

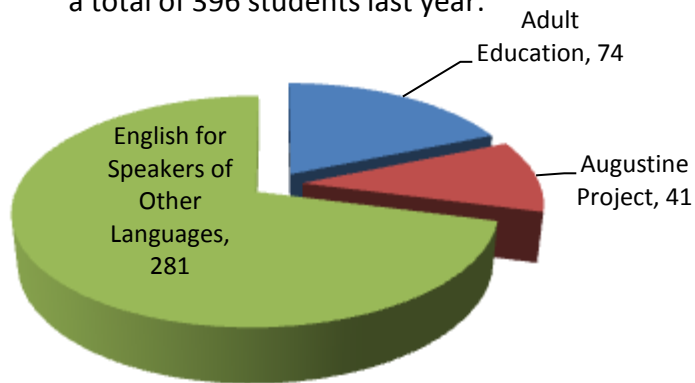
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

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 served a total of 396 students last year:



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 immigrants seeking improved English language skills.

Hank, an Adult Education student who struggles with dyslexia, recently read a menu for the first time after working with his Literacy Council tutor for many years. He proudly added, "I can also read my T-shirts and my baseball hats now!" Hank has a steady job with a major local company and is learning to read so he can read with his daughter, understand the signs and computer systems at work, and interpret the world around him—like menus and T-shirts.

Jason, an Augustine Project student, lives in a low-income family and is in the second grade. He had ear infections as a toddler and his father is dyslexic—both of which make him an at-risk reader. Jason was reading below grade level until recently. His hearing has been addressed and he works with an Augustine Project tutor twice each week. As a result, his post-test scores improved in nearly every essential literacy skill—by an average of two and a half grade levels!

Raul and Claudia, ESOL/Citizenship students, were granted political asylum in the U.S. after Raul's life was threatened in their home country of Colombia. Without English language skills, the couple had trouble assimilating and finding employment. They came to the Literacy Council to improve their English and receive citizenship instruction. Claudia says that the day they passed the U.S. Naturalization Exam & Interview, nearly one year ago, was the happiest day of her life.

Student Progress

In 2012/13, the ESOL and Adult Education programs both met every federal benchmark for student post-test improvement. Additionally, 100% of post-tested Augustine Project students improved scores in one or more essential literacy skill.

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Who Makes This Impact Possible?

Volunteers

In 2012/13, the Literacy Council benefited from the voluntarism of 217 tutors, 10 board members, and 50 special event volunteers. These individuals are the true life of the Literacy Council, contributing to student success daily.



Adult Education tutors during their 15 hours of pre-service training

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Jill Conner Browne, Aug. 24, 2012
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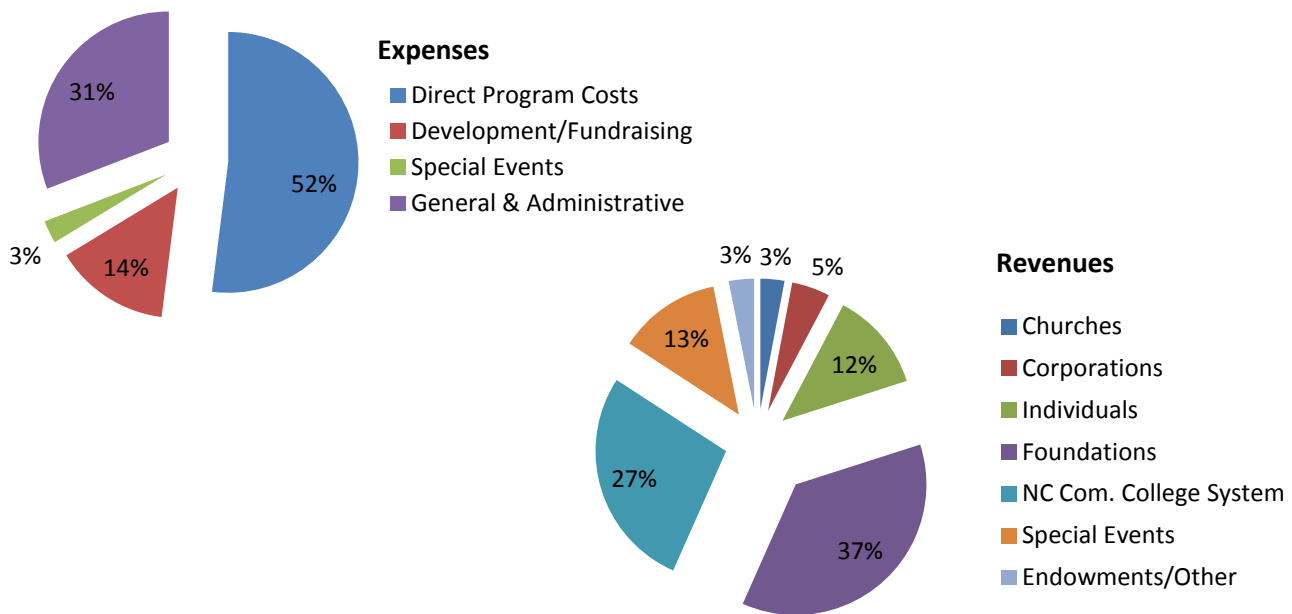
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How was the Funding Spent?

The Literacy Council's budget was \$327,900 in 2012/13.



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