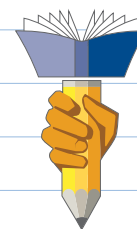


2016

FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS IMPACT REPORT



Freedom
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Partners



Dear Friends,

Building on nearly 15 years of thoughtful leadership, creative teaching and support from many generous contributors in our community, 1,000 children experienced the magic of Freedom Schools in the summer of 2016. Thank you!

Our scholars enjoyed almost three hours a day of literacy instruction, participated in field trips for fun and cultural enrichment and built unforgettable relationships with college Servant Leader Interns and community volunteers at 16 sites across Charlotte. Some highlights from the summer of 2016 include:

- Being selected as a beneficiary of the Charlotte Hornets Day of Service. The Hornets awarded a gift of \$50,000, and Lowe's and Bank of America employees joined to build year-round libraries at several Freedom School sites.
- The Second Harvest Food Bank Food Pantry donated over 1,500 bags of groceries and healthy snacks for families.
- American Airlines and an anonymous donor sponsored our first, annual Scholastic Book Fair allowing all scholars to choose up to \$50 in new books at no cost to them, reinforcing our commitment to help our scholars build and expand their own home libraries.

We are also excited and hopeful about the growing number of opportunities and victories of our scholars and families. Check out these numbers for the summer of 2016:

- 118 Servant Leader Interns, hired and trained represented 39 colleges and universities
- 1,610 volunteers from over 25 community partners
- 286 families (60% of total) volunteered and participated in parent engagement workshops
- 24,000 books sent home with scholars to build their own personal libraries

- 11 field trips enjoyed by each Freedom School Scholar resulting in 11,000 opportunities for enrichment and growth.

These are impressive numbers but we're even more excited about what the future holds. One of the most significant developments of the year was the completion of Phase 1 of our Strategic Plan. Phase 1 informs our growth of 20% more scholars in 2017 and will guide our growth strategy for the next 3-5 years.

We have a strong, year-round staff and a committed Board of Directors who will help chart a course for the future as we continue to fight summer learning loss well into the decade to come. Freedom School Partners has and continues to attract emerging non-profit leaders. As our community looks for ways to improve reading proficiency for students through the efforts of Read Charlotte, we are glad that Freedom School Partners falls squarely within one of their focus areas—summer learning. It is critical that there are programs, like Freedom School, that protect the school-year investment. I am thrilled that Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is focused on literacy, and we look forward to supporting CMS and the collaborative, community-wide movement.

We will continue to focus on our core mission while strategically expanding impact, none of which would be possible without the volunteer and financial support of the Charlotte community.

Thank you,

Mary Nell McPherson
Executive Director

BY THE NUMBERS

SCHOLAR DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

Gender

- 44% Male
- 53% Female
- 3% No response

Race

- 65% Black
- 26% Hispanic
- 3% Asian
- 2% White
- 2% Mixed Heritage
- 2% Other

MORE STATISTICS

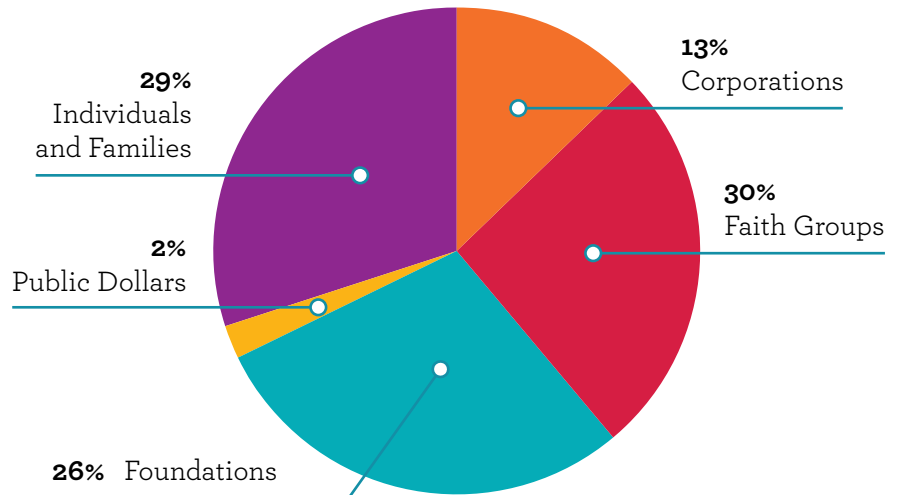
90% of scholars gained or maintained reading ability during Freedom School

92% of parents reported seeing an increase in their child's reading ability

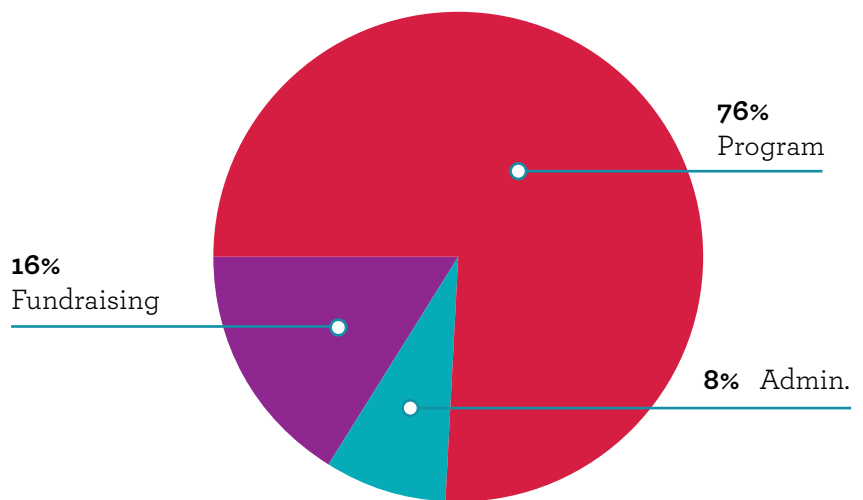
51% of scholars have been in Freedom School Partners for at least 2 years

95% of scholars receive free/reduced priced lunch

INCOME BY CATEGORY



EXPENSES BY CATEGORY (Total dollar amount: \$2,396,541)



TAKING CARE OF OUR SCHOLARS

- 60,000 Meals served to Scholars
- 30,000 Snacks served to Scholars
- 15,000+ Books donated to Scholars
- 3,000 Scholar activities like chess, STEM, art, music, field trips
- 1,000 Scholars served in 2016
- 1,300 Volunteers
- 8,000 Volunteer hours

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- Shalom Park
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- The Grove Presbyterian Church
- UNC-Charlotte



Freedom School Partners promotes the long-term success of children by preventing summer learning loss through igniting a passion for reading and inspiring a love of learning.

Freedom School Partners fulfills this mission by:

- 1 Delivering a culturally diverse curriculum that affirms our scholars with engaging literature and exposure to the broader community.
- 2 Serving families and children who lack access to quality summer enrichment opportunities.
- 3 Addressing the whole child by supporting their academic, social and emotional needs.
- 4 Offering a work-force development opportunity for college students to gain professional experience, serve as positive role models and enter the teacher pipeline or social service pipeline.
- 5 Collaborating with diverse community stakeholders who contribute to and benefit from the partnerships.



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