

Annual Report 2015-2016

Project READS is an organization dedicated to helping K-3 students achieve grade-level reading goals.

I Think I Can, I Think I Can...Read

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In the story “The Little Engine That Could”, belief in the possibility of making it over the steep mountain had a great deal to do with the little engine’s eventual success.

For students in Project READS, that belief does not always show itself, often because young children view the steepness of their mountain as too imposing.

That’s where Project READS and its volunteers step in. Volunteers, in effect, provide an “I think I can” element to young language learners. From guiding children to “sound out” letters or word chunks, to asking probing questions about a text, to simply sharing a high-five when a light goes on, volunteers display their belief in a student’s competence.

Through the attention and commitment of volunteers, students gain confidence in the ability to achieve their grade-level reading goals. And students begin to recognize how perseverance – an “I think I can” belief – helps to get them over their mountain.

Without a doubt, every student wants to make it over the mountain. With encouragement from Project READS, we think they can.

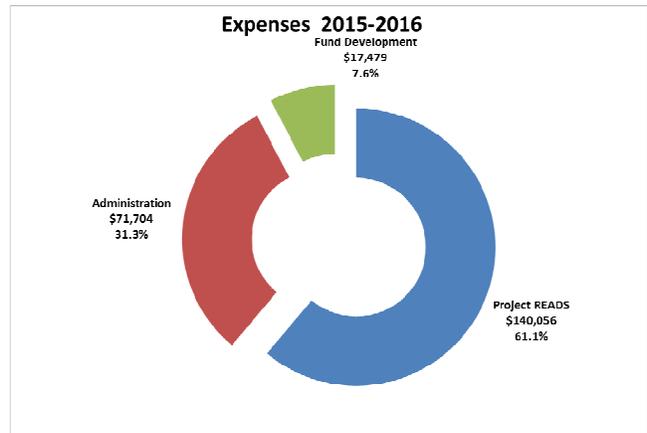
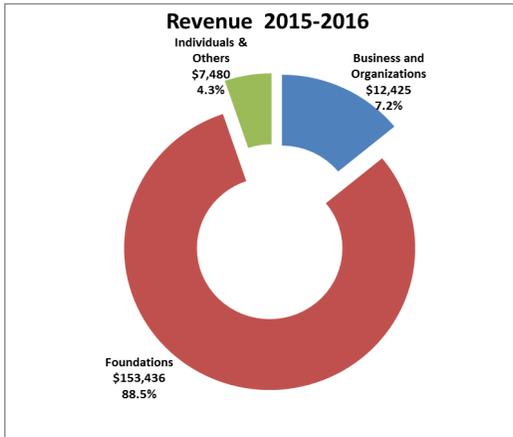
Student Achievement—2015-2016

174 students completed the program
 99% of students showed improvement
 81% improved by 4 or more reading levels
 36% graduated from the program by reading at or above grade level

Project READS operated at **19** Student Sites in Allen County

156 community volunteers received training and provided their time and energy to help students discover the joys of reading

Project READS distributed **1,631** books



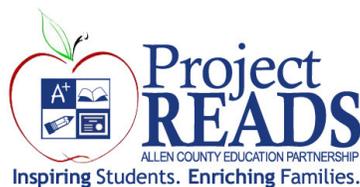
The impact of literacy development extends throughout the community. Follow the Reader is an amazing on-line resource that provides guidance and easy-to-understand concepts for anyone interested in enriching children’s lives through books. Project READS supports Follow the Reader. Learn more about the program by visiting our website—www.abouteducation.org.



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Our vision is that all Allen County children will read at grade level by the completion of third grade.