



literacycouncil

OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader.

LITERACY COUNCIL OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY

*We absolutely love having Literacy Council tutors at our school. I have been amazed at how understanding they are of students' needs. They work so diligently, kindly, and patiently to engage students in **fun and active** learning. Kids consistently tell me how excited they are when it's a tutoring day, I am so grateful to have their support.*

~a Woodfin Elementary teacher

2018 / 2019 COMMUNITY IMPACT

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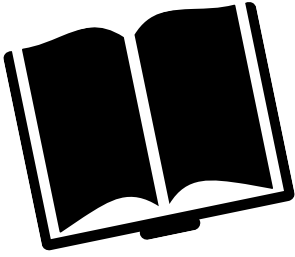
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OUR PROGRAMS



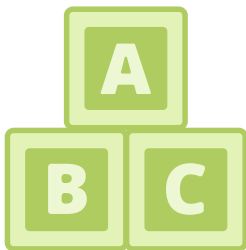
ADULT LITERACY

The **Adult Literacy** program offers tutoring and high school equivalency preparation for English-speaking adults. In the past year, 57% of students who attended at least 50 instructional hours showed improvement as measured by federally-approved post-tests. Among those students, 75% improved by a full grade level and 42% improved by more than one grade level.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES



The **English for Speakers of Other Languages** program provides English language tutoring and citizenship exam preparation for adults. In FY 2018-19, 83% of ESOL students who attended at least 50 instructional hours showed improvement as measured by federally-approved post-tests. 72% of those students improved by at least one grade level. Thirteen students passed the US Naturalization Exam and became citizens.

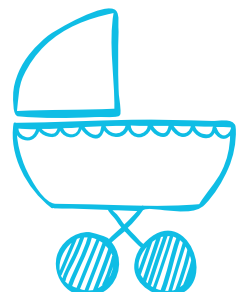


YOUTH LITERACY

The **Youth Literacy** program focuses on children who struggle with reading and spelling. Most have learning differences and all are from low-income homes. In the past year, 90% of students improved a full grade level on standardized post-tests.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free program that delivers a new, specially selected, age-appropriate book mailed directly to a child's home each month until their fifth birthday. In this program year, we had 2,068 children enrolled in the program who are learning to love to read!



OVER 2,300 PEOPLE SERVED



IN TOTAL

The Literacy Council served 299 students through the work of 232 volunteer tutors, who contributed a total of 14,749 hours of instruction which has an audited cash value of \$407,793. Combined with the outreach of the Imagination Library, we reached a total of 2,367 people.

88% of expenses goes directly to program activities.*

**Includes the value of contributed services according to audited financial statements.
The FY 2018-19 audit is available online at litcouncil.com*



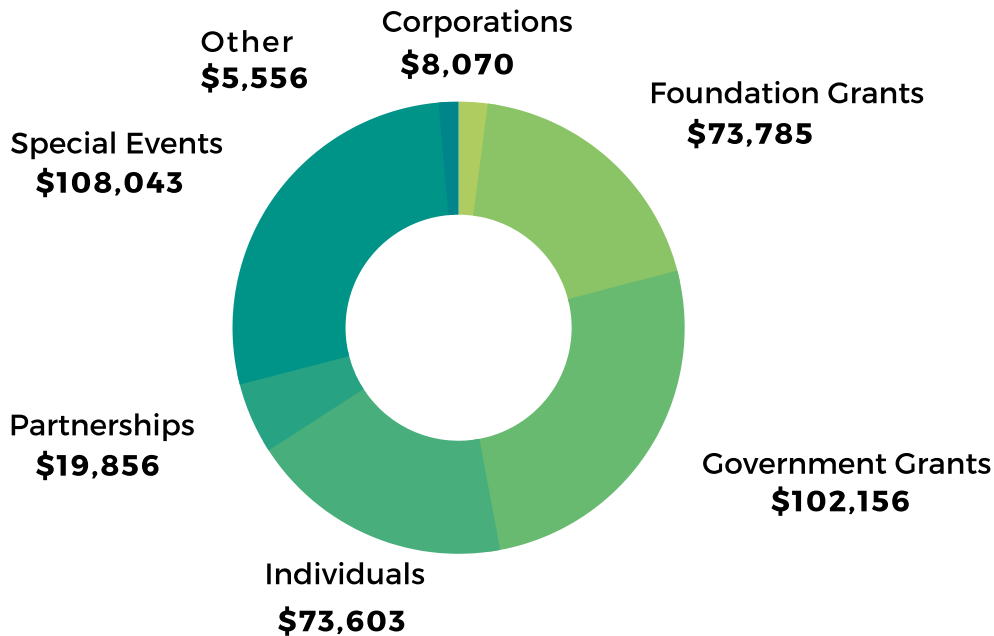
"I'm very, very grateful that a place like the Literacy Council exists to help people like me. Getting my US citizenship is one of the most important things I've done in my life, and I couldn't have done it without my tutor".



"I can now help my 8 and 10 year old with their homework!"

BY THE NUMBERS

REVENUE: \$391,070



"The Literacy Council provides me with the opportunity to give back in a meaningful way, to truly make an impact on an individual's life. In turn, my life has been touched in ways I never imagined."

~ a Literacy Council tutor

2018 Events



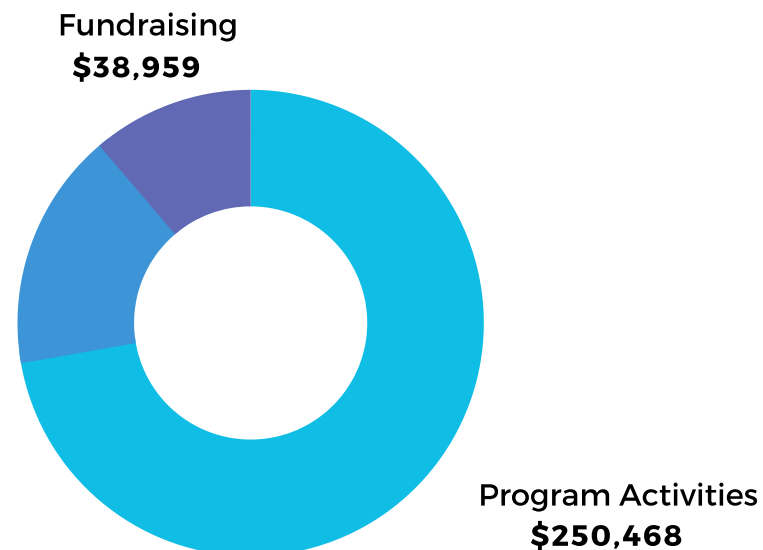
Barbara Kingsolver,
2018 Authors for Literacy keynote



Malaprop's BuzzKillz
2018 Spelling Bee winners

General/Admin
\$57,315

EXPENSES: \$346,742



Staff

- Ashley Lasher, *Executive Director*
- Erin Sebelius, *ESOL Program Director*
- Rebecca Massey, *Youth Literacy and Adult Literacy Program Director*
- Irina Khasanova, *Office Manager & ESOL Specialist*
- LuAnn Arena, *Development Director*
- Emily Spies, *Recruitment & Awareness Coordinator*