



Tompkins Learning Partners ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Examples of Student Achievements

ABE Students


An Adult Basic Education student who has been working with his tutor for 10 months progressed from a beginning 5th grade reading level to a beginning 6th grade level—amazing progress in less than one year’s time! This student now plans to add studying math to his work at TLP in order to become ready for taking the new High School Equivalency exam called Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

A long-time ABE student has decided to register to vote this year and is working with her tutor to read newspapers and other materials to learn more about each candidate. She is excited to practice her right to vote!

A new ABE student—an older woman who never received continuous formal schooling due to health issues as a child—finally got the courage to ask her local librarian for help with learning to read. We were thrilled to get the referral and begin assisting this woman in reaching her goals!

An ABE student has been working hard at increasing her math readiness for college and will be attending TC3 in the fall!



A computer student at the Digital Literacy program in Dryden stated that he now has a better understanding of how to use the computer, is now comfortable using the internet/web on his own, and now feels comfortable about determining the quality of information on a website. This student “really loved the class!” 

TLP tutor Wally Powers tabling at Ithaca’s Alternative Gift Fair.


ESL Students

17 TLP students passed their interviews for United States citizenship in 2014. Their home countries included: Burma, China, Moldova, Peru, Taiwan, Thailand, Tibet, and Vietnam.

A former TLP student referred a friend to our ESL program. His friend was newly arrived to the U.S. and had no spoken or written English skills. After six months with his tutor, he is now able to participate in simple conversations such as: “Hi, how are you? I am fine, thank you. How are you?” His tutor also showed him how to look up new words on his smartphone and he is now making his own dictionary of useful English words and phrases in his notebook.

Two students who passed their citizenship interviews asked if they could continue learning English with their tutor. They are now meeting together with another student to expand their English conversation skills. One student in the group said she is happy because she can talk to her [English speaking] neighbors now and she understands them when they say things like, “How’s it going?”

One student passed her citizenship interview and asked if she could continue coming to class to help her friends study. She now helps to teach the writing portion of class. She chose to help with writing because she loves reading, writing, and spelling in English!

One TLP ESL student passed all of the components (reading, writing, math, social studies, and science) of the TASC test. Other ESL students have passed some of the subject area tests and are continuing to work with their tutors on the remaining tests. 

Literacy is
a bridge
from
misery to
hope.

—Kofi Annan



A MESSAGE FROM THE Executive Director

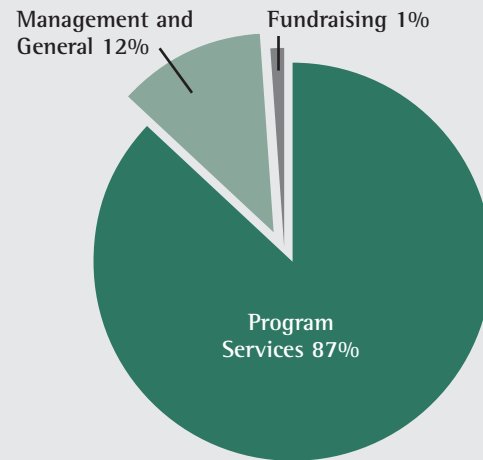
Quite often I extol our wonderful volunteer tutors. I do this for good reason because they are truly integral to what we do. But each year there are volunteers who take on other responsibilities and help make it possible for TLP to fulfill its literacy mission. They also deserve recognition and praise. In fact, in 2015 TLP had 75 volunteers who helped us in other ways besides tutoring. These included volunteers who worked in our library, helped us with fundraising events such as our annual Crossword Competition and our annual garage sale, maintained our website, performed outreach, and represented us at the Friends of the Library book sale. Some also did office and even yard work. Another group of volunteers, many who also help in the ways listed above, are members of our board of directors and/or program committee. These people are often called upon for help and each gives what time and expertise they have to guide the agency and represent our organization in the community. I offer my sincere thank you to each and every volunteer who believes in the work we do—we wouldn't be able to continue without you! 🧑🏫

David H. Smith

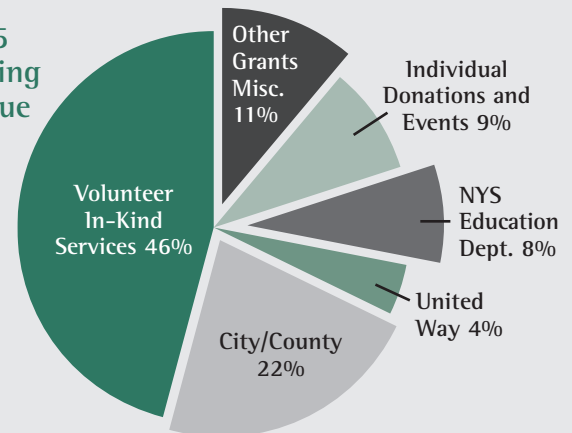
2015 Financial Report

Tompkins Learning Partners' operating budget was approximately \$456,000 in 2015. We are pleased that 46% of our revenue was in-kind volunteer tutor hours.

2015 Operating Expenses



2015 Operating Revenue



Students Served

(See Page 1 for Student Accomplishments)

	ABE & IYS	ESL	Total
Instruction >= 12 hours	27	69	96
Instruction < 12 hours	5	37	42
Total Students	32	106	138

Active Volunteers

ABE & IYS Tutors	25
ESL Tutors	61
Other	75
Tutors Volunteering for Other Tasks	17
Total Volunteers	178

Volunteer Hours

ABE & ESL & IYS Tutors	6,926
Other Volunteer Hours	900
Total Volunteer Hours	7,826

Students' Places of Birth

Armenia	Mexico
Brazil	Moldova
Burma	Niger
Cambodia	Peru
China	Russia
Colombia	South Korea
Egypt	Taiwan
El Salvador	Thailand
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