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Hope Exchange

2016 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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2016 yet another remarkable year for East Nashville Hope Exchange! In 2016, ENHE served the most students ever in its summer program! Our dedicated staff did an incredible job at expanding our outreach while strengthening our programs and services. Out of the 101 students who entered the program, 89 completed the program, all of whom showed improvement in their reading!

A few program highlights include:

- 101 students and their families participated in the ENHE summer programs
- An additional 31 students and families participated through our partnership program
- 89 East Nashville students and 23 students from REACH completed the program for a total of 112 students completing the program
- Students contributed to the printing of an actual ENHE Summer Program newspaper featuring their work and words
- Onsite tutoring was implemented during the School Year Program

Our ongoing goal is to continue expanding our reach while delivering high quality programming for the deserving families of our community, and you truly make this possible! ENHE is stronger than ever due to our continually developing community that comes together to donate time, resources, and talent in support of our important mission.

This year alone, we worked with over 175 volunteers logging over 2098 hours; community book partners donated over 1000 books to our programs; local businesses and donors donated over 100 items to our silent auction; our dedicated supporters at St. Ann's played a vital role in the success of our annual fundraiser; our Board of Directors helped us to dramatically increase our event sponsorships; and because of our gracious donors and supporters, we were fully funded!

Thank you wholeheartedly for being the best part of East Nashville Hope Exchange. We are looking forward to much more in 2017!

Sincerely,

Ameshica Linsey
Executive Director

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 family in monthly workshops, continued literacy support, and community resource assistance.

Tutoring

Literacy focused tutoring provided in schools and during evening programs.

Book Libraries

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

Achievements

Summer Program

- 101 students enrolled at two locations. 89 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.

School Year Program

- 98% of students in the 2015-16 School Year Program showed improvement in their text-level data markers.

Whole-Family Support

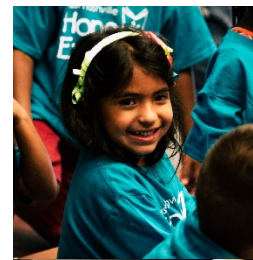
- 93% of families in the Summer Program and 98% of families in the School Year program reported they are better able to help their children learn to read as a result of participating in East Nashville Hope Exchange.

- 92% of families attended at least one family engagement event in the summer.
- 73% of families regularly read with children & logged their minutes.



"I love Hope Exchange because...

...we get to read a lot."
...we're like a big family."
-ENHE Students



Summer Program Highlights

Along with gains in literacy, **hope blossoms** in the **exchange** of ideas, inspiration, and support with the broader community. Under the guidance of certified teachers, students explored the theme "My Family, My Community, My World" through diverse interactions and project-based learning, reporting on their experiences in their student-created newspaper:

Special Guests Shared their Areas of Expertise with students on-site, including:

Guest Readers: This program welcomed 44 community-based guest readers and was 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. 23 of the 44 Guest Readers were minority role models (52%) and the remaining 21 (48%) were Caucasian.

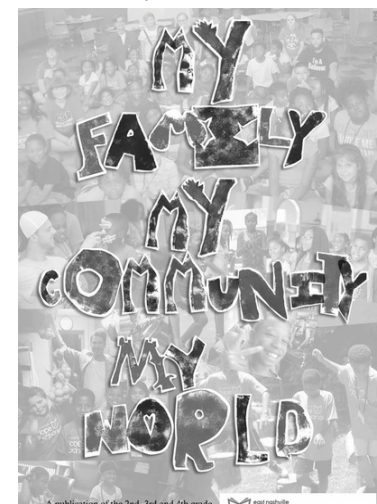
We had a wonderful line-up of readers this year, including authors, doctors, professors, a real estate agent, government officials/politicians, business leaders, a weatherman, a firefighter, attorneys, a financial advisor, an accountant, priests, a teacher, a school principal, former mayor, an editor, environmentalists, business leaders, restaurant owner, student family members, the Mounted Police, and many newspaper reporters.

Humanities Guests: Nashville Ballet, Creative Green, & Puppet Truck

Outside the Classroom: Plant the Seed, Nashville Predators, & Weekly Water Play

Guest Artists: Emily Joy, Megan Little, Eric Dozier, Linda Ragsdale, & iStep Kidz

Field Trips: Students took weekly field trips to expand on their weekly sub-themes: an East Nashville Tour, including Saw Tooth Print Shop and Nathan Weinberg's development then under construction; Nashville International Puppet Festival at the Downtown Library; Franklin Web Printing (our newspaper printer); their own ENHE Lemonade Stand at the East Nashville Turnip Truck; Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame at Bridgestone Arena; Global Education Center (for Latin American Culture and Dancing); Ford Ice Center (for ice skating).



Enrollment & Participation



Student Enrollment Data:

- Students on Free/Reduced lunch: 84 of 89 (94%)
- African-American: 66 (80%); Hispanic: 6 (7%); Caucasian: 10 (12%)
- Male students: 46 (52%); Female students: 43 (48%)



Family Participation:

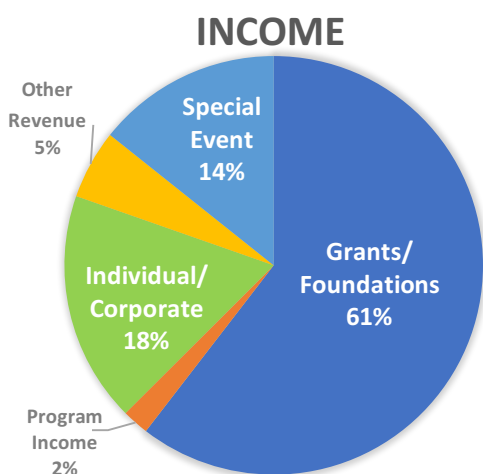
- Families attended weekly engagement workshops with family meals during the Summer Program.
- Parents/Caregivers active in the program: 63 families had 103 adults who regularly participated in the Summer Program.
- During the School Year Program, monthly Family Workshops present a reading skills instruction/practice and introduce 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:

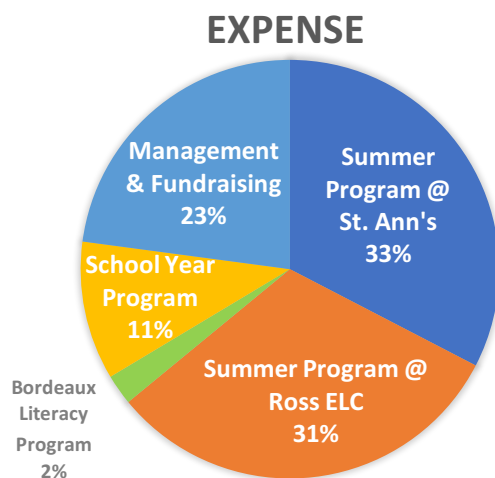
Volunteers are essential part of the ENHE program, serving as Guest Readers, Reading Buddies, and Family Engagement food helpers. Recruiting volunteers and training them on a daily basis is an ongoing process. Not including extensive board support, volunteers logged thousands of hours this year, especially during the summer at: St. Ann's - 1121 hours & Ross ELC - 852 hours.



Finances



Total Income: \$202,221



Total Expense: \$196,326

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 2016 was \$134,821. The program is 29 days for 7 hours each day for a total of 203 hours. Therefore, the cost per child/per hour for the 89 students who completed the program was \$7.46/child/hr.

"ENHE employs skilled teachers who have a passion for seeing children grow academically."

"ENHE has increased my child's love for reading."

"I love Hope Exchange because it teaches responsibility."

-East Nashville Hope Exchange Parents

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