

**OUR
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CAN**

**MEF is investing in
Our Kids.**



The Montgomery Education Foundation believes our kids deserve the best education and the best resources possible. That's why we spent a total of **\$1,840,868** since 2014 to thoughtfully research and develop intentional, high-quality programs and initiatives. Each year we research best practices, cultivate relationships, and invest heavily in programs that we know work. With our investment, Our Kids Can.

Total investment by program since 2014:

Brain Forest
Summer
Academy

\$485,249

Community
Engagement

\$170,682

STARBASE
Maxwell

\$1,038,000

Brain Forest
Reading on
Wheels

\$95,761

Pre-K
Expansion

\$51,176



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At the Montgomery Education Foundation

we believe with strong public schools, access to the resources they need, and community support, Our Kids Can be successful.

Programs and Initiatives

2016 Results

Brain Forest Summer Learning Programs



On average, students lose 2-3 months of academic gains over the summer months while out of school. This causes at-risk students to start the school year behind. Through the **Brain Forest Summer Academy** and the **Brain Forest Reading on Wheels** (Mobile Library and STEM program), MEF served over 1,000 students in Montgomery County during Summer 2016. Both programs offer high quality instruction to students to stop the “summer slide.” The Academy also offers high-quality professional development to Montgomery Public Schools teachers.



School Readiness and Pre-K Expansion



Evidence shows that starting early can make all the difference in student success. Alabama’s **First Class Pre-K** program is ranked #1 in the nation, but access still falls short for many Alabama children. Since Fall of 2009 when it opened the first Pre-K Center in Montgomery Public Schools, MEF has partnered with local Pre-K providers, advocates, and the schools system to increase availability of high quality Pre-K for Montgomery County 4-year-olds. By identifying and convening partners and building relationships, MEF works each year to ensure that Pre-K access continues to expand.



We C.A.N. Network



Student success starts with the people we see right outside the doors of the school. Since Fall 2015, MEF has been committed to building authentic **neighborhood-school partnerships**. In two of our community’s most challenged schools, we identified strong community leaders to support the school’s leadership, educators, and students as they strive for success. We also launched the **We C.A.N. Network** to mobilize our coalition of community stakeholders who are willing to volunteer, advocate, structure, and build community resources for the schools in the heart of their neighborhoods.



STARBASE Maxwell STEM Program



In today’s changing world, the number of industries focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are continuously growing. **STARBASE Maxwell** ensures that students who are historically under represented in STEM have access to high quality instruction. MEF manages the Department of Defense program located on Maxwell Air Force Base, serving fifth grade students from Autauga, Elmore, and Montgomery County through a 5-week curriculum. During 2016, STARBASE piloted **STARBASE 2.0**, an afterschool STEM enrichment program for sixth grade students in Montgomery Public Schools and a teacher STEM professional development program.

