10 YEARS OF BRINGING READING TO LIFE

At Reading Works, volunteers provide private, one-on-one or small group instruction to adults in reading, writing and speaking English as a Second Language.

Reading Works tutored its first student in March 2009. Since then, we’ve served over 1,300 people. Reading Works is small: two employees, 69 volunteer tutors. But we do big things. Thank you to everyone who helped us come this far: volunteers, staff, students, and donors.

LITERARY ARTS PROJECT: NEW WORDS

With the support of the National Endowment for the Arts and New Mexico Arts, Reading Works expanded its literary arts project this year. Using a Reading Works’ created writing guide, our students wrote about their families, dreams, interests. We published their writing in a newspaper that was distributed throughout the city. The National Literacy Directory awarded Reading Works an innovation prize for the New Words project.
READING WORKS IN THE COMMUNITY: THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This year Reading Works strengthened its collaboration with the Bernalillo County Public Library:

• Reading Works asked the Public Library to purchase books suitable for adult learners and then advised the Library on what books to acquire. There are now collections of emergent reader books in five branches.
• The Library helped us recruit learners and tutors.
• Reading Works presented a literacy workshop to Library employees.

FROM THE TUTORS . . .

“*My students continue to be motivated to learn. They are a pleasure to have in class.*”

“She mastered reading 600 out of 1,000 sight words.”

“S. got a library card and checked out 2 books to read to her son.”

“My student got a promotion at work!”

“A. successfully read a 309-page adult level nonfiction book. *This is the first time he’s read a book cover to cover.*”

“My student says she is able to converse with her children’s teachers.”
SOME NUMBERS . . .

$189,138  \quad \text{value of individual literacy instruction provided to the community}

168  \quad \text{students served}

92%  \quad \text{of tested students increased test scores after 40 hours of tutoring}

82%  \quad \text{of students reported a positive, real life change as a result of tutoring: employment, life skills, enrolling in community college classes, GED, Citizenship, Voting, helping their children with homework}

69%  \quad \text{students are women}

69  \quad \text{volunteer tutors}

44  \quad \text{average age of our students}

18  \quad \text{average hours donated each month by volunteer tutors}
FINANCES

Sources of Revenue:
- Other grants: 37%
- Donations: 18%
- Fundraising: 5%
- United Way: 19%
- NMCL*: 21%

Functional Expense Analysis:
- Program: 80%
- Admin: 15%
- Fundraising: 5%

Expenses:
- $118,451

Revenue:
- $128,036

*New Mexico Coalition for Literacy