



# 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT







Dear GECRC community,

This photo of Lincoln Aide Gaby Illut with a Lincoln family is a great representation of the 20/21 school year and how the relationships that were established between students, the GECRC team, volunteers, and invested community members before the pandemic kept us moving forward. Gaby is delivering a Lincoln 5th grader her graduation gift to her home; a photo of her surrounded by descriptive words/ideas that the GECRC team and volunteers knew to be true about her. What a gift to be so known and cared for!

GECRC programs were held virtually all year; it was unknown how many students and their families would continue to use our online programs after having been remote, then hybrid and then in school all day. But, they showed up- day after day- knowing that GECRC was a constant in an unpredictable time.

Our GECRC students were invested in their relationships with the GECRC team, their tutors and their friends. When we were able to return to an in person summer program, enrollment filled up quickly. Throughout the year, GECRC continued to provide outreach to student homes, facilitate communication between school and families, and even opened a new program virtually in CCSD89's Glen Crest Middle School. This year's annual report highlights how GECRC remained a constant in the lives of our students and even found the strength to successfully reach out to support new students in a new school.

A special thank you to the GECRC team who created our virtual programs and navigated so many roadblocks, pivots, and growth moments with care, thoughtfulness, and advocacy for our students. Thank you Jackie Reeves, Karla Kampen, Maryam Ghouse, Gillian Wang, Lizzy Doty, Lauren Mayerhoff, Cheryl Sammer, Gabi Illut, Marci Myers, Katie Reed, Gayle Rueter, and Cho Pyone.

We could not have done it without support from our Board of Directors, the dedication of our volunteers, the care shown to us by community partners, teachers, principals, and local businesses, and the resilience of our students and their families.

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



**138**

students enrolled in after school programs at D41 Churchill, Hadley and Lincoln schools and D89 Glen Crest School.

**68**

students from D41 and CCSD89 enrolled in GECRC Summer Program.

**220**

volunteers built tutoring relationships with students this year.

**3,737**

hours were logged by volunteer tutors.

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"I want to give (our students) the reassurance that there are people, not only family and teachers, in the community willing and able to help and want to see them succeed."

Patti Maleczka, Hadley Tutor

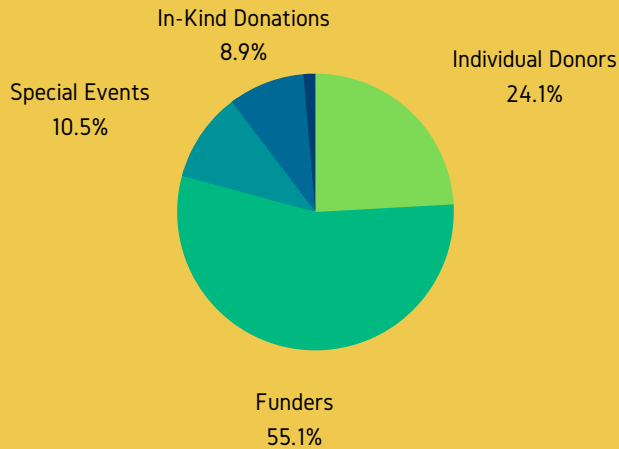
"GECRC embodies what is great about our community. The care and support they provide students is second to none. Although GECRC is new to CCSD 89, we have already seen an impact on our students at Glen Crest. Through their one-on-one after school tutoring and mentorship program, students who are in need of additional support and help are thriving. It is an honor to partner with GECRC and I look forward to our continued work in supporting the students and families of CCSD 89."

Dr. Tammaru, CCSD 89 Superintendent

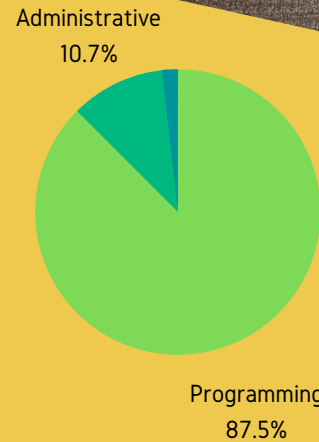
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



**TOTAL REVENUE \$396,216**



**TOTAL EXPENSES \$317,928**



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**GECRC partnered with CCSD89** to open virtually at Glen Crest Middle School.



**Tutor participation reached an all time high during virtual tutoring.** More tutors volunteered for more than one day or with more than one program.



**Valued Partnerships and Community Collaborations** included Kiwanis Snack Pack Program, GE Lions, Glen Ellyn Public Library, Victory Sports.



**In-kind donations sustained and uplifted GECRC programs;** some highlights were from Parkview Community Church, GBW Football program, ReNew, Victory Sports, Your Child's Bookshelf.

*"I am happy because it's fun seeing people, and tutors help us at GECRC!"*

*Nelly, 3rd grader at Churchill Elementary*



**GECRC awarded its third annual GECRC Alumni Scholarship** to Gizlanga Gbor

**GECRC awarded its second annual GECRC Tutor scholarship** to Sydney Melms



**GECRC partnered with Glen Ellyn Public Library** to help GECRC families access free summer lunches, with over 300 meals provided.





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We are proud to have been a trusted and valued community organization for so long. We are grateful that GECRC has been and continues to be a place where students, volunteers, and the GECRC team gather in community to provide academic and social support to students. We are encouraged that you—our GECRC community—remain a constant source of support. This next year, we look forward to honoring our past, celebrating our present, and preparing for our future together!

To learn more about GECRC and how you can join us, please visit [www.gecrc.com](http://www.gecrc.com), and follow us on social media!

