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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

For the past seven years WOWW has been “laying a foundation” to provide the children of the Texas Panhandle enhanced and unique educational opportunities for the advancement of culture and the arts. Whether it is music, art, theater and the like, our children would not otherwise have the opportunity to take advantage of or be exposed to and at the same time, those “experiences” are helping to lay a foundation for higher test scores and understanding of the “science” of math and physics, in an atmosphere of fun and excitement beyond the ordinary.

In building that foundation, WOWW has continued to associate and collaborate with more than thirty non-profit organizations in more than twenty-two school districts. Notwithstanding the fact that after WOWW was started, the economy of the Texas Panhandle experienced difficulties and short falls, WOWW has continued to provide these unique learning experiences thanks in part to the generosity of the people, organizations and groups that populate the Texas Panhandle who have always shown and made known that we can only make the foundation greater and build the walls to a greater community through the children of the Texas Panhandle. WOWW is dedicated to improving the educational experience of our children so that not only will children in the Texas Panhandle be able to “take over” when it is time for us to step aside, but to know that our children will have the “tools” to compete no matter whether they should decide to “roam” far afield from the Texas Panhandle or elect to stay home. As WOWW strives to provide and continue to provide the enriched and valued learning experiences that only can come through being exposed to the arts, we cannot rest on our laurels or our foundation. On behalf of the staff and the board as well as the twenty-two school districts and more than thirty organizations that make up WOWW we ask that you “join us” to continue to “build” on the foundation that has been laid these past seven years and that as we continue that building, so that the future of our Texas Panhandle children will be so bright we will all have to wear shades.

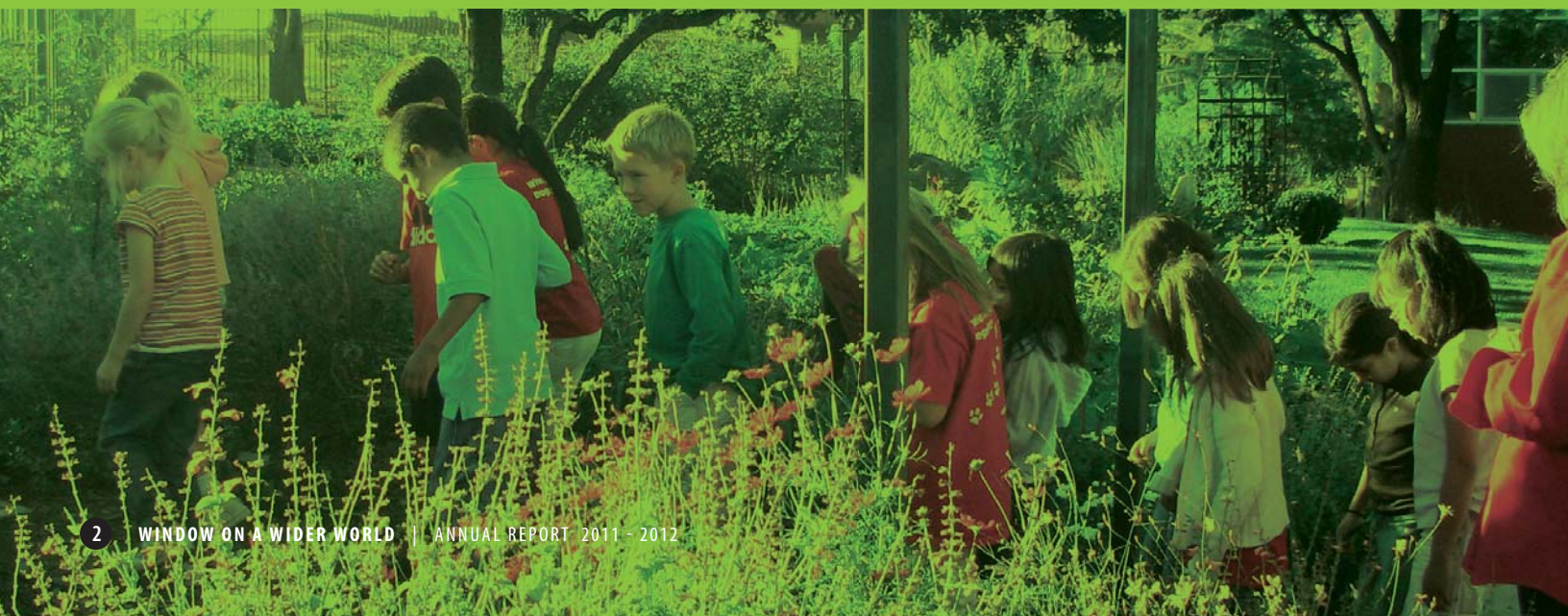
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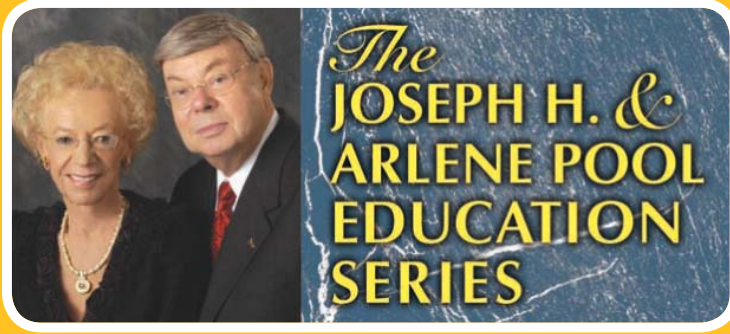
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The initial vision of founder Carol Bush Emeny is enhanced through her daughter Mary and the family foundation. Their ongoing generous support gives children and often their families a window on a much wider world than they ever dreamed possible. The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



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REASONS TO CELEBRATE



In keeping with the initial vision of the governing board of directors, Window On a Wider World has emerged as an entity dedicated to enriching the education of Texas Panhandle students through arts, science and cultural experiences. Over the past six years, WOWW has developed a strong presence in our rural communities and is expanding the program internally and demographically to provide all children experiences they would never have outside of WOWW.

Teamwork is what makes WOWW successful. This is a unique and inspiring partnership between more than 30 non-profit organizations, 20+ school districts, volunteers, retired teachers as WOWW Reps and our staff, all of whom have embraced the concept of providing alternative ways of teaching and learning. It is impacting children in and out of the classroom from the stories and feedback we receive, communities are thriving and students are making life-long learning connections. Teachers and administrators are discovering a wide variety of programs our providers bring to the classroom and thus meet the needs of the children while saving thousands of dollars in bussing costs. However when children's authors or national productions come to the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, school administrators bring their students, so that they can experience both the programs and our world-class facility.

Thanks to your generous support WOWW continues to involve more school districts each year. **THE CHILDREN AS WELL AS THEIR TEACHERS AND PARENTS THANK YOU!** Our goal is to reach all of the 63 districts in Region 16. In fact we are now seeing interest in the WOWW model from outside our region and indeed beyond Texas! If your district is not yet involved please consider urging the superintendent and/or elementary building principal to contact us.

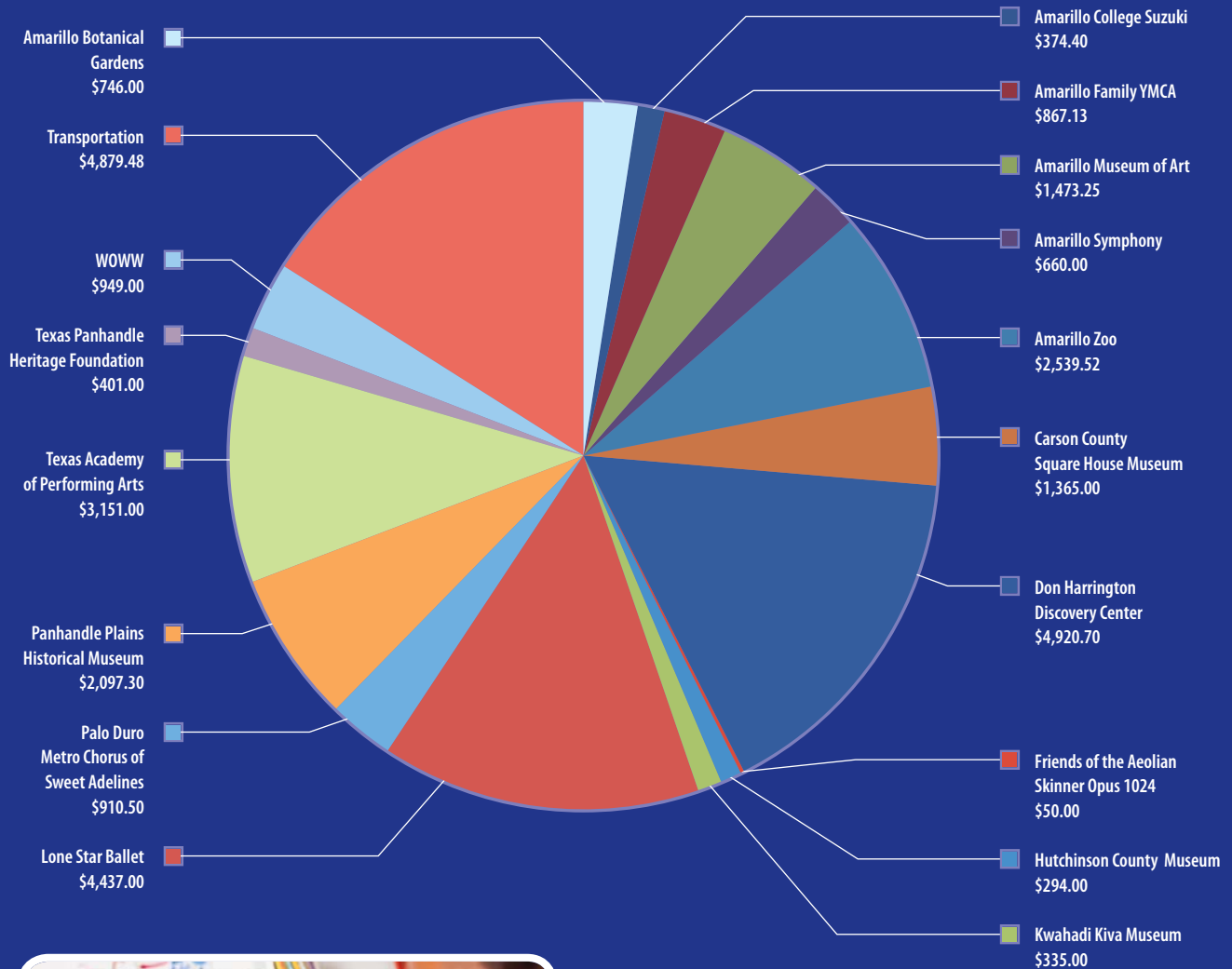
Ali Tiegs
Executive Director



LOOK... MONEY WELL SPENT!

WOWW partnered with over 30 non-profit organizations in the Texas Panhandle to provide over 30,000 enriched educational experiences for 7468 students during the 2011-2012 school year. The following organizations offered the enriched experiences free of charge: Alibates, Amarillo Public Library, American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Musuem, WTAMU Department of Communications, High Plains Food Bank, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

WOWW Money All Schools 2011-12



“Window on a Wider World continues to provide new and imaginative opportunities for students to learn and develop an understanding of the Arts and Sciences through exceptional and cultural experiences. The WOWW experiences have inspired both students and teachers to explore more diverse and creative ways to learn.”

—Tom Panger
Bivins Elementary Principal, Retired



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Thanks for all you do. This is a VERY IMPRESSIVE program and I have been telling everyone I know about it. It's extraordinary.
All the best,

—Douglas Moss, AIA, LEED® AP
Partner
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I always enjoy getting with other education people and talking about what we are all doing. WOWWW has definitely “upped-the-bar” for the Texas Panhandle, and I commend you for that. Thanks for all you do for the community.

—Millie Vanover
Education Coordinator
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

Learning comes to children in many different ways outside of the traditional classroom and I am so glad we are a partner with you in this worthwhile endeavor.

—Larry Appel
Retired Superintendent Dumas ISD

We are happy to work with WOWWW, and the great programs you put together for our community!

—Phyllis Payne
Ambassador Hotel

Thank you for all you do. It is worthwhile and will have far reaching benefits.

—Betty Probst
Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation

We appreciate all of the work that you and WOWWW do for our students – this is a great program that is allowing our students to have some very beneficial life experiences.

—Evan Smith
Assistant Superintendent, Pampa ISD