

The
Robert
Bowne
Foundation

“His active mind, open purse, expanded heart
and willing feet knew no bounds.” —Thomas Eddy, 1818

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Dear Friends and Colleagues of the Robert Bowne Foundation:

When the board and staff of the Robert Bowne Foundation decided to close its doors on December 31, 2015 it was important to us to share the lessons we had learned as a result of our 25 years work with practitioners, organizations and other funders interested in building the capacity of Out-of-School Time (OST) programs and the field.

We engaged researchers, in 2012, to study and describe the impact of our work. The researchers reviewed documents, observed our grantees, and talked with all our stakeholders, from board members to young OST program participants. They developed case studies (http://youthtoday.org/rbf-opening-quadrant-page/history-robert-bowneFoundation/rbf_1_11_publications-of-the-rbf/) and documented our work through text, pictures and videos that comprise the Legacy pages of the OST HUB..

We funded the Center for Sustainable Journalism, which publishes Youth Today, to develop an OST HUB. The HUB (<http://youthtoday.org/HUB/>) embodies the Foundation’s philosophy of positive youth development, the importance of reflection and inquiry, a deep respect for the voices of youth practitioners as experts in their own right. In addition, the HUB reflects the Foundation's belief in the critical importance of building bridges between research and practice.

The OST HUB focuses on topics that address relevant and critical issues in the OST field, many of them linked with current news stories reported in the digital and print newspaper Youth Today. Each topic area has its own page with links to free downloadable articles, research, curricula and other program materials grounded in practice for in-depth exploration and deeper learning.

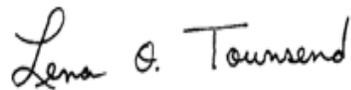
The OST HUB will continue to expand its topics, based on future input from all of you in the OST field. Please forward your queries, suggestions, research and articles to **Sara Hill at sarahill@youthtoday.org**.

The Legacy Pages of the OST HUB

The Robert Bowne Foundation's work lives through the Legacy pages of the Youth Today OST HUB. We invite you to explore the Legacy Pages (<http://youthtoday.org/rbf-opening-quadrant-page/>). In these pages you can explore the Foundation's history, philosophy regarding funding and providing support for grantees, vision for the OST field, core principles, and practices. You can download in-depth articles and research projects, as well as video and text snapshots of this important work

For those of you who attended our Celebration on October 28, 2015, you can view the pictures and listen to the memories people shared in the Memory Pavilion (*Grantees and Colleagues Share Memories at the RBF Legacy Celebration*), as well as watch the video interview with Suzanne Carothers, Board of Trustees Vice-President and Lena Townsend, Executive Director of the Robert Bowne Foundation about the Foundation's history and work (*Legacy Celebration: The RBF's History and Work*).

Yours truly,



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