



Resource Center



Dear GECRC community,

2018-2019 was another successful year for Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center. As I reflect back to my first few months in the Executive Director position, I keep coming back to the feeling of awe that I had each time I learned more about the history of a community connection, the backstory to a donation, a reason a volunteer chose GECRC, and the gratitude expressed by the families in our program. I continue to be so inspired by the many ways GECRC programs provide a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment where students can get the academic, social, and cultural support they need, all the while helping to narrow the achievement gap in Glen Ellyn schools. As a D41 parent, I have seen up close how my children's friends and classmates have made academic gains, how their self-confidence has grown, and how they seek out connection to GECRC. One student recently told our Lincoln program coordinator, "I can feel the love in this room!" I think that is a ringing endorsement!

As I think back over this past year and on each and every person who truly makes GECRC such a unique organization, I am filled with pride!

In this report, you will see data points on the impact of our after-school and summer tutoring and mentorship programs. You will notice the breadth of the generosity of our community and the dedicated roster of volunteers who effectively and creatively provide an academically rich and socially welcoming environment where our students can work towards reaching their potential! These pages demonstrate how a community of care can wrap its arms around its youngest community members and help to provide them with the best support possible. Without caring staff, dedicated volunteers, hard working board members, enthusiastic supporters, and committed community partners, we simply could not do what we do each day. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your time, dedication and support over the past year. Here I am, again in awe of the generosity of the people in our community!

Leah Harding, Executive Director





awe-inspiring results

WITH HELP FROM YOU

95%

90%

More than 90% of students at GECRC's elementary sites showed growth during the year in reading, 95% of students showed growth in math during the school year across all GECRC sites.

93%

93% of GECRC students surveyed feel the program helps them understand their homework.

95%

95% of GECRC students surveyed participated in a community activity with peers outside the program.

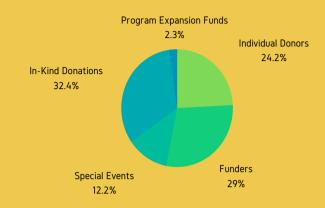
Being able to work at his pace and giving him the opportunity to ask questions without feeling embarrassed in front of other students was huge. He began to develop a sense of self-confidence, and the strides I've seen in his school work have been amazing. It is so rewarding to show up for tutoring and see that he is excited to see me. He now talks about his excitement for middle school next year and then high school and what he might want to do when he grows up! - GECRC Volunteer Tutor

Our tutors help us to become better at what we are trying to learn, but they also get to know us in a really good way! - GECRC Student

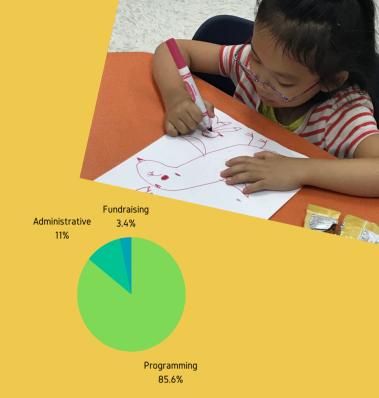
Students in my classroom have benefited immensely from attending GECRC. They love having help with homework, and they are proud to talk about the guidance they receive from their tutors. I love knowing that I can assign homework, and my students will have access to resources to help complete it. This extra support really helps to foster a love of learning! - D41 Literacy Teacher

last year's

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



TOTAL REVENUE \$411.783



TOTAL EXPENSES \$411,783

last year's

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

207 K-8 students enrolled in our afterschool tutoring and mentoring program at our three program sites, Lincoln Elementary, Churchill Elementary, and Hadley Junior High, an increase of 32% since 2015-16.



An additional classroom was added at Churchill Elementary, enabling GECRC to enroll students from its waitlist, and two additional classrooms for the 2019-20 school year were approved.

229volunteers

3,146

volunteer hours



A GECRC high school "club" was launched comprised of former program recipients seeking to maintain their GECRC relationships, and it now includes a weekly tutoring night run by GECRC staff and volunteers.



GECRC awarded its first college scholarship to GECRC alumna, Noelle Hirwa, who is now a freshman at DePaul University.



"Bridge to Hadley" was created to prepare GECRC 5th graders for the transition to Hadley Junior High.









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With your continued support, in the coming year, we will continue to build our generous circle of donors, volunteers, and community partners; expand our programming to reach even more children in need in Glen Ellyn School Districts 41 and 89; provide supportive academic and social enrichment programming; increase awareness of GECRC and its impact; and strive to create opportunities for even more awe-inspiring moments for our students, their tutors, and our greater GECRC community. Together we can make a difference!

To learn more about our programming and how you can help, please visit our website, www.gecrc.com, and follow us on social media!