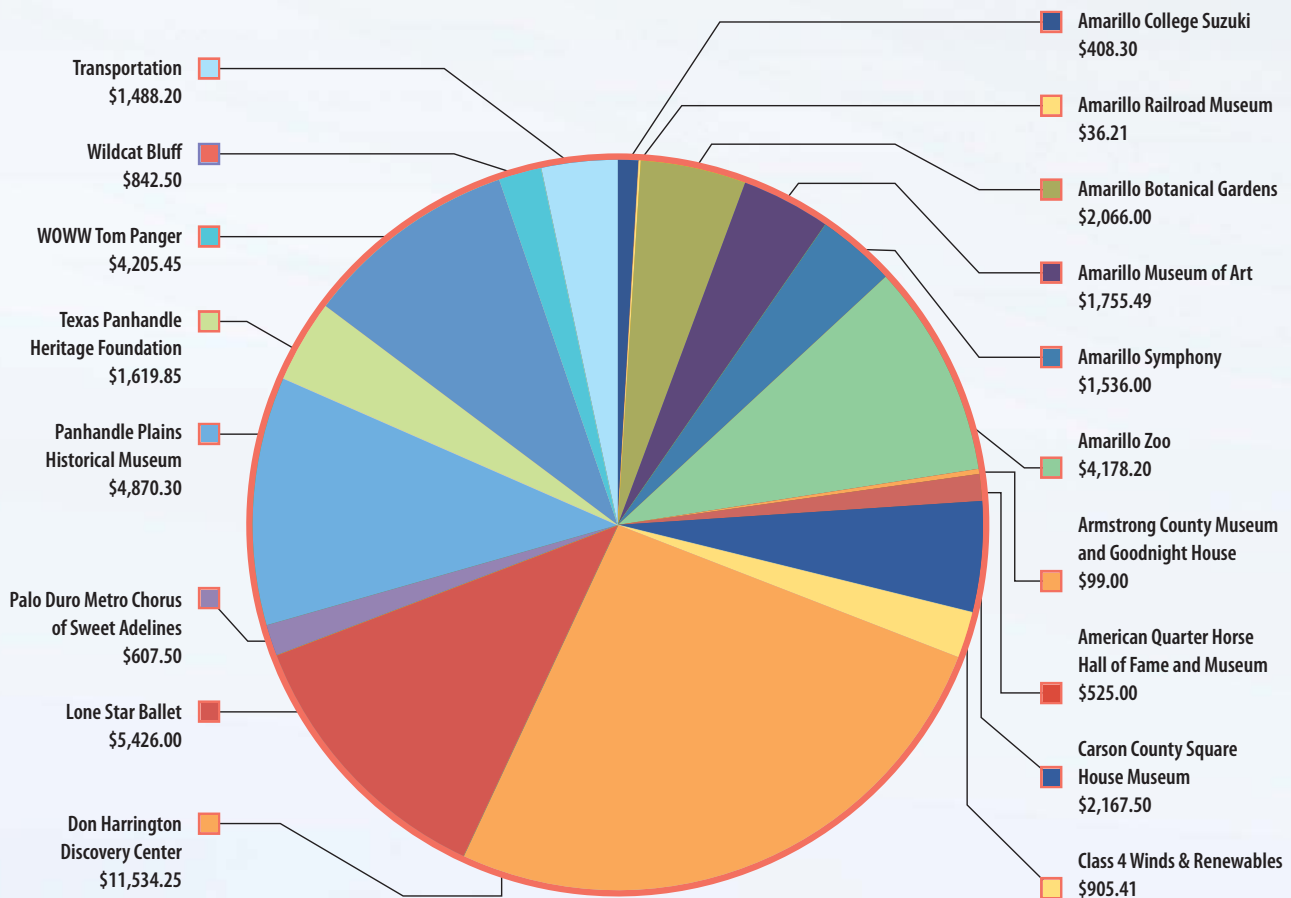
Ali Tiegs
Executive Director



LOOK... MONEY WELL INVESTED!

WOWW partnered with over 30 non-profit organizations throughout the Texas Panhandle to provide over hundreds of enriched education experiences for thousands of elementary students during the 2014-2015 school year. The following organizations provided the enriched experiences free of charge: Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo Railroad Museum, Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center, Citadelle Art Foundation, Friends of the Aeolian Skinner Opus 1024, High Plains Food Bank, Hutchinson County Historical Museum, Kwahadi Kivi Indian Museum, Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, WTAMU Department of Communications. WOWW provided children's author Gary Hogg, The WOWW Science Collaborative for 5th graders, ImaginOcean, WOWW Resident Artist Tom Panger, The WOWW Youth Art Show and WOWW Day at NO CHARGE to participating WOWW schools amounting to \$18,757.

WOWW Money All Schools 2014-15



“ Thank you for all you do to make this community a better place. You are doing a marvelous job for so many young people who are our hope for tomorrow. We are grateful to have a part in WOWW. ”
 —Betty Propst
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Thank you so much for working so hard to provide wonderful trips for our students! We love the WOWW program!

—Lexi Milligan
WOWW Site Coordinator,
Wilson Elementary, Pampa ISD

I got to attend this 'Rainforest' field trip which was amazing the kids loved it. Up to now the programs are fantastic thank you so much for bringing this opportunity to our school and students.

—David W. Vela, M.Ed, MAT
Assistant Principal
Richardson Elementary

WOWW is definitely a blessing that we truly appreciate here at Bushland Elementary. Thanks for all you do for us and the children in the Panhandle!

—Bobbie Morgan
Principal, Bushland Elementary

I love how WOWW strives to enrich learning by reaching out to many facets of our world!

—Wildcat Bluff Nature Center

Participating in Window On a Wider World affords Mimi Farley Elementary the opportunity to bring the real world into our classrooms, and sparks 21st Century thinking in our students. Our teachers explore every aspect of the enriched WOWW experience to identify the critically attributes of the experience and guide our students to think and reflect about the new learning. Any WOWW fieldtrip is a catalyst for further exploration and discovery once the students return to campus. These new experiences are then used to stimulate ingenuity and imagination. The financial support offered through WOWW make it possible to expose more children to events and activities outside our rural environment. Partnering with WOWW provides a window of opportunity for our students to see a future brimming with possibility.

Very Respectfully,

—Michelle Ellis
Director of 21st Century Learning,
Accountability and Testing, Boys Ranch ISD

