EDUCATION

Barat carries out our mission through a variety of programs.

**OUR AMERICAN VOICE®** is a model civics program for elementary & middle school students of diverse background. OAV builds character & competencies required for youth to be 21st century citizens capable of critical thinking & leadership for positive change.

**TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES**, in partnership with the Library of Congress, provides free professional development training to teachers to identify and utilize the Library’s vast collection of digitized, primary sources to promote student critical thinking skills.

**JOAN LUEDER COFFEY IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** supports annual placement of an IVC volunteer in the Chicago metro area.

**BARAT SCHOLARS** BARAT SCHOLARS is an endowed scholarship supporting students at Woodlands Academy, Lake Forest, IL. Barat also supports a scholarship at Josephinum Academy in Chicago, IL.

Since 2001, Barat has invested over $2.5 million in scholarships and innovative educational programs promoting civic leadership & action, building community, and advancing social justice through partnerships. These Barat initiatives include:

- **Corporate to Classroom Transitions**: an alternative accelerated teacher certification program divested to Holy Family University in Philadelphia and St. Leo University in Tampa.

- **Diversity Forums** “creating a safe space for difficult conversations regarding race, class gender and globalization”, transferred to Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

- **Business Ethics course** piloted by the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

- **Women’s Leadership degree** for Dominican University executive continuing education program.

“**The true purpose of education is to produce citizens.**”

– **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT; 1930**
TEACHING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES

As a consortium partner in the Library of Congress TPS program over the past 9 years, TPS-Barat workshops introduced Primary Sources to 3,700 classroom teachers in more than 700 schools in the Illinois, impacting over 500,000 students. Workshops guide teachers to create and teach topic-specific lessons that integrate primary sources from the Library of Congress, exemplify effective inquiry based instructional practices and address requirements of common core and C3 standards.

Barat is entrepreneurial and an extremely well qualified TPS partner because of its proven track record in aligning its programs with the Library’s Strategic Plan for Educational Outreach; performance outcomes; and leveraging of financial resources and partner relationships.

The primarysourcesnexus.org reaches a national audience of teachers and students, showcasing primary sources through direct links to the Library of Congress site. Feature articles and curated activities encourage the use of primary sources in the classroom.

On-line workshops meet the request of classroom teachers for professional development that is flexible, cost effective and not requiring time away from classroom instruction. Barat’s Train-the-Trainer program is being used by the partners as the general framework for creating a national professional development model for “coaches” and “TPS teacher experts,” expanding TPS delivery capabilities in the Chicago Metropolitan area.

Throughout its 9-year history, Barat has consistently performed on-time and on-budge. 80% of program funds have been used to maximize program quality, participation and direct service delivery while minimizing overhead and operating costs.

AMERICAN VALUES IN A DIVERSIFYING CITIZENRY: Role of the Educator in shaping & socializing future citizens.

Civic education has been lacking for more than 3 decades and this deficit now requires more emphasis on professional development of the teachers leading a civic engagement. The annual Context for Civic Education and Engagement Workshop challenges OAV teachers to examine their own civic values, attitudes and beliefs. It allows teachers to better understand barriers to civic literacy & engagement and unwrap potential cynicism their students and they may have experienced.

Most importantly teachers are taught to encourage a healthy skepticism in their students as they develop critical thinking skills.

BARAT BY NUMBERS

- 229,680 Visitors to the Primary Source Nexus in the last 12 months
- 650 OAV students make a difference in their communities
- 48 Schools have participated in OAV
- 700 Schools that have participated in TPS Training
- 1800 Students in OAV in the past 24 months
- 3900+ Teachers trained to use primary sources in their classrooms
- 10 Countries accessing the primary Source Nexus
- 500,000 Students impacted through TPS training
Once there was an OAV student who wanted to change the world. At first the OAV student thought it’d be easy because if everyone could see how beautiful it’d be, it’d take about a minute. But all the people the OAV student talked to were too busy busy busy busy to stop & listen. So the OAV student went off & did beautiful things all on their own & pretty soon people were stopping & asking if they could come along & do that too & that’s how the OAV student figured how worlds change.

- Adapted from “Beautiful Things” by Brian Andreas, writer & artist of Story People

AT KOMENSKY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BERWYN, ILLINOIS

“students realized that the kids in the DLP [Developmental Learning Program] couldn’t use the playground because there was no equipment for them...they felt the playground wasn’t for everybody, and they wanted to do something about it, which is great.” Said Dan King, fifth-grade teacher and co-leader of Our American Voice with special education fifth-grade teacher Ryan Kozin. “I’m really proud of them because they’ll be in middle school by the time the renovation is complete,” he said. “To be that mature, and want to make things better for the future, that’s what it’s about.”

BERWYN OAV PROJECTS

HERITAGE
Orientation Videos for incoming 5th graders and new students (Go Pro) Kristen Caparola
Community Garden Students proposed a community garden on land granted to the school by the City of Berwyn. Principal Sue Butler approved the land for the OAV garden to grow & eat local. Alexa Tracy

FREEDOM
Pedway Project / LED lighting for street lamps - (In process according to mayor) They are also working on replacing plastic utensils with silverware in the lunchroom Sarah Gamradt & Doug Junius

EMERSON
Safe School Entrance - (meeting with Dist. Construction April 14th/meeting with architect April 16th) Lindsay Fairbanks

PIPER
New basketball backboards and outdoor classroom - (have already raised money for backboards) working with Green Team for landscaping outdoor classroom Karla Schwarze

IRVING
Recycling of styrofoam lunchroom trays - meeting with Dart recycling April 14th Tricia Stevens & Michelle Fischer

HIAWATHA & PERSHING
Anti-Bullying Peace Day - Raising money for Peaceful Playground redesign and working to schedule a meeting with the Mayor to declare a “Peace Day” for all of Berwyn. Lisa Beth Patzke, Mike Saracini, Christine Lukaswiec.

KOMENSKY
Safer Landing Area on Playground / Playground Equipment for Severely Handicapped Students - Have contacted Berwyn Park District Director for advise on safety zones Dan King, Ryan Kozin

Berwyn South School District 100’s goals include “Provide a Caring, Safe and Healthy Environment that Supports the Development of the Whole Child.”
OAV’S FIRST CIVIL RIGHTS TRAVEL STUDY: MEMPHIS - BIRMINGHAM - SELMA

OAV 6, 7 and 8th grade students from Arthur A. Libby Elementary School, Chicago, retraced the journey that lead to the Voting Rights Act, learning how that historic movement aligns with the core principles they are studying in the OAV program. They visited the National Civil Rights Museum, the Birmingham, Civil Rights Institute, the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum and other significant locations of Civil Rights. Students shared their experience not only with their Libby community but with other OAV students through storytelling and videos.

JEFFERSON FREEDOM AWARDS

We were fortunate to receive Chicago All Star funding and the opportunity to participate in their youth day event which gave teachers and students the opportunity to see the impact they can have on the larger community. The OAV CPS schools received the 2015 Jefferson Award* for greatest community impact for their (service) issues at the event.

CPS OAV PROJECTS

IDA B WELLS PREPARATORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Implemented peer jury system school wide

ARTHUR A. LIBBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Worked with community agencies to paint and refresh entire school

JOHN J. PERSHING EAST
Neighborhood beautification

OUR AMERICAN VOICE IS LAUNCHED IN TUSCON, AZ

Preparing students for citizenship in a multicultural democracy.
PARTNERSHIP
Golden Apple Foundation
Boeing Foundation
Albert Pick Foundation
Robert R. McCormick Foundation
Alice B. Drake Endowment
Library of Congress
South Berwyn School District 100
Ignation Volunteer Corps

IVC volunteer Hope Gillespie at Howard Area Community Center’s English Language Learning program with adult learners from Bhutan, Haiti, and Congo. Her service is partially sponsored by the Joan Lueder Coffey Service Award.

OUR AMERICAN VOICE SUPPORT
Alice B. Drake Endowment
Heather’s Legacy Endowment
Heather Melaine Sanke Memorial Scholarship
Carroll Fund
Zacker Fund
Margaret Burke, RSCJ Scholarship Fund
Rivelle Tauman Scholarship Fund
Ethel Butler Gilliam Memorial Scholarship

THE BARAT SCHOLARS program has supported students at DePaul University, Dominican University School of Leadership, Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Martin de Porres, High School, and Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart. The following Barat College endowments have made these scholarships possible:

Margaret Baker Memorial Scholarship
Gerald A. Avery Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Katherine Hayes McNulty Scholarship
Helen Lancaster Long Memorial Scholarship
Alicia and Harry F. Aubuchon Scholarship
Mary Winifred Anderson Scholarship
Fran and Patricia Covey Scholarship
Edmund Stephan Memorial Scholarship
Claire Baser, RSCJ Humanities Scholarship
Patricia Reiss, RSCJ Scholarship

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT
AllStars Project, Inc.
ArtFlo
Berwyn Development Corporation
South Berwyn Education Foundation
South Bewryn Elementary School District 100
Computer Accounting, Inc.
CONSULT Inc.
Costco, Riverside
GGE Foundation, Inc.
Kiwanis, Berwyn
MacNeal Hospital
McGaw YMCA
National Cooperative Bank
J. Sterling Morton West High School
Turano Baking Co., Inc
YMCA
Chicago Women’s District Golf Association
Children First Fund the Chicago Public School Foundation

OUR PATH FORWARD
Partnering with The Library of Congress, Constitutional Rights USA and Golden Apple Foundations will allow Barat to build Civic Learning and Engagement Communities by leveraging each organizations’ core competencies to address the civic literacy chasm in our educational system today. It will also allow us to provide a new teacher education approach which becomes the platform for transforming our educational system for underserved communities. We are currently working on a series of LOC-TPS workshops to be delivered at the Golden Apple Foundation’s Summer Institute in 2016.

Our American Voice® received a grant from the Boeing Foundation to add to new CPS schools to the program in 2015/2016, facilitated by Golden Apple teachers. Partnering with Boeing will further allow Barat to replicate the national Train the Trainer program developed for the Library of Congress, again leveraging resources to engage teachers who desire Our American Voice®, who have a commitment to engage in their respective communities.

Barat TPS Master Trainers will also present “Back to the Future with the Library of Congress”, in 2016 for Illinois Computing Educators (ICE).

So, stay tuned....
FINANCIALS
REVENUES: $427,778 (July, 2014 through June 30, 2015)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ JUNE 30, 2015

- Cash And Investments: $221,834
- Grants & Other Receivables: $415,943
- Prepaid Expenses: $4,763
- Program Assets & Equipment: $181,182
- Total Assets: $823,692

- Liabilities & Net Assets:
  - Accounts Payable: $45,610
  - Total Funds: $778,082
  - Total Liabilities & Net Assets: $823,692

*Audited Statement available online January, 2016

“The Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

– MARGARET MEAD, AMERICA’S WORLD RENOWNED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

The Board dedicates this Annual Report to “our small group” who day in and year out remind us what can be accomplished.

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