

Greetings!

Our volunteer tutors are just amazing! Until the education for the naturalization of citizens program gets straightened out, our tutors have stepped in to fill the void by helping highly motivated students apply and earn their United States citizenship! They are helping so many students become better members of our community by helping them improve their communication skills. I would like to thank all those who have so generously supported our program with monetary donations. Without your open hearts, our mission would be a tougher challenge. Together, we are making a difference.



Paul Martin, President

R.E.A.D.

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Annual Report 2019

“People don’t realize how a man’s whole life can be changed by one book.”
-Malcolm X



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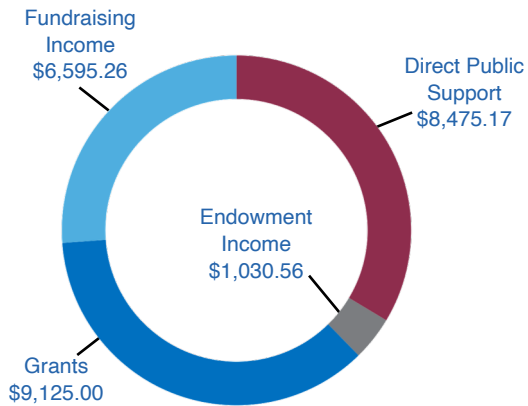
Special thank you to our local library partners for providing space and shared resources that make our mission a reality.


Spring Lake District Library

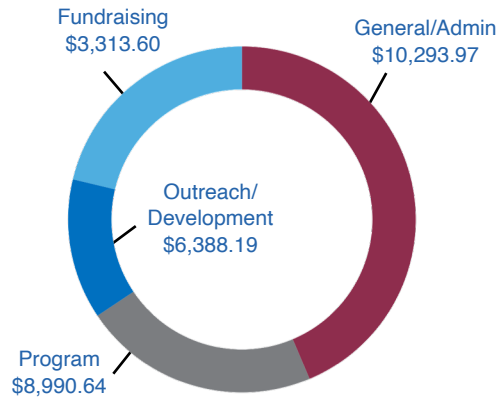
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2019 Financial Summary



Revenue: \$25,225.99



Expenses: \$31,381.76

With our 2019 budget of \$31,500, 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!

Thank you!

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

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2019 Program Summary



43
 Students

35
 ESL

8
 Adult
 Literacy

What goals are our students working toward?

Our 43 tutors provided
1,775
 volunteer hours
 and held over
755
 sessions

- 7 students are working toward U.S. Citizenship
- 4 students achieved U.S. Citizenship in 2019!
- 3 students obtained their high school diploma
- 5 students obtained a job, 3 are working to find a job, and 5 are trying to improve their employment
- 4 students obtained a driver's license
- 6 students are working toward becoming more involved in the community
- 2 are now able to read to their children, and 3 are working to become more involved in their children's education

These are just some of the many ways that literacy can improve and transform a life!

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