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Quarterly Newsletter - January 2022

## 20th Anniversary 2021 Year End Campaign Raises More Than \$70,000

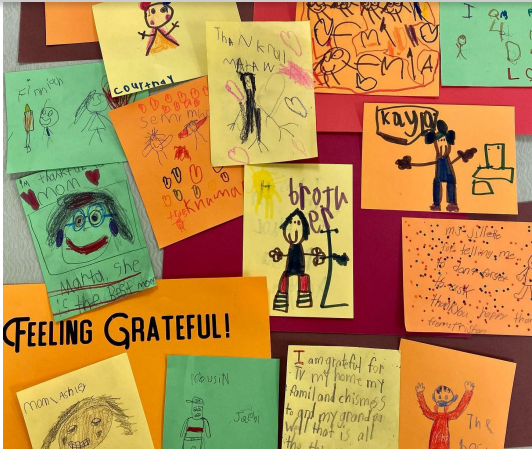
With the generous support of the Glen Ellyn community, more than \$70,000 was raised from individual donors this fall! We are grateful to have such a successful year-end campaign at the midway point of our 20th Anniversary celebratory year. These donations help ensure GECRC is able to continue to provide the academic and social support our students have come to rely on for 20 years into the next 20 years. We couldn't do it without the support of our volunteers, generous community members, local businesses and community organizations. We are so appreciative of the way this community cares for GECRC!

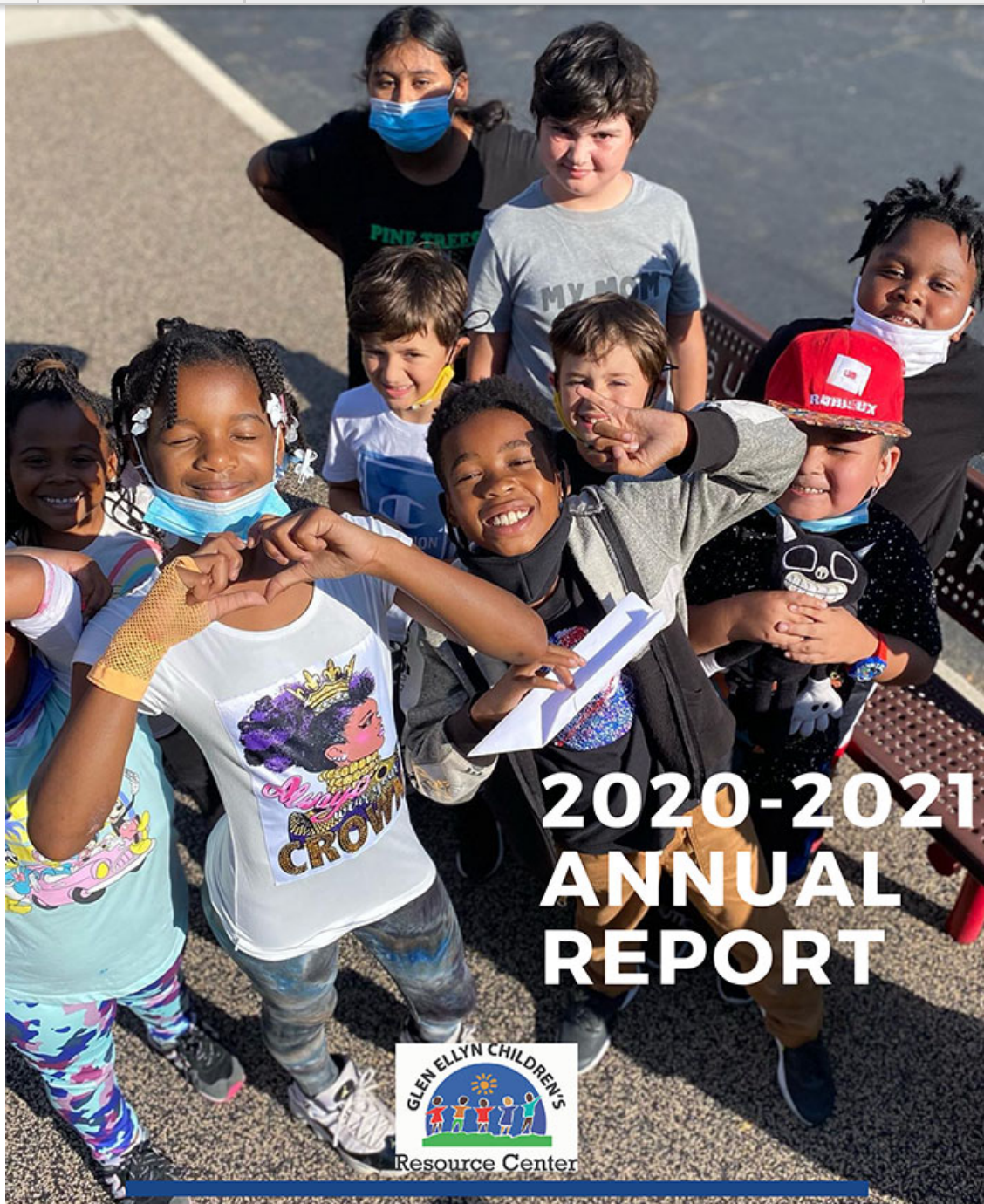
Looking ahead into 2022, GECRC is hopeful about the positive impact our academic and social support has for students and their families as we continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic. New this year, we are looking to connect more with our GECRC community. Join us for the first quarterly **Lunch Hour Chat with GECRC**. Drop in to ask questions, share feedback, or learn more about GECRC. We look forward to seeing you!

Tuesday February 15th, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Meeting ID: 587 440 3214

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## [GECRC 2020-21 Annual Report](#)

The GECRC 20/21 Annual Report offers a reflection of how GECRC continued to serve students and families during the 20/21 academic year. We believe we responded to challenges prudently, thoughtfully, and with hope; all while enhancing our core programs with virtual tutoring and an eye to the future of GECRC. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Annual reports can be found on our website.



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## Get Involved With GECRC in 2022

Are you looking for a way to connect with GECRC this winter and spring? We are looking to fill a variety of volunteer experiences.

1. Volunteer Tutor- Those interested in tutoring, please fill out a [volunteer application](#) to get started. If you've tutored in the past, please send an email to [volunteer@gecrc.com](mailto:volunteer@gecrc.com).

2. Fundraising Events- Consider helping with a 2022 fundraising event. The GECRC Fundraising Committee is looking for community members who are interested in getting more involved with our 20th Anniversary Gala celebration on June 24. Reach out to Laura Ulepich, GECRC Development Manager at [lulepic@gecrc.com](mailto:lulepic@gecrc.com) for more information.





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The relationships that form between volunteer tutors and the students they work with each week are truly priceless

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We are proud of our volunteer Nate Curtis, recognized by the [Serve Illinois Commission](#) as Volunteer of the Week! Congratulations, Nate!! Thank you for all that you do for GECRC! Read more about [Nate's bio here](#).



Nate Curtis

Nominated By: Glen Ellyn  
Children's Resource Center

"Nate is very much set on providing his best efforts for the sake of the students and the organization. He is always willing to step up to challenges and help deescalate difficult situations. Nate displays a positive, kind, and fun attitude and makes sure that energy is present wherever he goes."

November 15, 2021

Volunteer of the Week



## Thank You GECRC Community!

Thank you to the following organizations who donated recently to support our four after-school programs, either financially or through in-kind donations. We are very appreciative of your support of GECRC!

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Glenbard West Fashion Club  
 Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce  
 RISE Fitness Studio  
 String Theory  
 Westminster Preschool  
 Your Children's Bookshelf



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn** - [The Bookstore of Glen Ellyn](#) has been a friend to GECRC in so many ways, before and during the changes brought about by COVID. Most recently, they have launched "Blind Date with a Book." Between now and March 1, visit the store, donate \$10 to GECRC, and pick a wrapped book as a thank you. Their booksellers have kindly raided their own shelves for books to donate for these giveaways.

**Your Children's Bookshelf** - Storytime presented by [Your Children's Bookshelf](#) provides online listening experiences for children in both English and Spanish. In 2021, they had 10,623 downloads, adding 49 new stories to their listening library: classics like Doctor Dolittle's Circus, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Tale of Samuel Whiskers and Peter Pan. Your Children's Bookshelf recently and very generously donated books to our students at Churchill. (photo above).

**Glenbard Parent Series** - From their [website](#): "The [Glenbard Parent Series](#) (GPS): Navigating Healthy Families is an educational consortium dedicated to presenting



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development, resilience and wellbeing of all students by building relationships, coping strategies and responsible decision-making skills. All caregivers and students are welcome to these free, now virtual, conversations as we engage with experts about opportunities and issues families face in these challenging times."

**On Tuesday, March 1 from 7pm to 8pm,** Dr. Junlei Li and Dr. Dana Winters of the Fred Rogers Center will speak about "Children's Resilience and the Importance of Everyday Interactions." GECRC has been invited to participate in the conversation. Stay tuned to your e-mail inbox for more details as the date approaches.



We are so thankful to be able to become a part of the CCSD89 community and truly appreciate how the district has captured the spirit of GECRC [in this wonderful video.](#)

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In our 20th Anniversary year, we humbly ask for your [VOTE for Non-Profit of the Year](#) in the Glen Ellyn Community Awards sponsored by the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce between now and February 6. We would also like to encourage you to consider voting for [Marcel's Culinary Experience](#) for [Retail Business of the Year](#). Marcel's is our 20th Anniversary sponsor and huge supporter of GECRC!



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Thank you so much to the Glenbard West Fashion Club for supporting GECRC with their annual Frosted in Fashion fundraiser! Students modeled fashions from local boutiques under the guidance of Glenbard West instructors Andrea Monahan (left) and Anne Krol (right).

\*\*Thank you to Glen Ellyn Mom's Village for this wonderful photo. Give them a follow on Instagram @glenellynmomsvillage.

We've moved....across the hall! Thanks to our fantastic Churchill Elementary Program Coordinator Karla Kampen, who put her artistic talents to work to create a warm and welcoming space! Please enjoy this series of photos of the "Before" and "After" of her work:





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