

Although the past year has been a challenge, we are moving forward with positivity and hope. To achieve READ's mission of transforming lives by improving reading and language skills, we have found new ways to connect. Our tutors and students have demonstrated commitment, flexibility, and perseverance during this time. Soon, we will resume our efforts to expand our services to the Holland and Zeeland communities. As the new president, I pledge to support our Executive Director as she guides our amazing staff, volunteers, and students to a brighter future. We sincerely appreciate the support and love we have received during this time. Honestly, we couldn't do it without you. Warm regards,

Michelle A. Moore

Michelle Moore, President

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READING ENABLES ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Annual Report 2020

"It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength."

— Maya Angelou



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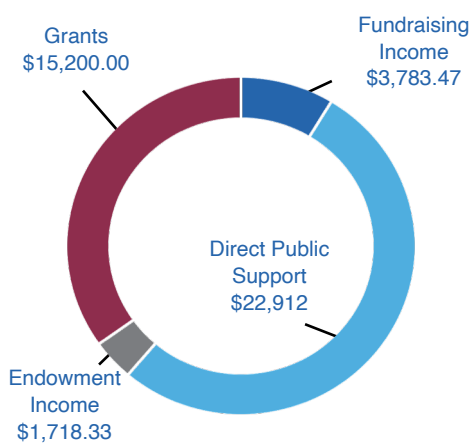
Special thank you to our local library partners for providing space and shared resources that make our mission a reality.


Spring Lake District Library

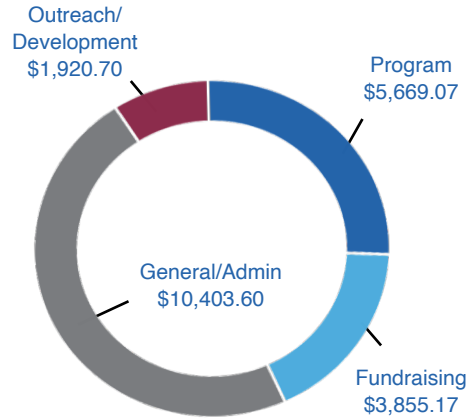
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2020 Financial Summary



Revenue: \$43,614.33



Expenses: \$21,848.54

As we all know, this year has been anything but normal. We've had to find new ways to connect with our tutors and students. Our highlight was securing funding to expand our operations to the Holland/Zeeland area! We are looking forward to being able to meet in person again, and to begin operations in more of Ottawa County!

The expansion would not be possible without your support!

Thank you!

From all of us at READ, thank you to our generous donors.

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2020 Program Summary

At READ, we believe that every adult deserves a chance to learn how to read and speak English. Our student population is consistently 80% or more English Second Language learners. These students have come from many different countries around the world and they speak a variety of languages. For these individuals, Ottawa County is home. This diversity is absolutely essential for a vibrant community.

For individuals that don't know English, learning it has been proven to be one of the most important indicators of success in our county. However, access to free and low-cost ESL resources is a major obstacle. READ is proud to be able to offer an entirely free option for all individuals in our community who would like to improve their English skills. Whether our students are pursuing Citizenship, or simply working to be able to improve their skills so they can become more engrained in our community, we are proud of their efforts and humbled that we are able to play a role in their stories.



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Students

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ESL

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Adult
 Literacy



We're always looking for more tutors and students. Do you know someone who could benefit from having a tutor? Do you want to become a tutor? Visit readottawa.org or call (616) 843-1470 for more information.