

Why your gifts matter.



Freedom Readers

INSPIRING TODAY'S YOUTH ONE BOOK AT A TIME

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

IMPROVING
READING SKILLS
IS OUR MISSION

Your gifts prepare children to become competent readers and confident leaders.

Thanks to you, **80 scholars** in Georgetown, Williamsburg, and Horry Counties received one-to-one literacy tutoring, free books for their home libraries, and personalized public speaking training.



EVILIO - 3RD GRADE

Your gifts help scholars in our K-5 program build their home libraries with books they love, and middle school scholars improve their lives through goal setting and academic support.

In 2020, we celebrated ten years of inspiring today's youth, one book at a time! We began the year meeting in person serving 224 scholars in 18 locations. As a response to CDC COVID-19 recommendations, for the safety of our scholars, tutors, and staff, we transitioned from our in-person sessions to provide hybrid and virtual options for our scholars.

Partnership with the Gullah Preservation Society of Georgetown provided a hybrid learning environment for this year's summer session which was built around the theme: *How does your garden grow?*

Fully virtual for the fall, The Reading Lab (TRL) was created to meet the needs of scholars and provide consistent support in a year of major shifts in the norms of academic life. TRL paired tutors and scholars one-on-one for a direct learning experience. We were overwhelmed by the interest in TRL, and welcomed 80 tutors, 51 from HGTC.

In a year that was filled with changes and challenges, Freedom Readers' staff and tutors rose to the challenge and created unique, memorable learning experiences for our scholars.

Here's a parent's reflection on how your gift impacted their scholar's life:

"I am grateful for the opportunity that Freedom Readers and [The] Reading Lab has allowed Evilio to advance in reading fluency and increasing his vocabulary. Freedom Readers and [The] Reading Lab have inspired him to want to read more."

— Linda, Evilio's Mom

Spring Session

224 Scholars

193 Tutors

18 Locations

Summer Hybrid Session

In partnership with the

Gullah Preservation Society of Georgetown

46 Scholars

35 Tutors

368 Books Distributed*

The Reading Lab / Fall Session

80 Scholars (36 Girls & 44 Boys)

80 Tutors (51 HGTC Tutors)

640 Books Distributed*

*Each scholar received eight books for their personal library — **a total of 1,008 books!**



"Once you learn
to read, you are
forever free."

- FREDERICK DOUGLASS

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR TOP DONORS OF THE YEAR



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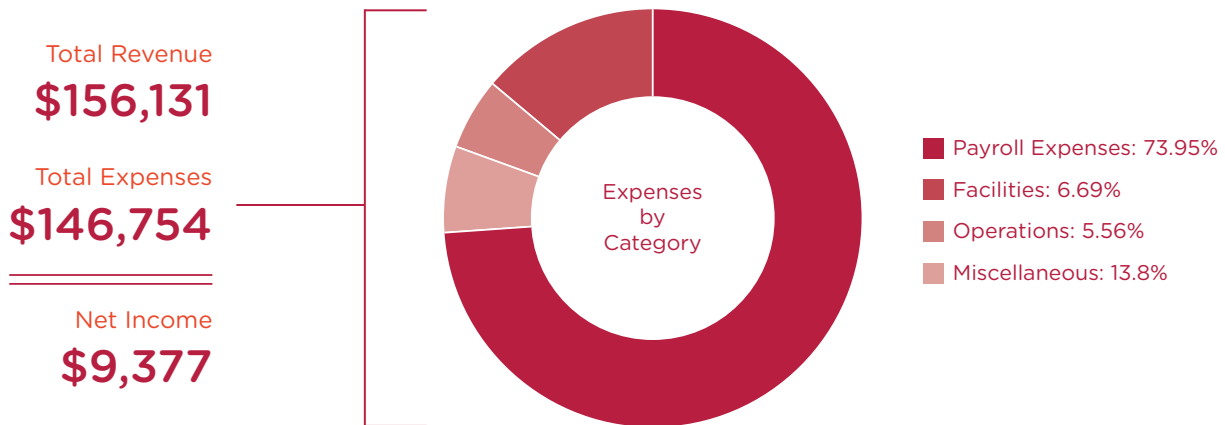
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