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EAST SIDE LEARNING CENTER



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**BELIEF IS
EVERYTHING**

2022-2023

“Where there is a will, there is a way.”

“Belief is Everything” encapsulates the working mindset and motivation of the East Side Learning Center throughout the 2022-23 year. One’s own mindset influences success in life whether the desired outcome is riding a bicycle, running a marathon, or learning to read. East Side Learning Center volunteer tutors/mentors have exhibited a ‘you can do this’ attitude with the children they tutor one-on-one in reading.

Recent documented evidence indicates that 95% of children can learn to read with appropriate systematic instruction. Although 67% of Minnesota students currently fail to meet benchmarks by the end of Grade 3, school systems and teaching staff are determined to meet this challenge. East Side Learning Center served student readers Grade K-3 in four schools throughout 2022-23. The experience of this past year identified core needs in the areas of reading curriculum and education practices. Moving forward, the East Side Learning Center methodology will focus on mastery for the pre-reader, and fluency and comprehension for the reader.

East Side Learning supports pre-readers with a focus on the foundation of letters, sounds, and early sight word knowledge. Research clearly indicates that a stable foundation in these reading building blocks will place pre-readers on a central path to becoming a fluent, comprehending reader. East Side Learning Center student documentation for pre-readers at the close of the past school year is fabulous: 100% of all K students knew letter names and 86% knew letter sounds. Ready for First Grade!

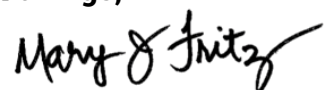
East Side Learning Center readers focus on fluency, vocabulary development, and comprehension. Sixty percent of our Grades 1-3 student population are dual language learners who need vocabulary expansion into English, and an opportunity to verbally engage with a tutor/mentor about the content of the reading passage. Sixty-eight percent of Grade 3 children who were tutored this past year met their fluency benchmark. Excellent outcome! “Where there is a will, there is a way”...East Side Learning Center staff and volunteer tutors/mentors have the will to succeed with children who want to learn to read, and are committed to finding the way together.

Chinese Proverb: “If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you a planning for a lifetime, educate people.”

Peace and all good things,



Sister Cheryl Marie Wagner, SSND
Chair, Board of Directors



Mary J. Fritz
Executive Director



OUR 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,**” aims to provide children with the skills needed to be successful in school, graduate, and fulfill their potential as members of society.

187
STUDENTS

RECEIVED

5,321
HOURS

OF ONE-TO-ONE
LITERACY TUTORING



105
VOLUNTEERS

CONTRIBUTED

15,109
HOURS

OF LITERACY
TUTORING &
RELATIONSHIP
BUILDING ACTIVITIES



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

BENCHMARK: Student meets Grade Level Reading Expectations

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

Kindergarten

- 100% of students met Benchmark and made growth for letter names
- 86% of students met Benchmark and 93% of students made growth for letter sounds
- 21% of students met Benchmark and 93% of students made growth for high-frequency word identification

1st Grade

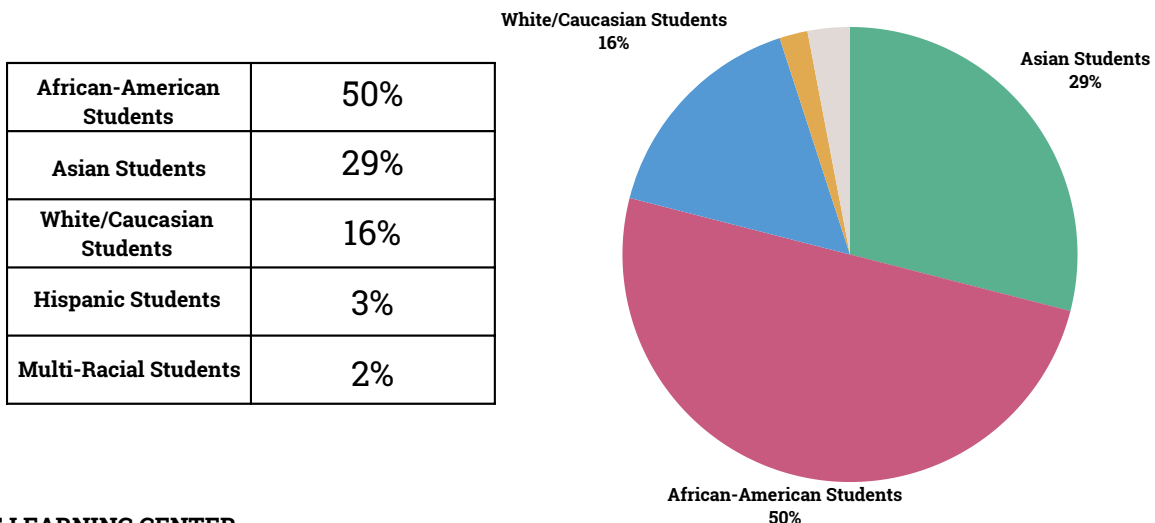
- 14% of students met Benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 18% of students made Accelerated Growth in fluency and/or accuracy
- These are the students who had no in person preschool or Kindergarten experience due to the Covid Epidemic.

2nd Grade

- 61% of students met Benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 48% of students made Accelerated Growth in fluency and/or accuracy

3rd Grade

- 68% of students met Benchmark for fluency and/or accuracy
- 57% of students made Accelerated Growth in fluency and/or accuracy



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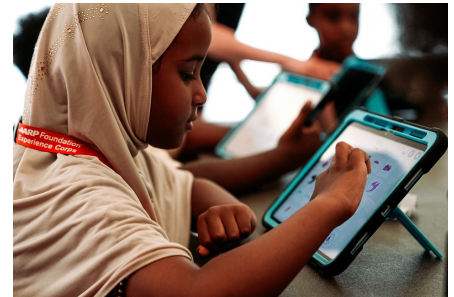
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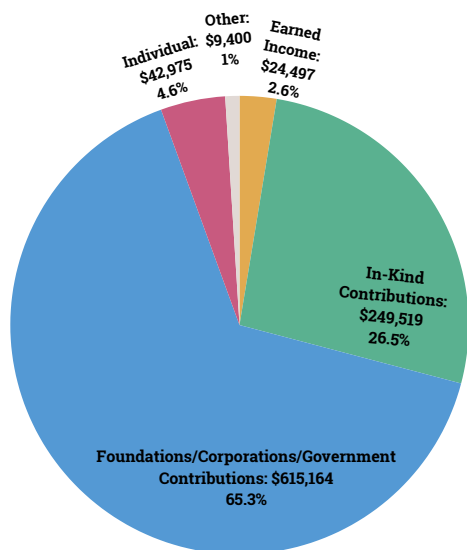
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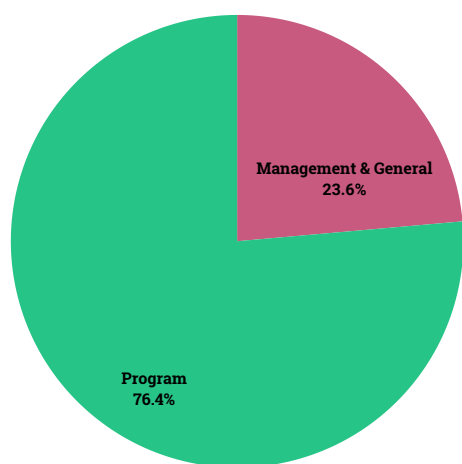
Income



Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$723,223
Contributions Receivable	\$45,000
Accounts Receivable	\$24,496
Prepaid Expenses	\$11,361
Grants Receivable	\$40,611
Operating Lease Right-Of-Use Asset, Net	\$28,078
TOTAL ASSETS	\$872,769

Expenses



Liabilities & Net Assets

Accrued Personnel Costs	\$3,344
Short & Long-Term Operating Lease Liabilites	\$28,262
Total Liabilities	\$31,606
Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$796,163
With Donor Restrictions	\$45,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$841,163

It's rewarding to watch a child conquer a new skill!
-ESLC Volunteer Tutor

"School is so much better now!"
-First grade student

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."
-Margaret Fuller

"Now I believe I can learn to read!"
-First grade student

"Reading is the skill that makes all other learning possible."
-President Barack Obama

"I didn't know learning could be fun!"
- Second grade student

**TEACH ONE CHILD TO READ, CHANGE A LIFE
TEACH MANY TO READ, CHANGE THE WORLD**



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