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Hope Exchange

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION: *To strengthen literacy of at-risk children in East Nashville.*

VISION: *Reading for Life.*

CORE VALUES: *We are passionately committed to...*

...Building relationships—with children, families, teachers, and the community;

...Delivering high-quality programming;

...Championing a life of success for each child.

Letter from the Executive Director

Ameshica Linsey, M.Ed.

2018 was a pivotal year in the evolution of our program! We had unprecedented attendance at our family engagement events, our students read over 6,000 books, and 100% of our families stated they would send their children back to East Nashville Hope Exchange next year! Out of the 100 students who enrolled in the summer program, 93 completed with a pre- and post- assessment, all of whom demonstrated improvement in reading. This was the highest number of students to complete a summer program session with a pre- and post-assessment to date!

Because of supporters like you, we were able to achieve some amazing victories. We ended the fiscal year with a budget surplus, increased attendance at our fundraising events, and volunteers dedicated over 2,000 hours in service. Our community partners are valuable to the operations of our programs. Through our partners students and families can experience superb enrichment programs and services, gain access to incredible books, enjoy delicious snacks, and delight in comfortable facilities that are conducive to learning.

It's an honor to continue providing the children of our community with high quality programming. Every year, it is my goal to make key improvements to the overall program that will further enhance the ENHE experience for students and families, staff, and volunteers. I look forward to continuing our strong performance during the 2019 school year and summer programs.

Please continue your partnership with us in this vibrant season to provide countless **life-long learning opportunities** to deserving children and families.

Thank you so much for being a part of the solution to one of the most critical issues in our city-early literacy rates. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019!

Sincerely,

Ameshica Linsey

Programs at a Glance

East Nashville Hope Exchange serves children in elementary schools in the Stratford and Maplewood clusters through:

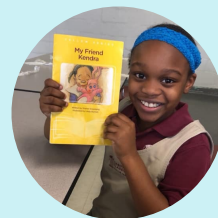
Summer Program

Six-week intensive full-day program built around literacy and community involvement.



School Year Program

Includes whole families in monthly workshops, continued literacy support, and community resource assistance.



Tutoring

Literacy focused tutoring provided during evening programs.



Book Libraries

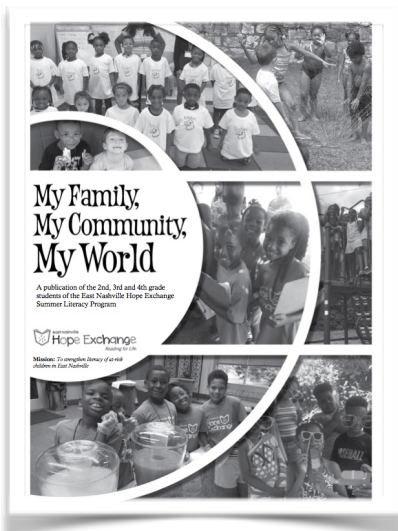
Students receive free books to take home to build their own personal libraries.

SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Under the guidance of certified teachers, students explored the theme “My family, My Community, My World” through project-based learning, reporting on their experiences in their **student-created newspaper**.

Many Special Guests joined ENHE to share their areas of expertise with the students on site, including;

Guest Readers: This program welcomed 45 community based guest readers that we integrated with thematic instruction. Students learned about their guests beforehand, considered how their essential questions related to the guests, and reflected on their guest readers in morning meeting and journal writing. 19 of the 45 Guest Readers were minority role models (43%) and the remaining 26 (57%) were Caucasian.



This year, we had a wonderful line-up of readers. Our guest readers included attorneys, doctors, professors, a real estate agent, government officials/politicians, authors, business leaders, a weatherman, engineers, a financial advisor, an accountant, a priest, a teacher, a school principal, sports figures, an editor, an electrician, restaurant owners, and students and parents.

Humanities Guests: Turnip Green Creative Reuse, Nashville Wildlife Conservation Center, The Money Guru, Mr. Bond's Science Guys, Misty Hills Farm, Nashville Library Puppet Truck, & Bringing Books to Life

Outside the Classroom: Farmers Market and Bicentennial Mall, Frist Art Museum, Nashville Zoo, Global Education Center, ENHE Lemonade Stand, & Weekly Water Play

Guest Artists: Lakesha Moore, Nita Schlotts Shriver, Emily Allison-Hearn, Dr. Joseph Taylor, and Sing Me a Story Foundation

Field Trips: Students took field trips to expand on their weekly sub-themes: a tour of the Farmer's Market and Bicentennial Mall; The Frist Art Museum - The Nick Cave exhibit; running their own Lemonade Stand at St. Ann's Episcopal Church; Global Education Center (for Latin American Culture and Dancing); and Nashville Zoo at Grassmere.

“What I like best is that ENHE kept my child interested in learning, and excited about reading.” - ENHE Parent

ACHIEVEMENTS

Summer Program

- 100 students enrolled at two locations. 93 students completed the program with both pre- and post-assessment.
- 91% of students either maintained their current level or showed gains in at least 3 areas of literacy assessment.
- Every student took home at least one book each day of the program for a total of at least 29 books.
- 100% of families would send their children to the program again next summer.

School Year Program

- 98% of students in the 2017-18 School Year program showed improvement in their text-level data markers.

Whole-Family Support

- 97% of families in the Summer Program and 98% of families in the School year program reported they are better able to help their children learn to read as a result of participating in East Nashville Hope Exchange.
- 99% of families attended at least one family engagement event in the summer.
- 97% of families regularly read with children & logged their minutes.





“I like that each child is supported and taught at their own reading levels, and pace.”
- ENHE Parent

ENROLLMENT & PARTICIPATION

Student Enrollment Data:

- Students on Free/Reduced lunch: 79 of 100 (85%) who responded to the questionnaire
- African-American: 84 (90%); Caucasian: 9 (10%)
- Hispanic ethnicity: 4 (4%)
- Male students: 53 (57%); Female students: 40 (43%)

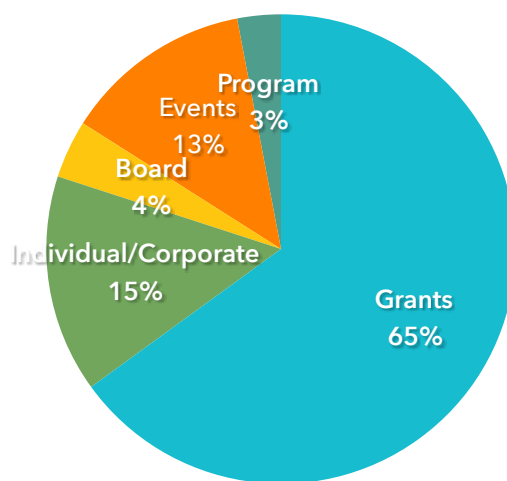
Family Participation:

- Families attended weekly engagement workshops with family meals during the Summer Program.
- Parents/Caregivers active in the program: 75 families had 111 adults who regularly participated in the Summer Program.
- During the School Year Program, monthly Family Workshops presented a reading skills instruction/practice and introduced a strengths-based exchange of ideas on developing the 40 Building Blocks of Healthy Development as outlined by the Search Institute in The Developmental Assets®.

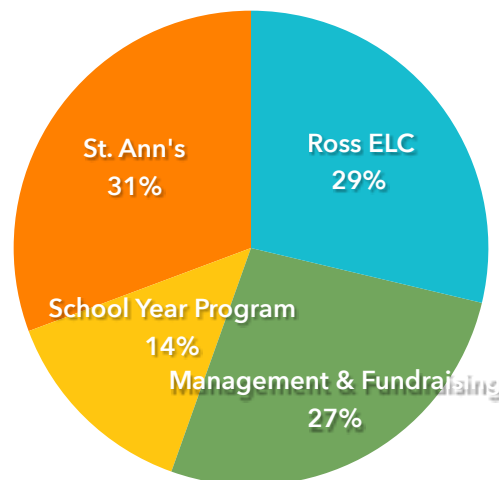
Volunteer Participation:

Volunteers are an essential part of the ENHE program, serving as Guest Readers, Reading Buddies, and Family Engagement food helpers. Recruiting volunteers and training them on a daily basis is an ongoing process. Not including extensive board support, volunteers logged thousands of hours this year, especially during the summer at: St. Ann's—999.5 hours, Ross—409.5 hours, Family Engagement—158.5 hours. Total: 1566.50 hours.

2018 FINANCES



Total Income: \$188,787



Total Expense: \$180,875

A 2011 study by the RAND Corporation, “Making Summer Count. How Summer Programs Can Boost Children’s Learning,” reported the national range of costs for summer reading programs is \$7-\$14 per hour per child. The East Nashville Hope Exchange summer program budget for 2018 was \$140,276. The program was 29 days for 7 hours each day for a total of 203 hours. Therefore, the cost per child per hour for the 93 students who completed the program was \$7.43/child/hr.

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