

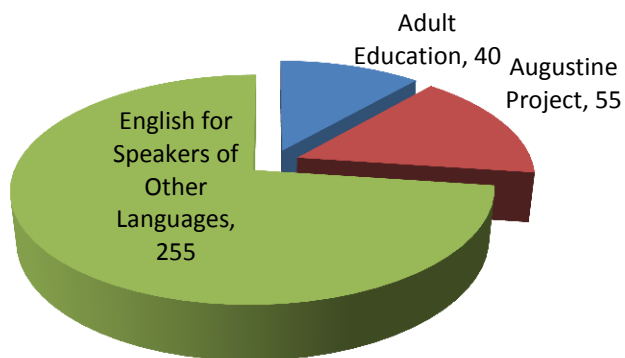
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Mission and Vision

The Literacy Council of Buncombe County's (LCBC) mission is to increase comprehensive literacy and English language skills through specialized instruction by trained tutors. LCBC envisions a community in which literacy is highly valued and achievable for all.

The Literacy Council's Impact

The Literacy Council provided significant instruction to **350 students**, the largest reach in eight years:



Adult Education provides reading, writing, and math tutoring to adults who read at or below a basic skills level.

The Augustine Project provides one-on-one tutoring to low-income children reading below grade level.

ESOL provides one-on-one and small-group instruction to adult immigrants seeking improved English language skills.

Alma, an Adult Education student, grew up in a Spanish-speaking home. As a child, she struggled with English vocabulary and her schoolwork faltered. She dropped out of school, got a job, and started a family. In 2013/14, Alma received personalized tutoring from the Literacy Council and took classes at AB Tech. After hundreds of hours of instruction and study, she earned her GED. She will use this achievement to improve her employability. **Four Adult Education students earned their GED in 2013/14.**

Levi and Logan, Augustine Project students, are twins who live with their grandparents. They are in the same 5th grade class and both have Augustine Project tutors. In 2013/14, the boys improved reading, writing, and spelling skills by 3.5 grade levels. These new skills helped them in every subject at school, allowed them to enjoy reading for pleasure, and increased their confidence. **100% of Augustine Project students improved post-test scores by at least one grade level in 2013/14.**



Levi and Logan courageously presented at the 2014 Authors for Literacy Dinner & Silent Auction.

Raisa, an ESOL/Citizenship student, is an immigrant from the Ukraine. Since coming to the Literacy Council in 2013, Raisa has worked consistently with two tutors: one to improve her English and a second to prepare her for the U.S. Naturalization Exam. In 2013/14, Raisa made two level gains on her post-test, the equivalent of three grade levels, and became a U.S. citizen. **Nine ESOL students passed the U.S. Naturalization exam and achieved their goal of becoming a citizen in 2013/14.**

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In 2013, the Literacy Council of Buncombe County received the Sector Stewardship Award from the N.C. Center for Nonprofits, a tribute to organizations whose practices create the excellence that is a hallmark of North Carolina's nonprofit sector.



Who Makes This Impact Possible?

Volunteers

In 2013/14, the Literacy Council benefited from the voluntarism of 234 tutors who generously give 2+ hours each week. These individuals, listed below, are the true life of the Literacy Council and contribute to student success daily.

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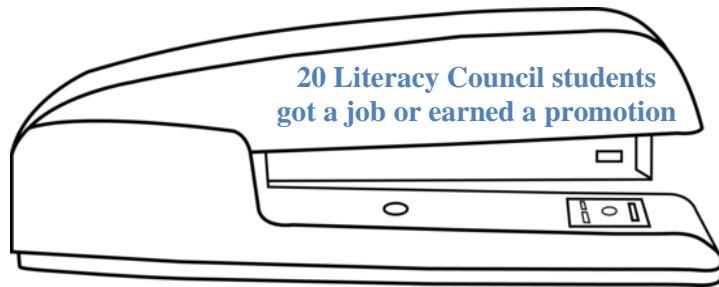
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After working with his tutor, Mary, for one year, Adult Education student Mason improved his reading skills by five grade levels.

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ESOL students Maria and Carmen enjoyed a celebratory luncheon with their tutor, Margaret, after they passed the U.S. Naturalization Exam.

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Jesus is an Augustine Project student who tested on grade level in all but one literacy component after just one year of tutoring.

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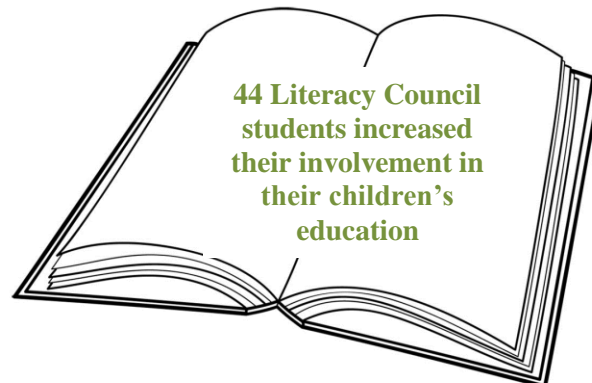
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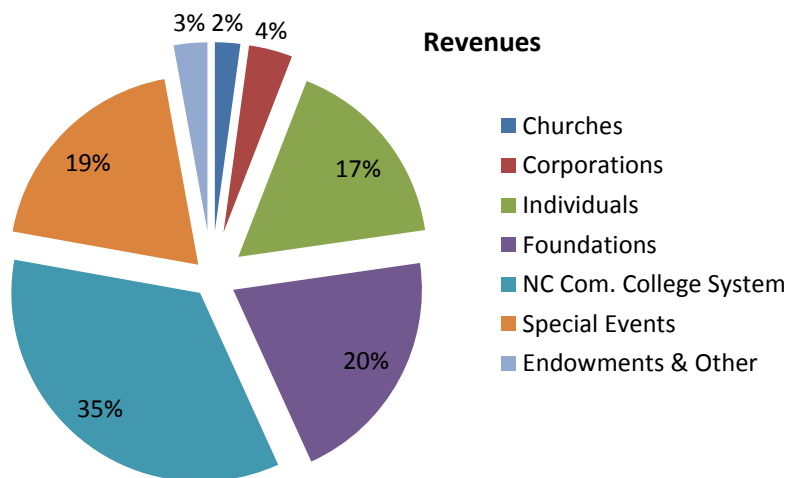
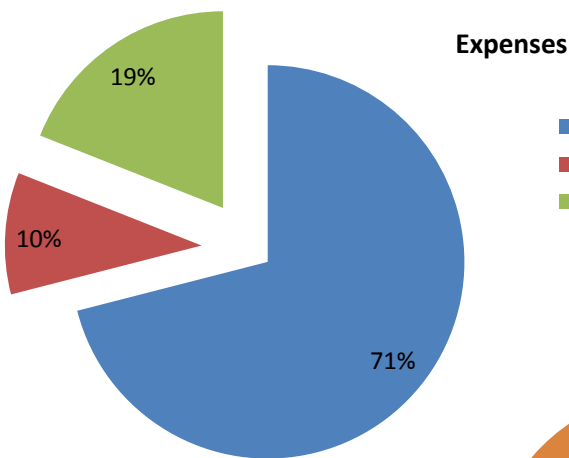
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