

Looking over the past year, it is absolutely gratifying to see the effect R.E.A.D.'s volunteer tutors have on our community. Our students are growing in confidence at speaking and writing the English language. They improve in their jobs, pursue citizenship, and get involved in our community through the enrichment of their language skills.

Thank you, to all our generous donors, for making this enrichment possible. Together, we are making a difference.


Paul Martin, President

R.E.A.D.

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Annual Report 2018

“Once you learn to read, you will forever be free.”

-Frederick Douglass



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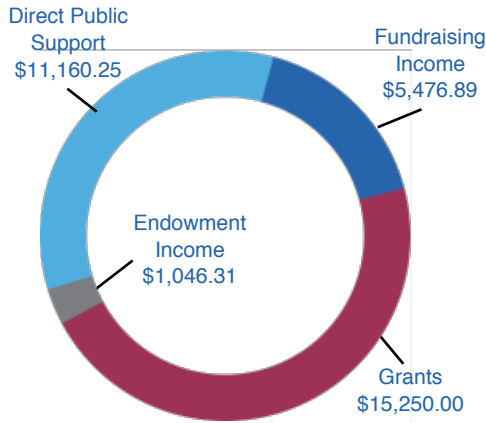
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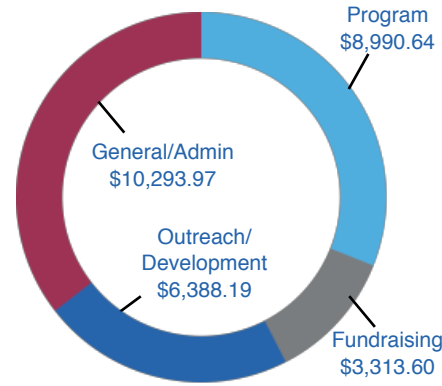
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2018 Financial Summary

2018 Program Summary



Revenue: \$32,933.45



Expenses: \$28,986.40

With our 2018 budget of \$29,000, R.E.A.D. was able to continue to provide the **only** free ESL and adult literacy tutoring to individuals in Northwest Ottawa County. The support we receive from individuals, businesses and service groups makes our work possible.

We are so grateful for your support!

Our tutors provided
2,384
volunteer hours and held over
850
sessions



"I am learning to be able to do things and function everyday with the help of my R.E.A.D. tutor, Jane, and ESL classes."
- Binita Gurung, pictured with her husband, Dil, and his tutor, Kathy.

50
Students
40
ESL
10
Adult
Literacy



Our work would not be possible without our tutors. Interested in getting involved? Visit readottawa.org or call (616) 843-1470.

Thank you!

From all of us at R.E.A.D., thank you to our generous donors.

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From Left: Outgoing Executive Director, Susan Lowe; Founder, Sherry Mitchell; Incoming Executive Director, Hannah Everett

New Executive Director

Hannah Everett joined the team in November 2018. She came to us from Good Samaritan Ministries of Holland, where she worked in several positions over the last two and a half years. She graduated in December 2018 with a Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Leadership. Hannah has always had a passion for reading, and she owns over 1,000 books in her personal library. While we are sad to see Susan leave, we are excited to see what the future holds!