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EAST SIDE LEARNING CENTER



ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

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GREETINGS, FRIENDS OF EAST SIDE LEARNING CENTER

As a long-term employee of ESLC, and now, as the Executive Director with the limited tenure of a mere two months, my review of the information enclosed tells me the East Side Learning Center is coming through strong after COVID—its impacts on tutoring methods, the insecurity it has caused tutors, and our young student readers falling behind. As we braved these trials, never did the East Side Learning Center lose sight of its mission: "to unlock each child's potential through the foundation of reading."

The East Side Learning Center is populated with "givers" and "doers", whose faithfulness brings us to a time of potential growth and a positive vision serving even more kindergarten through grade three readers who are powered by a desire to read and take that power in their life as adult citizens.

To the "givers," a sincere thank you for your generosity through these uncertain times. Our partnerships with the School Sisters of Notre Dame, AARP Foundation Experience Corps, and AmeriCorps have held our financial foundations steady. Multiple foundations and corporations placed their dollars with ESLC knowing that a mission to support lifelong readers can only have positive outcomes. Individual "givers" placed their faith in ESLC, and those "givers" are showing signs of an even deeper commitment. All good news!

To the "doers," you make the mission come alive. For the "doers" who tutor in-person—in any Minnesota weather: cold, snow, rain or heat—you get out and head to your school site to tutor because you are committed to that child becoming a fluent reader. The "doers" who tutor virtually—you endure many technical challenges and yet, your commitment to the children is what matters. Your belief in each child's potential and your dedication to building their reading success is the gift of a lifetime. I cannot overstate the value of the "doers." The ESLC staff, Board, and "givers" know that our mission depends on you for delivery. My admiration and appreciation for the "doers" grows each day I am with the organization.

Learning to read is invaluable. No one can take it from you, and it powers us for our lifetime. I am reminded of the time I met with a group of potential volunteers. I had shared a story about my father reading to us every night when we were kids, and a senior gentleman in the front row proceeded to tell me that his wife reads to him each night as they prepare to close their day. Reading is a power for a lifetime.

We encourage you to read the report, celebrate your part in the successes described, and celebrate the power of "unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading."

Peace and all good things,



Mary J. Fritz
Executive Director



Sister Cheryl Marie Wagner, SSND
Chair, Board of Directors

THE POWER OF MISSION

ESLC envisions a community where “all children read with pride and joy to become life-long learners.” The mission, “unlocking each child’s potential through the foundation of reading,” empowers children to be successful in school, graduate, and become thriving members of our community. Since 2001, ESLC has been supporting our community’s most vulnerable children—those facing barriers to education such as homelessness, poverty, trauma, disabilities, and racial bias. Our literacy tutoring model is a strength-based approach characterized by its relationship-first, individualized approach and partnerships with families, schools, and the community.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR YEAR

The students in our Summer Literacy, Science and Art camp program were excited to explore literacy in new and creative ways. They participated in science and engineering challenges, explored story telling through dance, and planned and performed a play!



ESLC was honored to gather our community of readers, families, volunteers, board members and staff for a spectacular celebration of the 2021-2022 school year!



THE POWER OF OUR LEARNERS



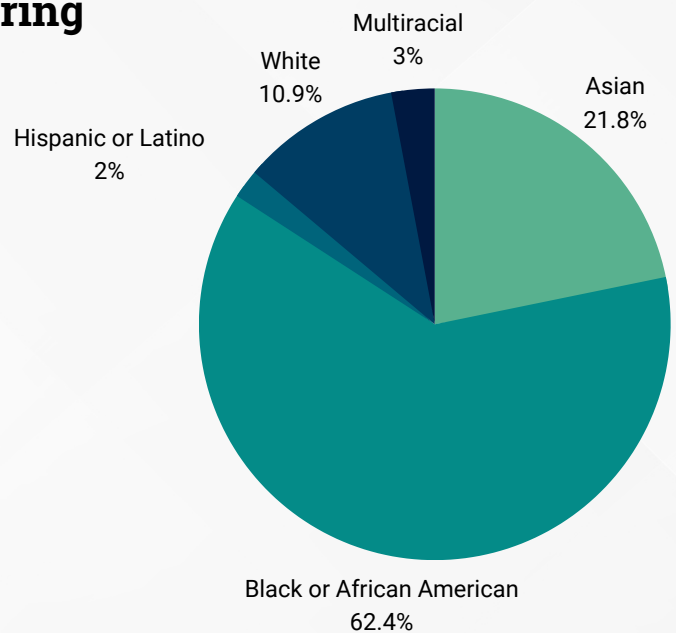
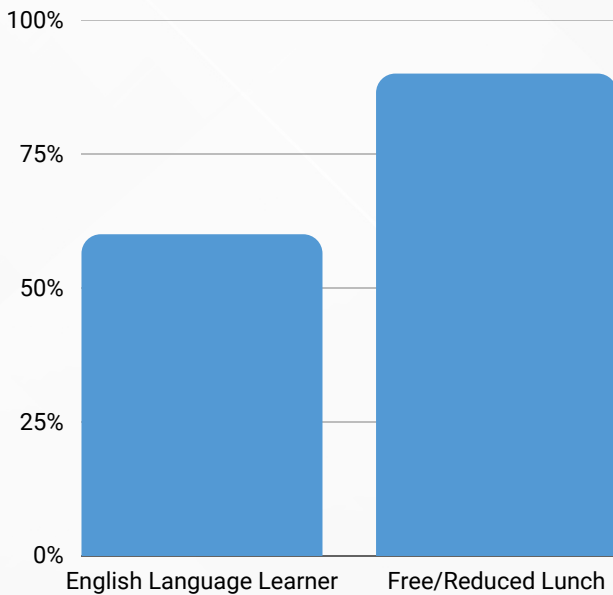
171 Students



140 Families



4,759 Hours of Tutoring



THE POWER OF GROWTH

3rd Grade

- 64% met benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 70% made accelerated growth in fluency and/or accuracy*

2nd Grade

- 66% met benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 52% made accelerated growth in fluency and/or accuracy*

1st Grade

- 97% know 26 upper and lower case letter names; 45% know 33 letter sounds; 91% made progress on high frequency word acquisition.
- 32% met benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 37% made accelerated growth in fluency and/or accuracy*

Kindergarten

- 65% know 26 upper case letter names; 58% know 26 lower case letter names; 52% know 26 or more letter sounds; 94% made progress on high frequency word acquisition.

SEL

- 76% of students demonstrated social emotional growth based on the Panorama Assessment of Social-Emotional Growth.

*Based on expected fluency growth, % expected fluency growth, expected accuracy growth, and/or % expected accuracy growth.

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I worked with SE Asian refugee students and I learned so much about their culture and history and really appreciated how remarkable these students are given the tremendous obstacles their families have overcome. It brought me great joy to witness their progress over the year, as I really want to see them become successful role models for future generations.

-Volunteer Literacy Mentor

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INVESTORS IN THE POWER OF READING

Volunteers

Thank you for believing in the power of reading!

89 volunteer tutors donated 14,577 hours as literacy mentors for ESLC's in-person, virtual and summer programming. The value of invested time was \$416,027.00.

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Thank you to all the donors who made in-kind contributions! Thank you everyone who contributed books and materials, expertise, and services enabling ESLC to continue to empower children to succeed.

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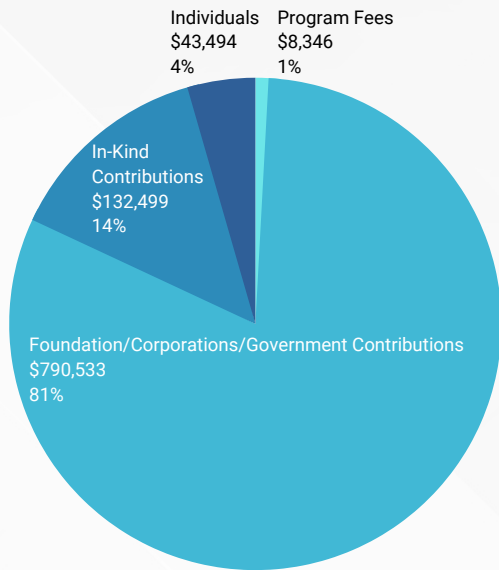
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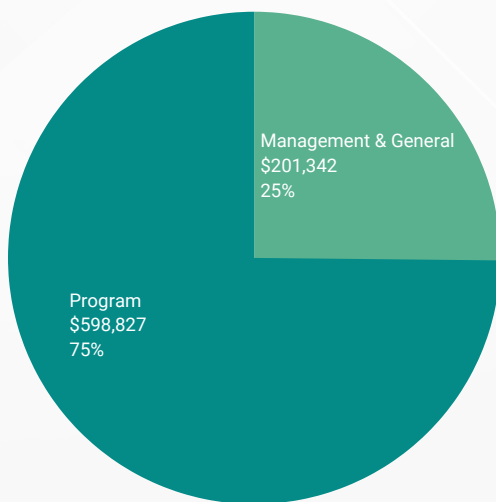
INCOME



ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$633,010
Contributions Receivable	\$101,000
Accounts Receivable	\$8,346
Prepaid Expenses	\$2,159
Investments	\$39,840
Grants Receivable	\$78,015
TOTAL ASSETS	\$862,370


EXPENSES



LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$1,619
Accrued Salary	\$3,230
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,849
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,849
NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$757,521
With Donor Restrictions	\$100,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$857,521



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