

# 2020 FSP R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT

Due to the unprecedented environment in 2020 created by COVID-19, FSP developed the FSP 2020 R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. (Reading and Enrichment for Scholars Plus Other Needed Supplies and Essentials) Program which occurred via pop-up sites at multiple locations and was supplemented by a virtual component. The program ran from June 29 – July 31, 2020 to ensure that much needed educational and basic resources went directly to families. FSP R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. included participation stations with reading, math and enrichment activities, music, books and take-home literacy and enrichment kits, school supplies and household resources for children and their families.

**More than 6,000 literacy and enrichment kits were distributed through FSP R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. in summer 2020 and FSP served an average of 1,200 scholars per week through in person and virtual learning opportunities.**



## Impact from FSP 2020 R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. Program:

- **9,000+** D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) books distributed using mystery bags.
- **4,500+** Literacy and enrichment packets dispersed across 12 community locations.
- **2,200+** New Scholastic books distributed.
- **1,800** Second Harvest nutrition bags distributed.
- **1,600+** FSP 2020 R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E curriculum books distributed.
- **1,500+** Literacy and enrichment packets disseminated to 10 providers across the city including: Anointed Future Learning Centers, Charlotte Rescue Mission - Dove's Nest, Learning Help Centers of Charlotte, Mallard Creek Recreation Center Summer Day Camp, OurBridge, Pineville Neighbors Place, Safe Alliance, Skyer's Child Development Center, Y-Readers and YWCA.
- **850+** Scholar back-to-school supply and resource bags distributed.
- **700+** Multicultural learning kits disseminated to families (and 230 of the kits dispersed to five providers) thanks to a partnership with Bridge Builders Charlotte.
- **700** STEAM kits distributed to families thanks to a partnership with DigiBridge.
- **125** Volunteers contributed more than 700 hours.

## FSP support of local schools, educators, community agencies, and college students:

- **13,000+** School supplies donated to Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools to support schools and vulnerable children including: construction paper, copy paper, crayons, glue/glue sticks, highlighters, index cards, markers, notebooks/notebook paper, pencils/colored pencils, pens, poster board, post-it notes, rulers, scissors and scotch tape.
- **17** Educators received back-to-school supplies and materials to support their work.
- **16** College students received back-to-school supplies and materials.
- **14** Freedom School Academy (FSP's high school leadership program) received school supplies and materials to support their learning.
- **3** Community agencies received supplies and materials to support their work.



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## Staff Overview

- 18 Servant Leader Interns (SLI)
- 14 Site Coordinators
- 10 Junior Servant Leader Interns
- 4 Regional Operations Managers
- 2 Social Workers

## SLI Staff Demographics

Female 71%; Male 29%

### Race

Black	71%
White	20%
Hispanic	6%
Mixed	3%

### Experience

Returning	68%
New	32%

# PARENT FEEDBACK

*After participating in the FSP R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. program, 74% of parents surveyed reported that they have seen behavior that reflects growth in their scholars' reading or love for reading. Some of their comments follow:*

*"Just want to say all the staff at the sites were very professional, caring, and did a wonderful job... especially those at Steele Creek Church. I can tell they really LOVE what they are doing and appreciate the impact it has made on many children, especially mine."*

*"It's always good to know that you are not alone when it comes to COVID-19. Freedom School Partners has been there for me and my family a long time. GOOD JOB FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS."*

*"I am so grateful for all the information I received, and it should help me get resources that I desperately need. With having children at home, the electricity bill, food bill, etc. has increased. I thank you all so much for sending out information that was much needed."*

*"The children loved the books and told their grandparents about them when they called."*

*"My child looks forward to every Friday. He felt that Fun Fridays were a reward to all he had learned during the week."*

# STAFF FEEDBACK

*"After a couple of weeks, my site started seeing familiar faces that returned for more books and activities."*

*"Fun Friday gave scholars the opportunity to get out of the house and participate in activities directed by community leaders. You could tell the excitement on their faces."*

*"I had a good talk about one of the books with the level III scholars at Ren West and you could see how engaged the kids were with the reading."*

*"I loved seeing families return each week and seeing the kiddos excited about getting their 'goodies' as some of them called it."*

*"I saw a positive example of the impact Freedom School was having when we were able to get a constant rotation of people coming. We were able to make partnerships in the community and the kids would roll by with the windows down asking for snacks and books."*

*"One moment that stood out to me was around the second week of the summer at one of our Tues/Thurs sites. We had seen this little girl with her grandma the previous week and gave them one of the bingo packets to work with. The next week, they came back with the bingo sheet completed with the grandma telling us they did it together. This moment meant a lot to me because it made me realize that these reading activities aren't just for kids; everyone can enjoy them."*



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