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ALLEN COUNTY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Inspiring Students. Enriching Families.

Annual Report 2012-2013

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Turning the Page on a New Chapter

The story, however, still rings true!

Traditionally, an annual report celebrates the triumphs of the previous fiscal year. This year, however, I would like to stray a bit from convention by also sharing three exciting developments that will empower us to execute our mission more efficiently, share our vision more effectively, and ensure a brighter future for Allen County students.



ALLEN COUNTY
Education Partnership

Our Board of Directors and staff are proud to unveil our new logo and announce that we will henceforth be doing business as Project READS. These two steps actually speak to the hearts and minds of those we serve.

Allen County Education Partnership can be quite a mouthful, and it often stumps parents, students, and the general public. On the other hand, "Project READS" brings smiles of instant recognition. In addition, we need to highlight the profound impact of Project READS: **inspiring students** and **enriching families**. Our new logo emphasizes how we continue to transform lives and optimize the glorious potential of Allen County children. Our investment in students and families will yield significant dividends for generations to come!

Finally, just as Cinderella needed a makeover for the prince's ball, we felt that we should upgrade our website to keep pace with our new image. Our website address will remain the same—www.abouteducation.org—but our reenergized website will offer valuable family resources as well as the latest news regarding all that Project READS has to offer.



As we review 2012-2013, I am issuing a two-fold invitation: 1) Please turn the page to learn how we have integrated our expertise, creativity, and resources to improve academic achievement for youth; and 2) Join us as we turn the page on a thrilling new chapter of our story—ensuring that all Allen County students can read at grade level by the completion of third grade!

Debbie Branfield



Dr. Maxine Huffman, Curricula Developer

This past June we lost our dear friend and beloved mentor, Dr. Maxine Huffman, at the tender age of 93. Maxine, who retired from ACEP in 2012, was a tireless champion for children striving to reach grade-level reading goals and their families. She always took great delight in their success stories, her face beaming and eyes dancing.

Maxine has served as the inspiration for the “Families” section of our new website. Her work will continue to profoundly impact our community, one eager young reader—and family—at a time!

STUDENTS SERVED

(Active at Year’s End)

2012-2013

147

Cumulative Total
(2000-Present)

2,607



FAMILIES SERVED

(Tracked by Student)

2012-2013

364

Cumulative Total
(2000-Present)

6,606



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS 2012-2013

98% of students showed improvement.

80% of these students improved by 4 or more reading levels.

61 students graduated from the program
by reading at or above grade level.

A note of heartfelt gratitude goes to the **149 volunteers**
and the **15 sites** who generously supported our program.



FAMILY TRIUMPHS 2012-2013

100% of parents report that they now know practical
strategies to encourage their child to read and write.

94% of parents are more confident in their ability to
help their child read and write.

92% of teachers report that students are more
confident in their ability to read.

84% of teachers report that parents have taken more
responsibility as important teachers of their children.



Thank you to our **many sites**—especially **Haley, Fairfield** and **Lincoln** Elementary
Schools—for their gracious hospitality!

Revenue 2012-2013

Individuals &
Others
\$7,145
3%

Businesses &
Organizations
\$34,875
14%

Foundations
\$211,482
83%

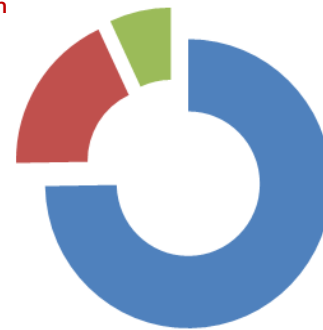


Expenses 2012-2013

Administration
\$90,520
18%

Fund
Development
\$34,441
7%

Programs
\$369,569
75%



BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

2012-2013
9,049

Cumulative Total
(2004-Present)
97,351



33 parents
participated in a
pilot program
conducted for
**East Allen
County Schools.**

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

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