



Annual Report
2014/2015



Letter from
Executive
Director
Joyce Hothan



Change is what we like!

I've had the privilege of being Executive Director of Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center for close to two years now, and I continue to be excited about the change that happens every day of our tutoring and mentoring program.

What change is that, you ask? It is the change I see in a student's eyes as they light up upon seeing their tutor. Each student knows that their tutor, be it a junior high, high school, or adult volunteer, is there exclusively for them. This one-on-one relationship helps grow their skills in math, reading, and language arts, and increases their confidence in their own ability to achieve. It powerfully impacts the incredible change we see in our students' academic progress throughout the year and, hopefully, for a lifetime.

A big thank you to all of our generous GECRC donors, businesses, and community partners, our incredibly dedicated volunteers, and our committed staff and board, all of whom have played a huge role in our positive change this year! Because of you, we have served more children than ever before, seen impressive academic results, logged in record volunteer hours, and increased our community support. I am thrilled to share this year's "story of change" with you. Thank you again!

Changing Together at GECRC



Kimberly Thacker and Brijesh Rai (above) have both been with GECRC for several years. Kimberly began volunteering in 2012 and “enjoys seeing the light bulb go on.” This year, she’s working with Brijesh, a fifth grader, who has been at the Resource Center for the last four years. “He is making huge progress, putting in extra effort to prepare for junior high school next year.” His “light bulb” is going on, thanks to Kimberly and Brijesh. “I enjoy getting help!” he says.

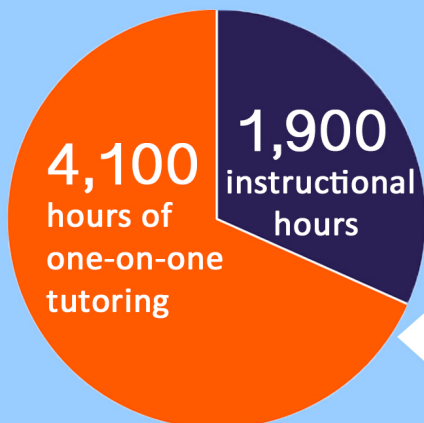


Binti Aweis and Kim Toliver (above) have developed a strong bond working together for the last two years. Kim became a tutor at the urging of her daughter, and she loves to see Binti’s hard work making her happy. Binti’s sisters, Maryan and Hawa, also enjoy learning at GECRC. “We like to learn, and tutors help when we need help!”



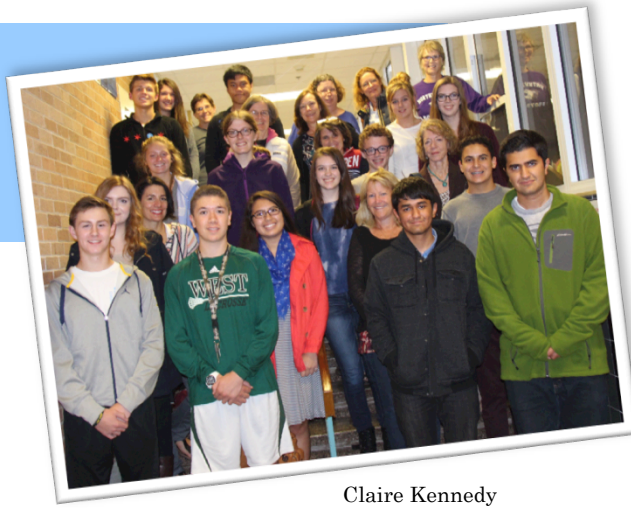
Amanda “Mandy” Geballe (above right) works with Hawa Aweis. Mandy began volunteering as a classroom helper at age 13. Now 15, she is a dedicated one-on-one tutor, volunteering over 100 hours already this year. She is beloved and known by many of GECRC students. “I enjoy seeing all of the kids so excited to learn and do new things!”

Volunteering is Fun!



GECRC benefitted from the efforts of 382 volunteers providing a total of 6,000 volunteer hours.





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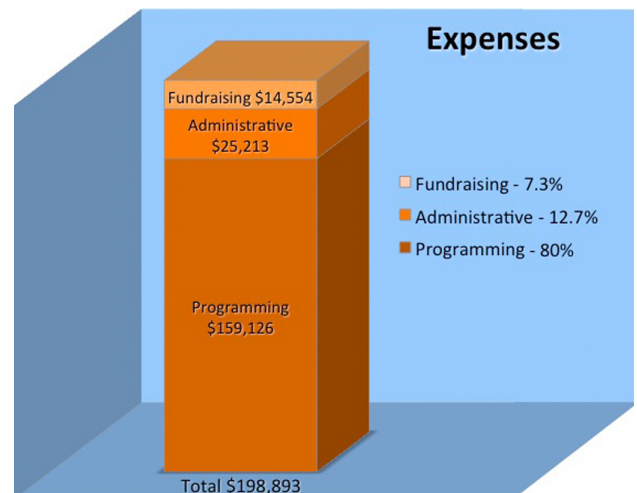
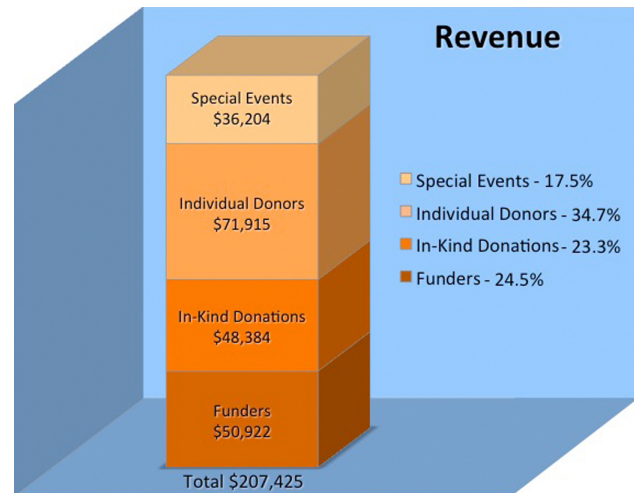
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Individual donor support grew by **14%** totaling **181** new donors!



7,210

The number of hours completed
by GECRC volunteers

1:1

The ratio of tutors to
students for 4,100 of
the total tutoring hours

84% of students showed
improvement in reading

97% of students showed
improvement in math

81%

of students indicated
they felt optimistic
about their future



More
than

800

students' lives have been
affected by GECRC since 2003!



100% of GECRC's students came from low-income families
95% were English-language learners



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