

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



READ
OTTAWA

Our mission is to provide adults who live in or near Ottawa County with an opportunity to improve and transform their lives by strengthening their reading and language fluency.



LEADERSHIP STATEMENT

Although READ Ottawa continued to face challenges through 2021, we have remained steady. We accomplished many positive steps to continue serving learners to the best of our ability, while also creating growth. Many of our tutor/learner pairs were able to meet virtually or in person to continue instruction, while plans to officially expand into the Holland/Zeeland area were finally realized. We enrolled half a dozen learners and began training tutors in the fall of 2021 to further our mission of strengthening the reading and language skills of Ottawa County adults. The READ Ottawa organization is looking forward to a bright 2022 filled with possibility, hope, and connection. We appreciate your support and thank you for being on this journey with us.



STORMIE DRAKE
Executive Director



MICHELLE MOORE
Board President

"Thank you for your great contribution, thank you for supporting and believing in me!"

- Mila, READ Ottawa Learner

"I LOVE working with my first student. She is eager and attentive, and the sessions seem to fly by."

- Bronwen, READ Ottawa Tutor

"Meeting and training people with a passion to help others read is inspiring; it restores my faith in the goodness of humanity."

- Lynn, READ Ottawa Volunteer Coordinator

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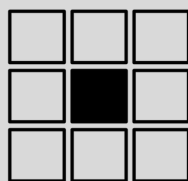
Val Martin

Program Coordinator

We appreciate
our Ottawa County district
libraries for supplying space and
resources that make our mission a
reality. Thank you!



Spring Lake
District Library



Howard Miller Public Library



2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Held the first **Tutor Training** since 2019
- Hired a new **Executive Director** and **Volunteer Coordinator**
- Chose a new **logo** to reflect the expansion to Holland/Zeeland
- Resumed all **programming and enrollments** in summer
- Formed new partnership with **Howard Miller Library** for learner resource space

PROGRAM SUMMARY

LEARNER DATA

Total Learners Enrolled	42
Total Pairs Matched	33
Total ESL Learners	34
Total ABE Learners	8



LEARNER OUTCOMES

Obtained a Better Job	6
Graduated High School	2
Obtained Driver's License	7
Obtained U.S. Citizenship	7
Obtained Financial Independence	2
Obtained a GED	1
Gained Higher Education	1

TUTOR DATA

Total Tutors	51
Tutors Trained	4
Total Sessions	269
Total Service Hours	728

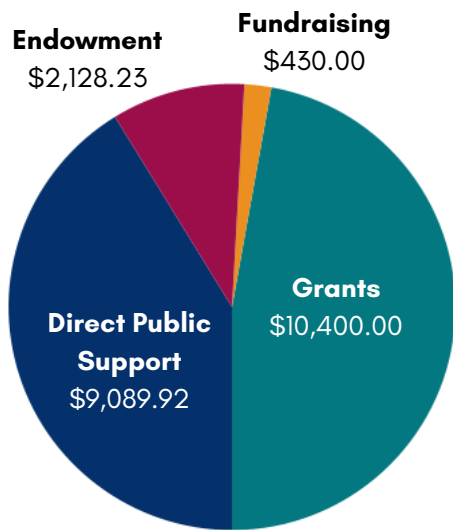


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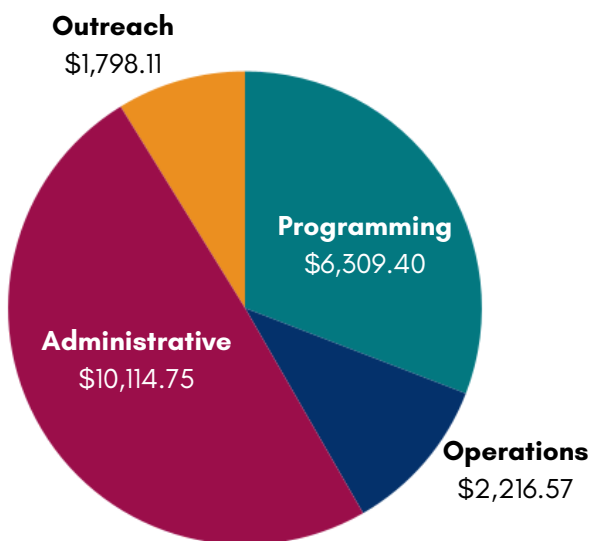
to our tutors and volunteers.

The success of READ Ottawa's learners would be unreal without the support, patience, and care that their mentors provide. You truly transform lives.

READ Ottawa endured many of the same challenges in 2021 as we did the year prior. Fortunately, we were able to start using the funding we secured from the Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland in 2020 for READ Ottawa's expansion across Ottawa County to ensure that our learners receive the highest quality of materials and instruction. The community has been very supportive in this endeavor and we are extremely thankful.



REVENUE: \$22,048.15



EXPENSES: \$20,438.83

On behalf of READ Ottawa's board members, staff, learners, and tutors, we appreciate the support and passion from each of you.

THANK YOU

to our donors for their generous contributions.

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| Abbit Management Corp | Jumpin' Java |
| Amazon | LPL Financial |
| Bluestocking Bookshop | Patricia's Chocolate LLC |
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| Ivy Investments | Russ' Restaurants |

Service Groups

- Fraternal Order of Eagles #925
- Holland/Zeeland Young Professionals
- United Methodist Church of the Dunes

Grants

- Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland
- Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
- TESOL International Association