

# Children's Literacy Center Annual Report 2018-2019







#### **Message from the Executive Director**

This past year has marked many milestones for Children's Literacy Center. An extensive project in Southern Colorado kicked off with incredible community support from La Junta, resulting in over 70 volunteers being recruited and trained and nearly 50 students tutored. This fall will see the addition of two more grade levels servicing even more students. The incredible partnership with the Coors Foundation to reach out to rural communities continues to help CLC grow in these smaller areas.

Always cognizant of our fiduciary responsibility to our donors and funders, CLC received the highest rating of Platinum from Guide Star, the standard for nonprofit independent third party rating services. The 2018-2019 audit reports that CLC had 87% of its funding going directly to program support.

Lastly, CLC was fortunate to be able to establish the first ever legacy endowment fund to ensure continued sustainability. The ongoing growth fund is designed to honor those generous donors who choose to commit to "building a lifetime of success through a foundation of literacy...One child at a time".



Tutti mille grazie,



Gina Solazzi

I am thoroughly enjoying my time volunteering at Adams Elementary. Thank you very much for the opportunity to volunteer and work with some wonderful young kids.

- A Community Volunteer



We are currently in a partnership at La Junta Schools with CLC and it is working out extremely well. It has improved not only the reading skills of our students, but it has vastly improved the community involvement and awareness.

Rick Lovato, East Otero School District
 Superintendent

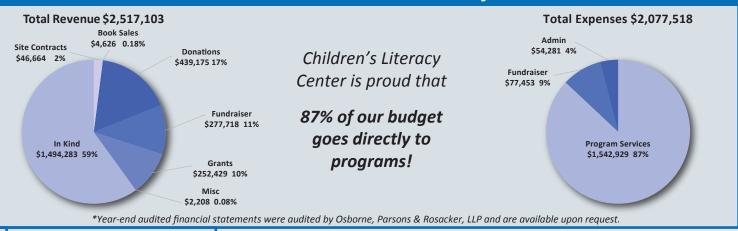


Our Family is eternally grateful for the help and assistance this wonderful program has provided our daughter.

- A program parent



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#### 2018 Notable Achievements

- Children's Literacy Center operated 15 tutoring sites serving students in Aurora, Colorado Springs, Denver, Fountain, La Junta, Monument, Pueblo, and Woodland Park
- Hosted 3rd Annual Literacy Circle event to recognize and thank individuals who believe and invest in CLC's mission
- Created Endowment Fund
- Hosted the 22nd Annual Vintner Dinner at the Broadmoor Hotel with record attendance and fundraising



#### Moving into the 2019-2020 School Year

Children's Literacy Center is looking forward to 2019-2020 with high expectations. CLC will increase the number of students tutored in the second full year at La Junta, will expand to a beautiful new site and partnership with Silver Key, join the innovative community project at Mitchell High School and explore the growing possibilities along the Hwy 50 corridor. An ambitious but attainable 27th year.

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