



You made it possible for **379** East Side children to participate in **15,753** hours of one-on-one literacy tutoring for a total of **28,360** tutoring sessions.

YOU INVESTED IN THE EAST SIDE'S
SUPER READERS & FUTURE LEADERS

EAST SIDE LEARNING CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

GREETINGS PARTNERS & FRIENDS,



Thank you—East Side Learning Center (ESLC) tutors, donors, staff, and partners—for sharing the power of confidence, hope and reading with 379 children, such as Adam. Adam attended ESLC’s Jump Start Literacy Camp. Program Director, Sr. Sharon White, OSF, commented on his progress in the fall, “He still doesn’t know any letters or sounds, and he barely speaks at all.”

Sr. Sharon shared an update the following June, “Remember Adam? Sometimes the one you worry the most about soars. He’s now one of the best readers in his grade.”



Adam learned foundational reading skills because each of you—ESLC’s tutors, donors, grant funders, staff, and partners—cared, took action, and worked together to share your love of reading with a child.

First, you made it possible for every child to attend an average of more than 46 hours and 61 sessions. Sessions were customized based on each child’s specific reading needs.

Second, you created opportunities for each child to develop a trusting relationship with a caring adults—a key component that improves reading growth. More than 60% of ESLC’s students had the same tutor more than one day per week! This gave each child the opportunity to practice literacy skills while connecting with a role model who cared about their success.

In summary, you shared the power of reading with children who needed it. Every child who becomes a reader is more likely to graduate, seek further education or training, and earn a living wage. Your gift of time, talent, and treasure opened a world of opportunities, choices, and dreams for children.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, we honor your contributions.

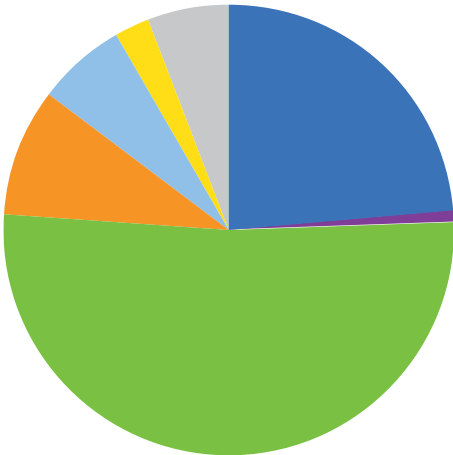
With gratitude,

Chris Flippo
Executive Director

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www.eslcmnorg/who-we-are/our-resources](http://www.eslcmnorg/who-we-are/our-resources)

ABOUT OUR SUPER READERS



51.7% Asian/SE Asian/Pacific Islander
23.7% African American
0.8% American Indian
9.2% Hispanic/Chicano/Latino
6.3% Multiracial
5.6% Unknown/Other
2.4% White/Caucasian



More than **90%** of the children in ESLC's programs last year lived in households with incomes that were 180% or less of the poverty threshold. At least **60%** were dual language learners.



230 volunteers donated **7,685** hours of tutoring during and after school and during ESLC's Jump Start Literacy Camps. The value of your investment of time was **\$185,515.**



PARTNERING WITH YOU & FIVE EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Bruce F. Vento Elementary 409 Case Avenue East	Community of Peace Academy 471 Magnolia Avenue East	John A. Johnson Achievement Plus 740 York Avenue
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SUPER READERS

IN PROGRESS

It's all about the children. They are all our children.

Sr. Audrey Lindenfesler, SSND
East Side Learning Center
Founded Executive Director

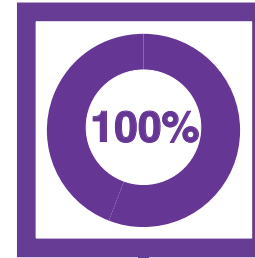
OF CHILDREN WHO
PARTICIPATED 30+ HOURS



of 1st grade students (34/60) met their ESLC reading growth goals.

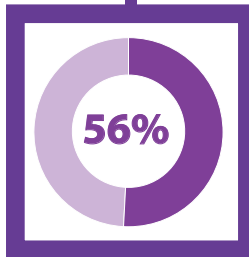


of 2nd grade students (28/39) met their ESLC reading growth goals.

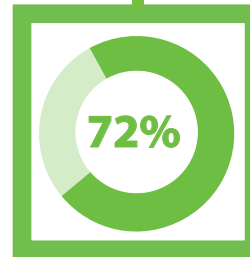


of Pre-Kindergarten children (19/19) were Kindergarten-ready.

3rd grade students (8/9) met their ESLC reading goals.

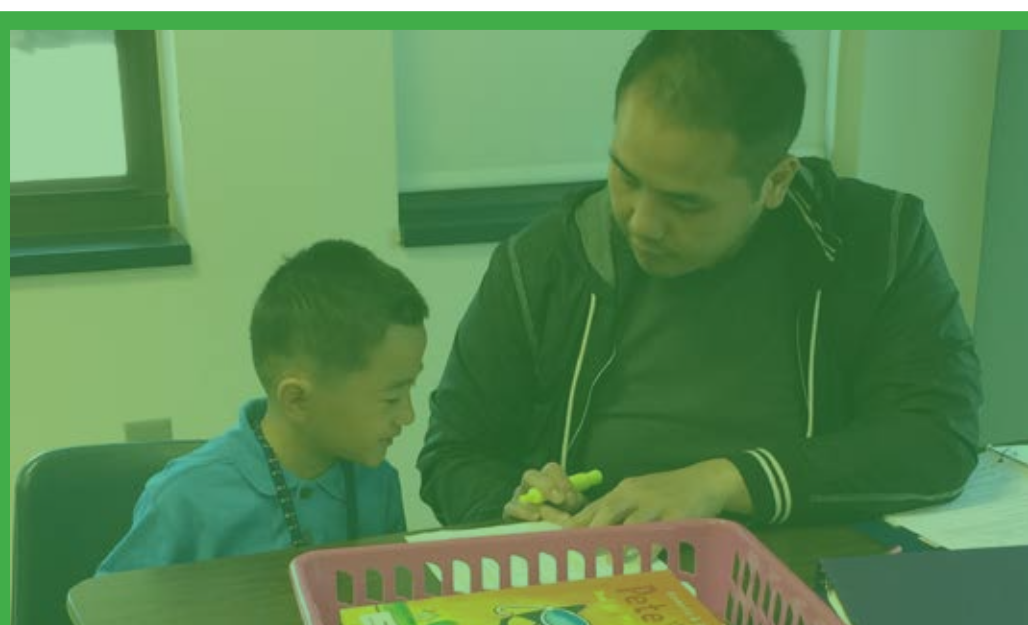
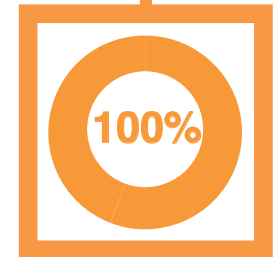


of Kindergarten students (123/128) were 1st-grade ready.



SUMMER LITERACY CAMP

of Kindergarten children (67/67) maintained their reading levels while 47% increased it.



HONORING ESLC'S HERITAGE

East Side Learning Center would not be here without the investment of many people. Last year, ESLC launched the Sister Audrey Children's Reading Fund in honor of founding Executive Director, Sr. Audrey Lindenfesler, SSND. This year, to nurture the welcoming culture that she and the School Sisters of Notre Dame embedded into the organization, ESLC gave three inaugural awards to honor those who live, work, and share a love of reading with children while upholding the organization's values.

The **Partner of the Year Award** honors an individual or organization that:

- Demonstrates a relationship characterized by respect, equity, and engagement in all aspects of the partnership.
- Shows dedication and support for the work of ESLC.
- Contributes to the mission of ESLC "Unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading."
- Promotes collaboration with ESLC via gifts of time, talent, or treasure.

The **Mary Riehle Service Award** recognizes a tutor who:

- Exemplifies unconditional commitment to children.
- Believes they can make a difference in the life of a child.
- Nurtures an atmosphere of care by treating others with dignity and respect.
- Promotes unity and compassion while working for diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Embodies the spirit of ESLC and its mission of "unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading."

The **Theresa Gerhardinger, SSND Award** recognizes an employee who characterizes the values of Theresa Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and:

- Exemplifies integrity, honesty, and respect for others.
- Models a love of learning and supports others in learning.
- Upholds ESLC's mission, instructional philosophy, and values.
- Promotes unity and compassion while working for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Read more about the awards, nominees, and recipients: www.eslcmn.org/blog/June-2018



PARTNER OF THE YEAR

“I always think of ESLC as a mentoring center. ...students develop literacy skills and use oral language. But they also receive dedicated one-to-one time each day.”

Craig Sweet

Achievement Plus Site Coordinator
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation



MARY RIEHLE SERVICE AWARD

“I loved the idea of working with one child four days a week ... I knew the effect this could make in a child's reading progress.”

Sharon Johnson

Tutor, former Site Assistant
East Side Learning Center



THERESA GERHARDINGER, SSND, AWARD

“This is a place where miracles happen—we grow readers...we unlock potential...we touch the future! I am so grateful and blessed to be here!”

Sr. Sharon White, OSF

Program Director
East Side Learning Center

WITH GRATITUDE TO ESLC'S FUNDERS

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- + Designated gift to the Sr. Audrey Children's Reading Fund
- * Current or past Board member
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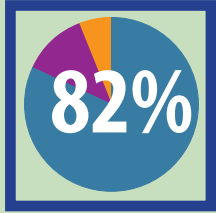
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INCOME

Corporate & Business Grants	45,080	5.0%
Community Grants	79210	8.8%
Private & Family Foundation Grants	133,500	14.9%
Individual & Family Contributions	61,147	6.8%
Earned Income, Interest, Miscellaneous	14,795	1.6%
Religious & Civic Organizations	46,755	5.2%
Restricted reserves committed for FY18*	138,001	15.5%
In-Kind Tutoring	185,516	20.7%
In-Kind Tutoring Space, Other	194,138	21.6%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 898,141	

EXPENSE

Tutors	102,485	11.4%
Staff	370,199	41.2%
Books, Supplies, Support Services	6,029	0.7%
Professional Services & Insurance	18,603	2.1%
Program Infrastructure (data management)	21,960	2.4%
In-Kind Expense	379,653	42.4%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 898,929	

NET

(788)

* Restricted income includes \$102,500 in United Way transitional grant committed in FY17 for FY18 and other income committed for FY18.

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash & equivalents	164,522
Prepaid expense	2,196
Investments	240,554
Grants receivable	50,000
Total current assets	457,272
Total property & equipment	252
Total Assets	457,524

LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	3,950
Payroll tax withheld	891
Total current liabilities	4,841

Net Assets

Unrestricted	407,683
Temporarily restricted	45,000
Total Net Assets	452,683

Total Liabilities & Capital 457,524

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