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Annual Report 2013-2014

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“This is the best program there is!”

So proclaimed Jacob, a bespectacled second-grade student at Study Elementary School, upon receiving his trophy as a proud graduate of Project READS. While young Jacob may be a bit biased, the results of our 2013-2014 program year—presented inside—certainly speak to the effectiveness of our program.



The heart of our program was captured best by Jacob himself as our first graduate to deliver an impromptu yet formal acceptance speech, which spanned the media center, a trip to the school office, and the hallways along the way.

“This is the best day!” he announced. “I set a goal, and I achieved it.” To the volunteers assembled he pronounced, “And you did a good job too, because you helped me achieve my goal. I will remember you for a long time.” After casting a quick glance at his trophy, he corrected himself. “No, I think I will remember you forever.” Our volunteers truly do make a profound difference in the life of our students!

In the school office the case manager reminded Jacob of their favorite slogan: **IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU CAN ACHIEVE!** Naturally, Jacob had a few words to add. “That is exactly what I did! This could be the best school if everyone does what I did. Of course, I already think it is the best school, but just think . . .”

Just think, we could be the best community if all children held the same belief in their extraordinary potential, and if every student, K-3, could master the skills and gain the knowledge so critical to optimizing that potential, just like Jacob! This is our vision at Project READS.

We invite you to join us as we work to transform the future of our community, one eager young reader at a time!



Debbie Branfield

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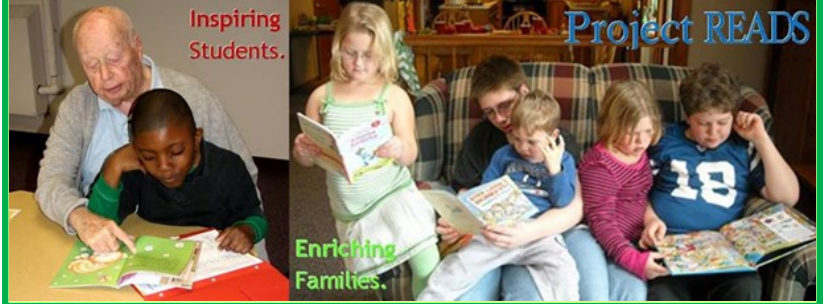


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STUDENTS SERVED

(Active at Year's End)



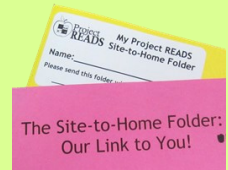
2013-2014
140

Cumulative Total
(2000-Present)
2,747

PARENT OUTREACH

(Throughout 2013-2014)

155 parents attended
9 presentations at **5** sites.



Tools and information to help parents support the literacy development of their child were sent home in students' "Site-to-Home" folders.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS 2013-2014

97% of students showed improvement.

82% of these students improved by 4 or more reading levels.

38% of students graduated from the program by reading at or above grade level.

A note of heartfelt gratitude goes to the **148 volunteers** and the **16 sites** who so generously supported our program.



SITE LIST 2013-2014

Adams Elementary School
Dupont Branch Library
Euell A. Wilson Community Center
Fairfield Elementary School
Harrison Hill Elementary School
Heritage Elementary School
Homestead High School
Indian Village Elementary School
New Haven Primary School
Northcrest Elementary School
Queen of Angels Catholic School
Southwick Elementary School
Study Elementary School
Washington Elementary School
Waynedale Elementary School
Weisser Park Elementary School

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

(Through monthly student giveaways, parent outreach, and community events, including the Rally to Read)

2013-2014
2,361

Cumulative Total
(2000-Present)
99,712



Revenue 2013-2014

Individuals &
Others
\$12,133
5%



Foundations
\$188,171
81%

Businesses &
Organizations
\$32,775
14%

Expenses 2013-2014

Marketing,
Communi-
cations &
Fund
Development
\$55,059
17%



Administration
\$103,331
31%

Programs
\$173,793
52%

We wish to acknowledge these foundations, businesses, corporations, and individuals who have provided their generous financial support to ACEP/Project READS from July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014. We apologize for any errors/omissions.

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