

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015/16

Mission Statement: The Literacy Council of Buncombe County's mission is to increase comprehensive literacy and English language skills through specialized instruction by trained tutors and access to literacy resources.

336 students received instruction from trained volunteer tutors



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

2015/16 Impact: 44 students served, 51% improved post-test scores by a full Educational Functioning Level.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provides tutoring to adult immigrants seeking improved English language skills.

2015/16 Impact: 241 students served, 12 passed the U.S. Naturalization Exam, and one earned her HSE (High School Equivalency) diploma.



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

2015/16 Impact: 51 students served, 100% improved post-test scores by at least one grade level.



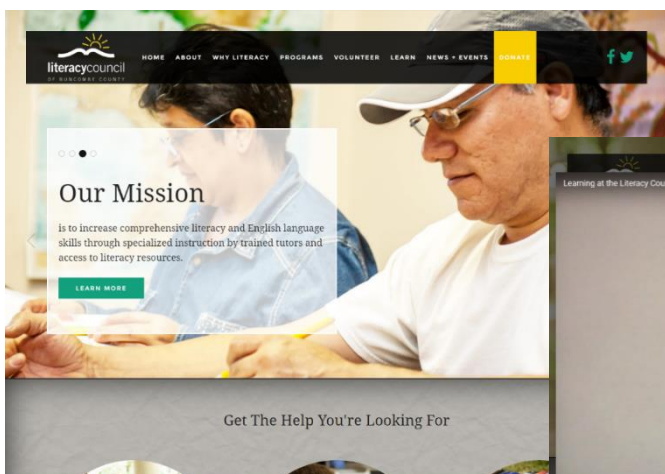
A NEW PROGRAM launched in Nov 2015: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a free, age-appropriate book every month to children aged birth to five.

2015/16 Impact: 225 children received books, 65 families participated in workshops to learn how to foster pre- and early literacy skills in their children.

“Alex” was 18 months old when his mother registered for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Alex’s family has very few resources: the annual household income for his family of three is less than \$10,000. When Alex was enrolled in the program, his family had fewer than 10 children’s books in their home and no library card. Today, Alex is 2 ½ years old and has received 12 new, age-appropriate books mailed to his home. This more than doubles the number of books that he had access to just one year ago. Alex’s mother reads to him multiple times per week.

During the 2015/16 fiscal year, the Literacy Council launched a **mobile responsive website and blog**, facilitating volunteer recruitment and allowing us to disseminate information about the issue of literacy. We also introduced a **video** produced by Emmy award winning filmmaker Katie Damien, who was so moved by Adult Education students’ stories that she produced a beautiful representation of their experiences.

Visit www.litcouncil.com to experience the new website and video.



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Who Makes This Impact Possible?

Volunteers

In 2015/16, the Literacy Council engaged 252 volunteer tutors who generously gave 18,906 hours of instruction and planning—a value of approx. \$450,000 to the community according to the Independent Sector. These individuals, listed below, contribute to student success daily.

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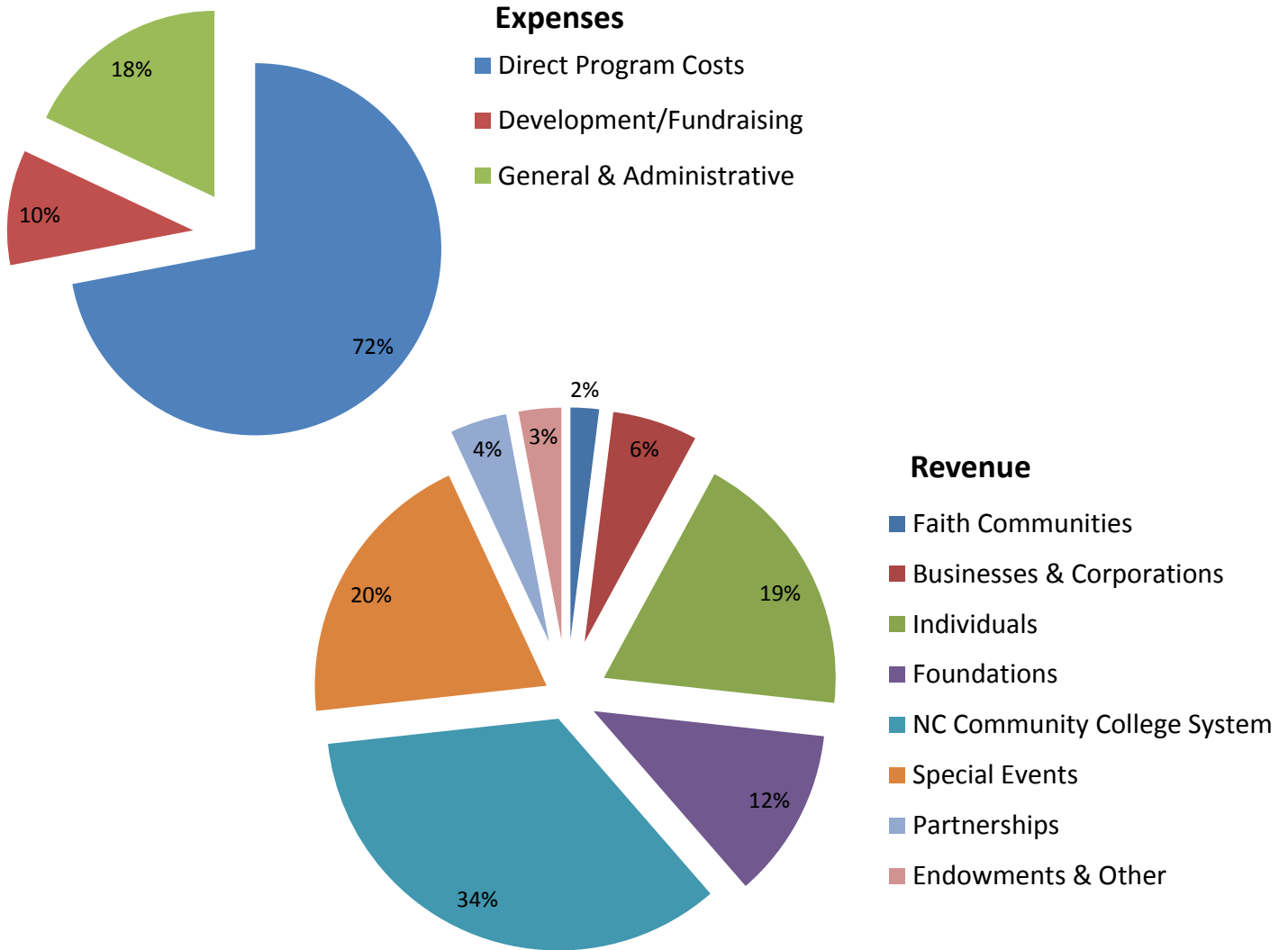
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