



## Children's Literacy Center Annual Report | 2014-2015



## Message from the Executive Director

Tutoring children remains Children's Literacy Center's passion and mission. Last year over 800 students received one-to-one tutoring assistance at one of 20 locations. This represents more than a 10% increase in students tutored and volunteers trained! CLC continues to maintain a 95% success rate for these children and is committed to expanding our efforts to reach the thousands of children not yet receiving help. **A record breaking generous grant from the Chapman Foundation this year will help insure this commitment along with an unprecedented 97.7% of budget flowing to program. This was accomplished with a committed board of directors, 800 plus volunteer tutors, and a very small staff of bright, passionate, hardworking people.**



Children's Literacy Center's mission of "building a life of success through a foundation of literacy...ONE child at a time" has never changed. CLC is as committed now as it was 24 years ago and continues to work toward the goal of empowering all children with the reading and writing skills necessary to become successful in school and in life.

Tutti mille grazie,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Solazzi".

Gina Solazzi  
Executive Director



## Complete Mission

"Building a life of success for children through a foundation of literacy" is not simply Children's Literacy Center's mission, but it is a statement that represents the celebrated results achieved since our first tutoring center opened in 1993. CLC provides one-to-one tutoring to children who are not reading at grade level at no cost to families.

Children's Literacy Center currently operates 16 tutoring sites across the Front Range tutoring over 800 students a year. Developed by Children's Literacy Center, the Peak Reader is a proactive research-based curriculum that aligns with state and national standards and gives each child a solid reading foundation essential to success. Results from the organization's assessments indicate that 95% of those children improved their reading skills by one or more grade levels after twelve weeks.

100 percent of CLC's tutors are community volunteers. Not only do tutors provide reading exposure and guidance for their students, they act as positive role models. The ability to read and learn promises economic security and social stability in our neighborhoods and communities.

# Year in Review

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- Volunteer tutors provided over 15,000 hours of tutoring, saving the organization \$2,085,900.
- 5th straight year of 10% increase in students served and volunteer tutors trained.
- CLC is excited and honored to have received our largest single grant to date from the Chapman Foundation!



- Despite intense turnover in staff throughout the year, Children’s Literacy Center now has a fantastic team of 5 full time employees



- CLC experienced the largest increase ever in P&L in one fiscal year.
- CLC is proud to say that this year’s Vintner Dinner net profit is the largest since 2008.

**Thank you to our Generous Foundation Sponsors!**

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# Leadership

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We are pleased to note that this fiscal year all board members supported CLC through a financial contribution.

## Financial Summary

Children's Literacy Center is proud that 97% of budget goes directly to program!

*Year-end audited financial statements were audited by Waugh & Goodwin, LLP and are available upon request.*

## Looking Forward

CLC is growing in capacity to reach students in outlying rural areas with limited access to our program and looks forward to providing those same rural tutors with an on-line tutor training. Children's Literacy Center has been challenged in the next year with increasing the number of students tutored by another 10% while maintaining a 95% success rate.