

**EAST  
SIDE  
LEARNING  
CENTER**



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2023-2024

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are proud of the success of each child we have worked with. Our tutors commit to relationship-centered learning, providing research based literacy support to hundreds of children.

### PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS:

#### ***Prevention Program***

Services are available for kindergarten children. The goal is to accelerate reading and social-emotional growth, so children meet 1st grade readiness benchmarks. The literacy sessions incorporate concepts of print, letter names, letter sounds, phonics activities, early high-frequency words, and oral language development.

#### ***Intervention Program***

Services are available for 1st through 3rd grade children. The goal is to accelerate reading and social-emotional growth, so children meet school identified reading goals. The literacy sessions incorporate high-frequency word fluency, phonics activities, oral reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

#### ***Family Engagement***

A significant indicator of a child's academic success is a caring adult encouraging them along their educational journey. The mission of ESLC includes engaging family members and community members as active partners in their child's education to help prepare our students for academic success. ESLC offers parent/community literacy-at-home education and resources.

We appreciate your support as we “unlock each child’s potential through the foundation of reading.”



# OUR IMPACT

2023-2024

## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

### KINDERGARTEN

- 100% met Benchmark for letter name identification
- 100% met Benchmark for letter sound identification
- 58% met Benchmark for high-frequency word identification

### 1ST GRADERS

- 63% met Benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 58% made Accelerated Growth in fluency and/or accuracy

### 2ND GRADERS

- 60% met Benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 60% made Accelerated Growth in fluency and/or accuracy

### 3RD GRADERS

- 35% met Benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 77% made Accelerated Growth in fluency and/or accuracy



**BENCHMARK:** Student meets Grade Level Reading Expectations

**ACCELERATED GROWTH:** Student is Growing Faster than expected for their Grade Level



**85% OF STUDENTS** demonstrated Social Emotional growth on the Panorama's Assessment of Social Emotional Learning



# THE STATS

## 2023-2024



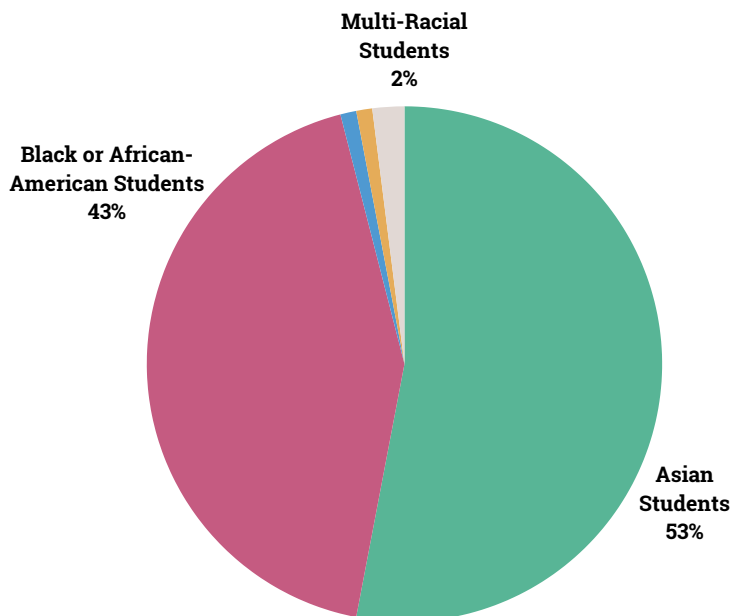
**79**  
VOLUNTEERS



**179**  
STUDENTS



**10,489**  
TUTORING SESSIONS



### Student Demographics

Black or African-American Students	43%
Asian Students	53%
White/Caucasian Students	1%
Hispanic Students	1%
Multi-Racial Students	2%

# Testimonials

## What Literacy Mentors Say

“It's a great feeling to develop a relationship with the children you're working with. It's also very rewarding to see their progress. I feel better myself when I volunteer.”

## What Teachers Say

“Our students crave relationships and time to read and explore literacy in different ways. These mentors provide fun, engagement, games, care, and patience. The year is brighter for all with these wonderful volunteers because of the time and care they put into our schools every day.”

## What Parents Say

“My children enjoy reading with the tutors and they look forward to reading now, which is amazing!”



# OUR TEAM

2023-2024

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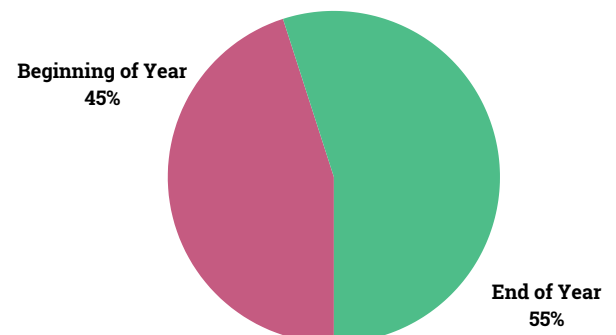
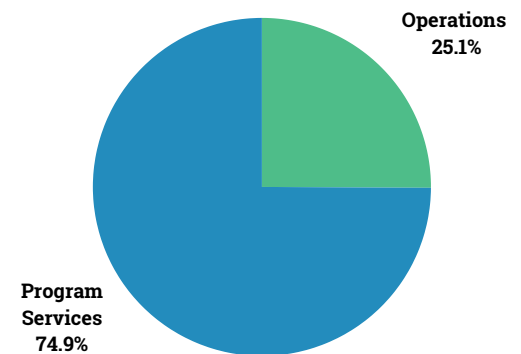
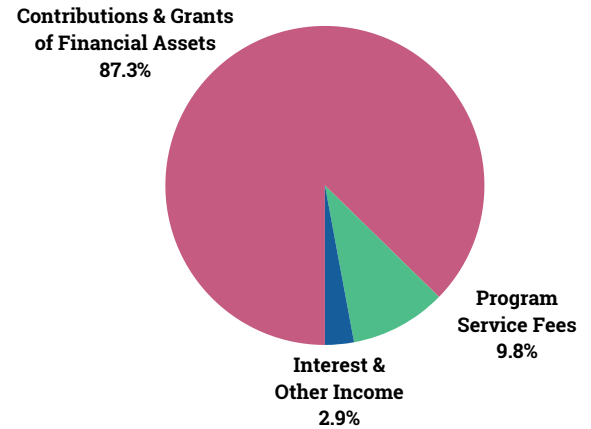
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Category	Total
<b>Support &amp; Revenue</b>	
Contributions & Grants of Financial Assets	\$619,365
Program Service Fees	\$69,208
Interest	\$20,146
Other Income	\$615
<b>Total Actual Revenue</b>	<b>\$709,334</b>
Nonfinancial Contributions	\$89,190
<b>Expense</b>	
Program Services	\$459,472
Operations	\$153,818
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$613,290</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$841,163
Net Assets - End of Year	\$1,026,397





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