

#### Dear Friends of Literacy,

Teton Literacy Center just completed an incredible year of record breaking success! Your contributions, volunteer hours, support in the community, and belief in our mission made this success possible. Thank you for supporting our efforts. We are thrilled to celebrate our achievements:

- We raised over \$1,024,000 in our "For the Love of Literacy" campaign to sustain programs in the climate of state and federal budget cuts.
- We provided over 30,971 hours of literacy support to students in our community, a 38% increase from last year and the most hours provided in TLC history.
- We remain accessible and open to serve at risk families in our community by operating our services free of charge.

Thank you for supporting educational achievement in our community.

Jim Thorburn, Board of Directors, President

Laura Soltau, Executive Director

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TLC HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY IMPACTFUL. THEY HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATING, AND OUR DAUGHTER LOVES THE PROGRAMMING. THE FACT THAT IT IS FREE HELPS US STAY IN JACKSON. —TLC Parent



From left to right, top to bottom: Adam Seery, Krista Hollis, Laura Soltau, Jade Bowden, Fio Lazarte, Kate Roberts, Kristin Livingstone and Lina Collado

## Did You Know?

In low-income neighborhoods, the ratio is I age-appropriate book for every 300 children. In middle-income neighborhoods, the ratio of books per child is 13 to 1.

- Handbook of Early Literacy Research

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## Who are we?

## Mission

Changing lives through the power of literacy

### Vision

#### 100 % literate community

A literate community is one in which members have the literacy skills necessary to not only function, but to thrive.

### Core Values:

- 1. We prioritize individualized instruction through accessible programs, student centered learning, data driven instruction, and teacher reflection.
- 2. We believe in providing authentic, personalized literacy learning experiences that lead to students' and families' success in classrooms, careers, and our community.
- 3. We value comprehensive support for the entire family, understanding that we can make the most impact by working together with families to support their children's literacy development.
- 4. We value collaboration with our community and volunteers as a way to provide the highest level of services and expand our students' world view.

## What We Do FAMILY LITERACY

#### TUTORING

K-12th grade Volunteer I-I tutoring Interventional & remedial Individualized Volunteer training & management Parent communication & support School year & summer Interest based literacy

**FAMILY** 

#### **ENRICHMENT**

Pre K – 8th grade Afterschool clubs **ENGAGEMENT** Summer camps Family book clubs Parent workshops Scaffolding from 1-Itutoring Project based learning Includes STEAM content **Community Partners** 

#### **FAMILY** LITERACY

Parents with children Parent education -ESL/ABE/GED/Work study Intensive preschool Afterschool support K-6thgrade PACT (Parent/Child Together) Parent workshops Self-sufficiency goals Home visits Practice Kindergarten

### Thank you to our Board Members for their service!



**Bill Maloney** - Bill Maloney is known around town for his big heart, incredible compassion, and dedication. He has served this community in numerous ways over the years. We have been lucky to have him as aTLC board member since 2010 and board president from 2014-16. He has been instrumental in bringing TLC board, staff, and organizational development to the next level. He is truly one of a kind. His wife, Carol, has worked tirelessly as a volunteer tutor serving students from K-5th grade. Thank you for your service, Bill and Carol!

**Matt Rodosky -** Matt has served on the TLC Board since 2007. For many of those years, Matt worked to ensure the financial stability of TLC as our Board Treasurer. He worked to establish accounting

manuals, fiscal and investment policies that moved our organization forward. His passion for education and our community goes above and beyond.

**Petria Fossel -** Petria started with TLC as a volunteer tutor. Her passion for the organization grew and she joined our board in 2013. She has recruited numerous tutors, including her husband Scott. She has supported TLC in expanding our volunteer force, spreading the impact of TLC programs throughout the community, and garnishing support.

## Student Success and Impact

100% of students in TLC programs increased literacy levels.

96% of Enrichment Program Students and 78% of Tutoring Program students were reading at grade level at the end of the academic year.

100 % of children in the Literacy Lab preschool program demonstrated emergent reading behaviors by the end of the year. Behaviors include: reading books on their own, enjoying stories, understanding and matching rhyming words, and putting events in order.

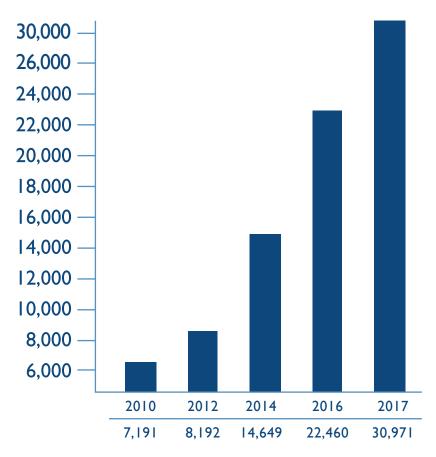
76 % of Lit Lab preschool students were able to read Kindergarten level texts, performing 5 months above grade level.

100 % of volunteers felt successful in improving the literacy skills of the students they worked with and wish to continue volunteering.

80% of TLC students read at home at least 4 times a week after attending TLC programs, compared with 43% before starting programs.



## Growth Over Past 6 Years in Student Hours



## 2016-17 by the Numbers

538 students (children and parents)

352 families

106 volunteers

30.971 student hours

1007 volunteer hours

2.612 donated books

38 collaborative partners

average hours of literacy instruction received by a TLC student

hours of Parent and Children Together Time



## Thank You Volunteers

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"TLC'S STRUCTURED LESSON PLANS HAVE **BROUGHT MY STUDENT BACK TO GRADE LEVEL READING AND INSTILLED** MUCH NEEDED CONFIDENCE IN HIM."

-TLC Volunteer Tutor

Our volunteers motivate, encourage, and support students and families with reading and writing development. They instill a love of learning in our students of all ages. They are instrumental to the success of TLC and our students. Thank you!



## Make a difference in the life of a student. Become a volunteer today!

Volunteers are matched based on interests, schedule, abilities. and program needs. No experience necessary. For more information, please call 733-9242 or email Krista@tetonliteracy.org.



## Volunteer Story

Joyce is an extremely dedicated volunteer! Even when faced with challenging situations, loyce remains positive and supportive of her students. As a tutor, loyce consistently seeks out knowledge on how to best serve her student.

Students who have the pleasure of working with Joyce noticeably build confidence in their reading ability! We think this is due to loyce's graciousness and her invariably positive attitude!

Thank you for everything you do, loyce, and thank you to all of our other tutors!





# Tutoring Program

### Student Success Stats:

- 1. The average student makes 14 months of growth in only 7 months of tutoring.
- 2. 100% of volunteers felt successful in helping their student increase his/her literacy skills after 7 months of tutoring

I LOVE WORKING WITH MY STUDENT BECAUSE OF HER ENERGY AND UPBEAT ATTITUDE. SHE GIVES ME A NEW PERSPECTIVE EVERY DAY I WORK WITH HER.

Number of Students: 116 Number of Volunteers: 73 Student Hours: 1.573



#### - TLC Volunteer Tutor





## An Inspiration

Colter is going to be a 1st grader! Mid-way through the school year, his parents came to TLC concerned that he was not making the necessary gains to be ready to move forward.

With the support of a 1-1 tutor, a small group tutoring session led by TLC staff and an afterschool enrichment club, he was able to build comprehension, fluency and accuracy skills in reading. He worked with his tutor on reading and writing sight words and developing a passion for books. Colter is ready to succeed in 1st grade.

## Did You Know?

The 2016 Wyoming PAWS assessment illustrated that 42% of 3rd graders and 47% of 6th graders were below proficient in reading.

# Family Literacy Program





"TLC HAS HELPED MY DAUGHTER GET BETTER GRADES IN SCHOOL AND HAVE BETTER READING HABITS AT HOME."

-TLC Parent

Number of Students: 156 (84 children and 72 parents)

Number of Volunteers: 8
Student Hours: 11.434





## Did You Know?

Illiteracy and crime are closely related. 85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate.



## A Family Success Story

Servanda has been part of TLC programs for 8 years. Her children, Brian and Ariana, attended Tutoring, Family Literacy and now Enrichment Programs. Servanda comes weekly in the evenings to work on her own literacy goals in our English classes. One week, Servanda stood in front of our attendance graph where students place their own stars for their attendance, and looked at the teacher. stating very proudly, "I have been to class 8 times in a row without missing one!" The teacher immediately congratulated her and asked her if she felt she was improving on her English language skills. Servanda stated that she is now writing in English every day, thanks to her English journal, and is able to work on homework together with her children with much more ease. Servanda's oldest son is now in college and she is working to currently support Brian in high school to prepare for college success.

# Enrichment Program

Number of Students: 353 Number of Volunteers: 18

Student Hours: 17,964



BECAUSE OF TLC, THIS STUDENT'S CONFIDENCE HAS GROWN, AND HE HAS BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR HIS LEARNING! – TCSD Teacher



## Did You Know?

Reading frequently is the most powerful method for increasing fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Children learn an average of 4,000 to 12,000 new words each year as a result of book reading.

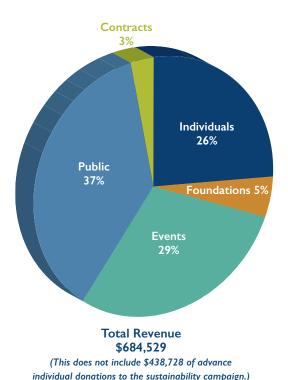


## An Enrichment Story

Karoline is an active participant in TLC programs attending both our tutoring and enrichment programs. She thrives in environments with personalized attention for her academic needs and interests, hands-on activities where she can apply her knowledge, and the opportunity to interact with peers and adults to share what she has learned. TLC's enrichment program provides Karoline with an exciting and safe place to grow as a reader, writer and learner. We have watched her flourish in the supportive environment of TLC. She has taken on leadership roles in the classroom and is extending her knowledge to the world around her.

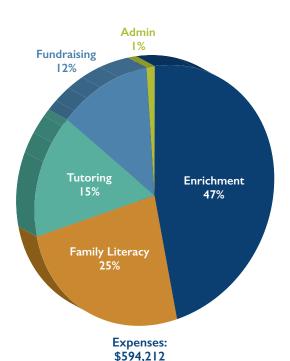
## Financials 2016-17

#### Revenue Sources



Teton Literacy Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has operated through the generosity of this community since 1992. Located in Flat Creek Business Center at 1715 High School Road # 260, we own our building and operate rent free. We derive our revenue from charitable giving by individuals, foundations, family trusts, community organizations, corporations, and state literacy programs. The generous support from our funders enables us to offer our programs free of charge.

### Expenses



## Did You Know?

80% of TLC students read at home at least 4 times a week after attending TLC programs, compared with 43% before starting programs.

# "For the Love of Literacy" Campaign, We Thank You!

Last year we came to you and requested you join us in eliminating the achievement gap in our community. We asked and you more than answered! Thank you for going above and beyond.

Our Board of Directors rallied behind a campaign to raise \$1 million to sustain our critical services and programs for the next 5 years after detrimental state budget cuts. In just 11 short months you supported us in raising over \$1,024,000 to sustain Teton Literacy Center's core programs of Tutoring, Enrichment, and Family Literacy Services. It is only through your support that we are able to continue providing high quality, individualized, and accessible educational resources in our community.

The reality of state and federal budget cuts has reached our community, and we are grateful to now have the reserve funds and sustainability efforts in place to ensure that Teton Literacy Center remains a strong and present force in our community. The need for services continues to grow and we look forward to enhancing our programs with this growing community need. We recognize the need to follow our students throughout their entire academic journey and set them up for success in the college and career worlds. Because of your gift families and children will continue to have the literacy resources and programs to help them thrive in school and in our community.

## Thank You Donors

Support from our donors allows the Teton Literacy Center to further our mission of changing lives through the power of literacy. Contributions directly support the FREE programs we provide to the families and children of Teton County, Wyoming. We are grateful for the gifts we received from the following donors between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

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November 11, 2017 Jackson's Got Talent at Pink Garter Theater

February 22, 2018 Sponsor a Reader Challenge Dinner at Hotel Terra



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## Did you know?

The average TLC student made 14 months growth in literacy skills during 7 months of programs.

