

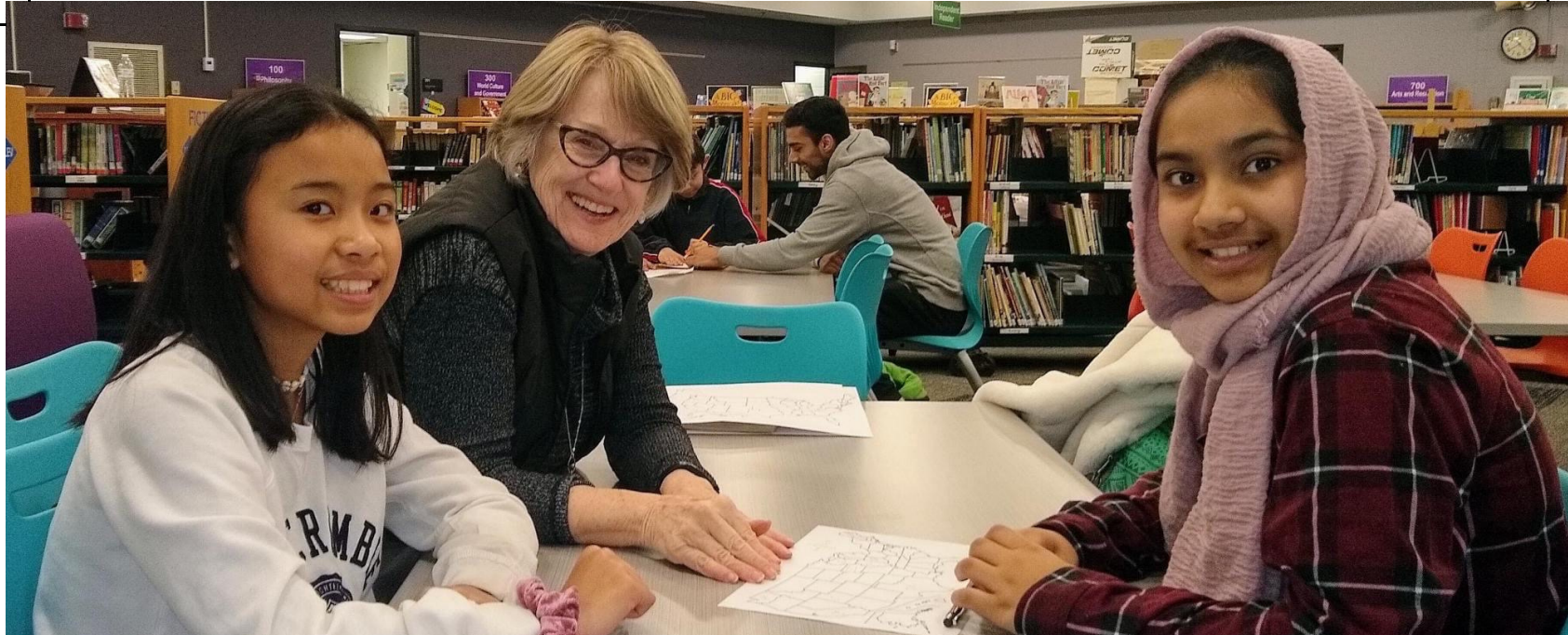


# 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Resource Center





Dear GECRC community,

This photo of Kathy O'Malley tutoring at Churchill has more significance now than it did at the time it was taken. Nobody could have predicted how the 2019/2020 school year would end; virtual tutoring, mask wearing staff making critical outreach to student homes and the increased need for support and communication. This year's annual report highlights how GECRC remained a constant in the lives of our students throughout 2020.

The school year began with Lauren Meyerhoff returning in a new role as the Lead Coordinator at Lincoln. In January, Jackie Reeves was promoted to Director of Program and Volunteers. They both worked diligently to strengthen programming and relationships at GECRC sites throughout the year, which would prove critical to our successful COVID response. Partnered with the administration at CCSD89, we began the process to open a program at Glen Crest Middle School. The newly formed D89 Expansion Committee set out to raise \$60,000 over two years to ensure multiple year programming.

With the March shut down, GECRC moved into action; transitioning to an outreach model that kept students and their families connected and engaged. We helped them through the uncertainty of the next few months, with increased communications, translations, and resource referrals. We provided a way for community members to help; accepting and delivering donated books, art supplies, toys, masks, hand sanitizer, food, clothing. We then turned our focus to ensuring our students would be supported as schooling went virtual. We helped set up home school spaces, collected and delivered earbuds and school supplies, and began virtual tutoring; ensuring our students the best possible foundation for at-home learning. We bridged the gap between school and summer program, which saw us enroll students from all ten Glen Ellyn Schools.

We could not have done it without encouragement from our Board of Directors, the dedication of our GECRC staff, the support of our volunteers, community partners, teachers, principals, and local businesses, and the resilience of our students and their families. It took an entire community working together!

Leah Harding, Executive Director

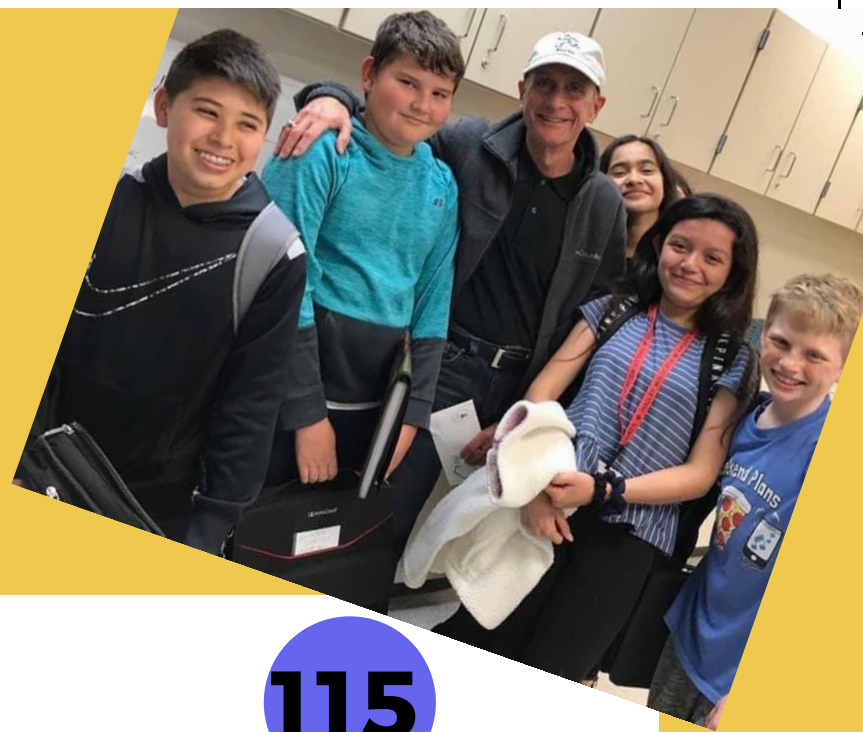


Our mission is to help children from low-income families acquire the necessary skills in academics and social interaction to move successfully through grades K-12 and into adulthood. We do this by providing after-school and summer programs which emphasize literacy and community involvement, using the talents of teachers, volunteer tutors, GECRC Staff and a variety of local organizations.



*consistent care and  
support*

# WITH HELP FROM YOU



**186**

students enrolled in after school programs at D41 Churchill, Hadley and Lincoln schools.

**115**

students from D41 and CCSD89 enrolled in GECRC Summer Program. 91 students were new to GECRC.

**190**

volunteers built tutoring relationships with students this year.

**2253**

hours were logged by volunteer tutors.

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Tutoring at the GECRC is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. Spending time with these amazing students and helping them learn and grow fosters their confidence and enriches ALL of our lives.

Jessica Hierbaum, Lincoln Tutor

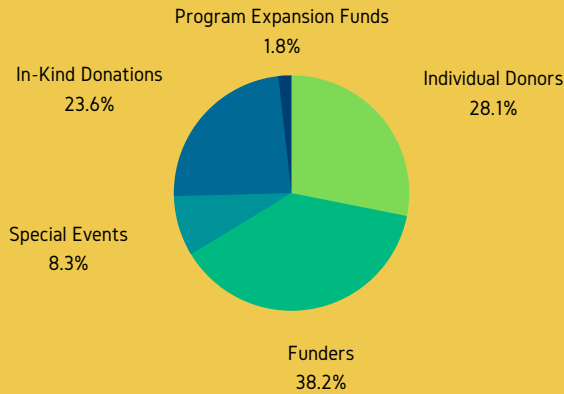
We are thankful to the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center for their partnership with District 41. They engage our students who need it the most and truly make a difference in their lives. They do much more beyond mentoring and tutoring students. They support families by providing resources that will help children be successful in school and in life. GECRC plays a vital role in our community and we could not do what we do for students and families without them.

Dr. Kaczowski, D41 Superintendent

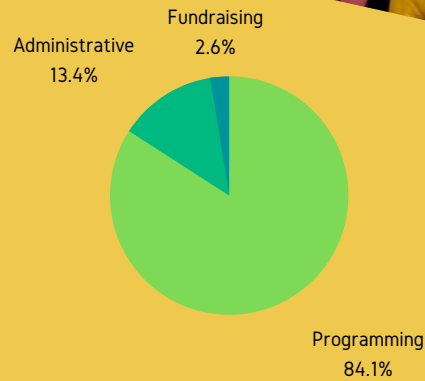
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



**TOTAL REVENUE \$400,654**



**TOTAL EXPENSES \$411,783**

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



**GECRC saw an increase of 25% in K-8 student enrollment in after-school and summer programs.** Students from all District 41 schools and District 89 schools attended Summer Program for the first time in GECRC history.



**GECRC partnered with CCSD89,** with plans to open a middle school program at Glen Crest Middle school in fall 2020.



**COVID Response- GECRC continued to support students** with virtual tutoring, resource referral, communication support, and weekly outreach.



**GECRC awarded its second annual GECRC Alumni Scholarship** to Soka Suliman, who is now a freshman at College of Dupage.



**GECRC awarded its first ever GECRC Alumni scholarship** to Nailah Ali, who is now a freshman at DePaul University.

*"There are fun activities and our tutors are the best!!! And they help us with homework."*  
*Elizabeth, 2nd grader at Churchill Elementary*





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Thank you for being a member of the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center community!

Your support of GECRC's mission ensured our ability to show up for our students and their families without pause. For the 20/21 school year, we will be mindful that our students have endured a year unlike any other in recent history; with many having experienced substantial family hardship and possible academic skill loss. What GECRC can and will continue to do is help stem any learning loss through consistent and reliable academic and social support. We and our volunteer tutors will welcome our students back to new school year with an openness to who they are now, which may be as students with a greater understanding of how technology can be used in our lives, or with new experience on how to care for a younger sibling while at home learning, or with an increased awareness of life's hardships. We will meet them where they are and then help them reach for what is possible!

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