



East Side Learning Center

"Unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading" since 2001

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THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM THE LAST 10 YEARS THANK YOU!!

ESLC WILL CELEBRATE TEN YEARS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

What? 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When? THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011
4:00-6:30 PM

Where? JOHN A. JOHNSON ACHIEVEMENT PLUS
740 YORK AVENUE
ST. PAUL, MN 55106



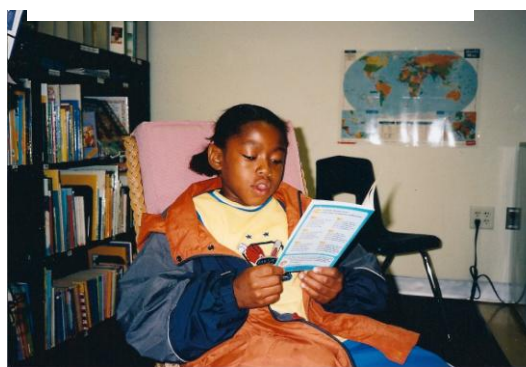
Left to Right: Ben, Jesus, Denzel, S. Audrey, and Carlos.

A PHOTOGRAPH IN TIME - A REUNION OF TUTOR AND STUDENTS

Over the years, the ESLC has captured hundreds of memories through photographs of former students and tutors. These preserved snapshots tell a short story of the ESLC's history at a single moment in time. A picture of a young boy named Denzel and a picture of a boy named Jesus with his tutor, Carlos, specifically stood out to Sister Audrey. This past spring, **Sister Audrey Lindenfelser, SSND and Ben Stiemsma, Coordinator of Volunteers, had the chance to get Denzel, Jesus, and Carlos back to the ESLC and take a current picture that would provide a new story for the ESLC's history.** Possibly enticed by the free pizza, these three individuals sat down with Sister Audrey and Ben to talk about their experiences in the program so many years ago.

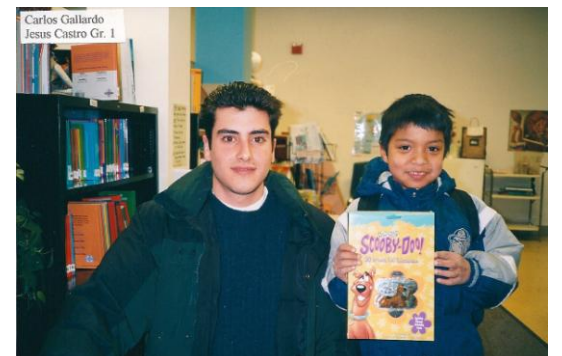
After a few bites of pizza, Carlos and Jesus started to talk about the World Cup. They both loved soccer, and Jesus revealed that he would be joining the soccer team this fall. When asked what Jesus remembered about tutoring, **he talked about the one-on-one time spent with Carlos and how fun Carlos made his tutoring sessions.** Of course Jesus remembered all the games Carlos used to play with him, but he also remembered that Carlos helped him with his reading skills. The affirmations and encouragement that Carlos provided Jesus had a positive impact on him.

Jesus thanked the ESLC program for helping him read while he was in elementary school. **"Tutoring got me to a higher reading level instead of falling behind,"** Jesus stated. Jesus described the ESLC as a really good tutoring program that will help students with their future. Jesus' future is clear as he plans to attend college once he graduates from Highland Park Senior High School in three years. Carlos remembered Jesus as well, but things had changed. Carlos noticed the maturity in Jesus, not to mention that Jesus is twice the size he once used to be. **Carlos valued the ESLC's practice of pairing**



As a 3rd grader Denzel liked mysteries
Photo taken in 2002.

up tutors with the same students each week. The bond that was created between Carlos and Jesus several years ago is still evident today. Carlos explained that tutoring Jesus was a rewarding experience for him and a neat way to give back to the community. **Carlos believes that the ESLC is an effective tool to help students like Jesus with their**



Carlos Gallardo and Jesus Castro when in Grade
Photo taken in 2001

reading. He faithfully tutored at the ESLC for eight years. Denzel did not let Jesus and Carlos control the reunion spotlight. He had much to say about the ESLC, including how caring and helpful the tutors were to him. **"The ESLC is a friendly, positive place. It's like a family."** Denzel stated. He added that the tutors didn't just give him the word he was stuck on. Instead, they helped Denzel decode the word through a process. As a junior at Highland Park, Denzel feels confident in all of his courses partly due to his early instruction from the ESLC. Denzel's most important memory about the ESLC is the one-on-one tutoring format. Denzel is a confident, social person who enjoys listening and helping others. He wants to attend college to be a social worker or a psychologist because he wants to work one-on-one with individuals who need help.

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John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elem School
740 York Ave
St Paul, MN 55106



North End / Franklin Elementary Schools
27 Geranum Ave. E
St Paul, MN 55117



St. Matthews Catholic School
497 Humboldt Ave,
St. Paul, MN 55107

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The East Side Learning Center is in the final year of the 3-year strategic plan established in 2008. Progress against the plan in the last year includes the following:

- Upgraded the computer equipment and network. This replaced the aging equipment with faster, more reliable computers. Also, all computers were brought to current software levels enhancing the ability to share and collaborate on documents.
- Defined an organization structure for central operations and each tutoring site. Staff was hired for open positions. This strengthened the organization to effectively run current sites and positioned the ESLC to move into new sites.
- Performed a staff succession planning exercise to identify who may fill different roles in the future and to focus on staff training and development.
- Completed a draft of the “packaged program.” This is documentation about how to open and operate a tutoring site. This documentation is ready to pilot test when the opportunity to open a new site occurs.
- Finally – growth to serve more students. At the direction of a key partner (Saint Paul Public Schools), the focus in the 2010/2011 school year is to reach more students in the current schools served. Plans for that are under development.

During this year, the ESLC board will review progress against the current strategic plan. Working in collaboration with key partners, the ESLC will revise the strategic plan with activities for the next 3-5 years.

REUNION

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The interview was over in 45 minutes, but two hours later the three guests were still sitting around a table chatting and eating pizza. Sister Audrey had her brand new pictures of Jesus, Carlos, and Denzel that would become a new snapshot of the ESLC. **Jesus and Denzel both expressed interest in returning to the ESLC as tutors.** Perhaps their photos might be taken with their students to be featured at the ESLC’s 20th anniversary!



St Matt's students with their take home books.

“A book is a gift that you can give and open again and again.” G Keillor

THE LIFE OF A VISTA

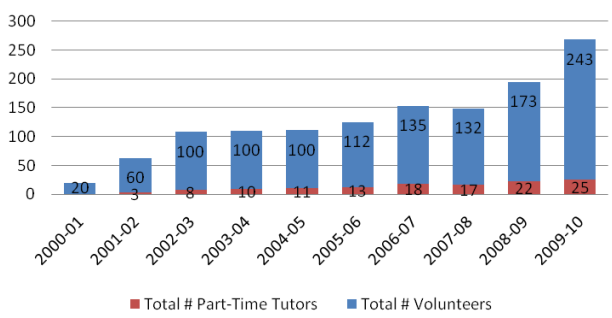
Hello! My name is Ben Stiemsma, and I was the ESLC’s first AmeriCorps*VISTA Coordinator of Volunteers. Here are a few stories of my one year of service.

My life as an ESLC VISTA was a wild, epic journey of ups and downs. In fact, a “down moment” came as I was driving to my first day of work when my ‘95 Chevy Lumina stalled in the middle of Maryland Avenue. A confused and probably terrified gentleman helped push my car into a parking lot after I frantically waved him down. Replacing an alternator is *not* cheap! That same day, I experienced my first “up” moment. Without any hesitation, Sister Audrey insisted that she would pick me up for work and take me home each night until my car was fixed. **I knew I had become part of the ESLC family.**

Some of my VISTA experiences were quite amusing. For example, my full title was “AmeriCorps*VISTA Volunteer Tutor Coordinator sponsored by the Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation, placed at the East Side Learning Center, administrated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in John A. Johnson Elementary.” I just told volunteers that I was the Coordinator of Volunteers at the ESLC; we all appreciated that. And I always found it funny when volunteers would ask, “You’re not a School Sister of Notre Dame, are you?” Sometimes I just wanted to say, “Yeah, uh...actually I am!”

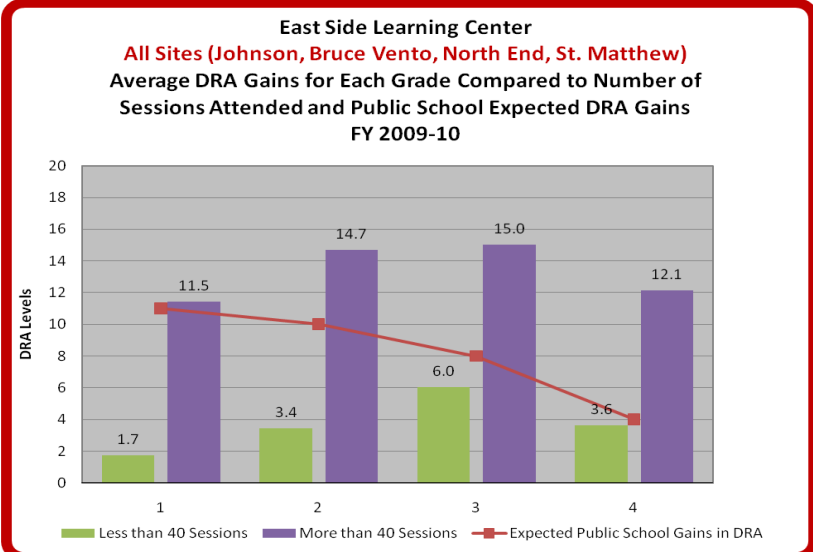
One of the **most distinct memories I will take away from this year of service is the love that is shown each day.** The ESLC staff members are so dedicated and driven to their work for the children, and it is evident that everyone loves their job. There is a loving assurance when a parent comes to the ESLC and sits in on their son or daughter’s tutoring session. The last day of tutoring is always hard for volunteers. The one-on-one time spent with their student in a loving and caring atmosphere is gone until the next semester or possibly forever. But a final hug from a student will last in a tutor’s heart forever too. The East Side Learning Center is a tight knit, loving family. We love and support each other through “ups” and “downs.” The ESLC has done so much for me, and it is daunting to think how I will ever repay the staff members, board members, faculty, community partners, and especially the tutors for a wild, epic journey. Thank you for taking a Wisconsin outsider and claiming me as your own! It truly is “Minnesota Nice!”

Volunteers and Part-Time Tutors



Samuel wins another round of “Boing” against his tutor, Tom Regan.

Total Number of Volunteer Hours was 4,899 and total number of Paid Tutor Hours was 8,074 for a total number of 12,973. 225 children were tutored this year averaging almost 58 hours per student.



The ESLC uses one method used by public schools for evaluating mastery of reading and comprehension known as Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA). Our desired outcome is to have the children increase their reading skills by at least 8 DRA levels if they attend 40 or more tutoring sessions.

TEN YEARS OF GROWTH THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS AND PROVIDERS

From the beginning.....

The East Side Learning Center was envisioned by a group of School Sisters of Notre Dame in response to the request made to them by St. Paul Community Leaders. The Sisters are educators who **strive to meet unmet educational needs**, especially among the economic poor, so they agreed to start a tutoring program for these children. After three years of research, the Sisters committed themselves to collaborating with East Side neighborhood schools to address educational needs by providing free tutoring in reading. **The East Side Learning Center was born!**

The program **began in 2001 with 20 volunteers reaching out to 19 students** at John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary. The first expansion was to Trinity Catholic School in 2001, then to Bruce Vento Elementary in 2004, and most recently to North End/Franklin Elementary. Since Trinity Catholic School closed in spring 2009 the ESLC moved that program to St. Matthew's Catholic School. Currently ANY child from grades K-4 in St. Paul can be tutored at these locations: **John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary, St. Matthew's School, and North End / Franklin Elementary.**



Moo Gay shows off his reading 'chops' to Daedra Culshaw.

Our tutors affect eternity. They can never tell where their influence stops.

Drezden and S. Jane Thibault, SSND are partners developing reading skills for the years ahead.



.....to Today

The ESLC has grown from tutoring **19 children when it began, to 225 during FY 2009-10.** The ESLC now includes **240 volunteers** (from college students to retirees), part-time tutors and a core staff that provides the free one-on-one tutoring. This growth is the product of obvious improvement in the students' reading skills. Joan Brand, a 2nd grade teacher has witnessed the program helping to improve reading scores, "both in individual assessments and standardized test results," for students reading below grade level.

The Center on Instruction, which conducts educational research, published a study in 2007, citing not only that reading intervention is instrumental for a struggling student at an early age, but that **interventions can be most effective when delivered one-on-one.** The ESLC is providing a **breath of fresh air for parents, teachers, and administrators in St. Paul** by offering three and four one-hour sessions per week for each student.

Myrna Abrego, whose daughter attends North End/Franklin School, says that the program convinced her that North End/Franklin was the best school for her daughter. She noticed marked improvement in her daughter since meeting with ESLC tutors. **"As a parent, ESLC is open, non-intimidating, and welcoming."** Melissa Essler, a curriculum coordinator, finds that the ESLC "gives parents an opportunity to join in their child's success with open lines of communication between parents and tutors. The program adds an element of hope and support to the school. **January to May test results showed great increases!"**

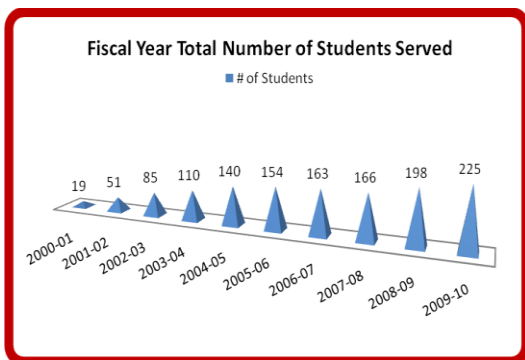
North End's former principal, Hamilton Bell, also believes in the program's effect. "The ESLC is building the foundation for struggling kids and giving them a better chance at success. Seeing volunteers come in shows children that others care about them; this increases self-reliance and shows children that there is good in everyone."

The **ESLC's success is largely the product of volunteer time, grants, and donations.** In fact, the Minnesota based Coughlan Companies awarded the ESLC a \$27,500 grant and provides teams of employees to be volunteer tutors, a generosity that demonstrates why the **ESLC has been able to expand ten-fold in a decade.**

The ESLC's growth demonstrates that it is meeting a community need by successfully impacting the lives of children through tutoring. The St. Paul schools believe so much in the need and the measurable difference that the ESLC is making for their children, that they offer rent-free space and some furnishings.

When polled on what goals the ESLC should set, teachers, parents, and **administrators offer a resounding response: "EXPAND!"** The program provides hope and help for students who may not otherwise have the means to receive this necessary reading intervention. Yet its growth relies heavily upon volunteers and financial support, and therefore, the ESLC is always looking for people to join the cause.

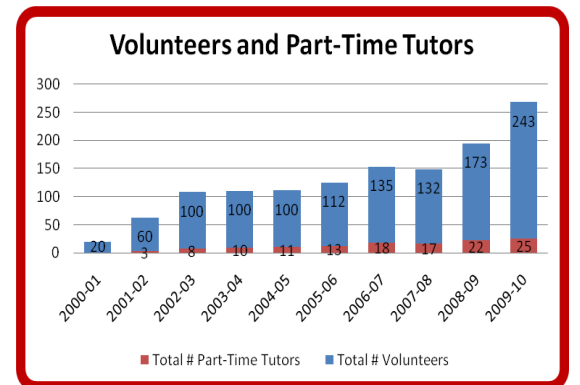
Total number of tutors since 2001 is 1,302 with many tutors returning for multiple years.



Total number of students served since 2001 is 1,311. The number of unique students served is 933.



S. Audrey receiving checks from Randy Klinger and Kendra Rasmussen. As Coughlan employees, they received the 'Bravo' Award for their volunteering and designated the ESLC as recipient of their monetary gifts.



YOUR GIFT IS A LASTING TRIBUTE...IN MEMORY OF MARY RIEHLE

A gift is one way to honor those we love while helping our community. In July 2010, Mary Riehle, one of our outstanding tutors, passed away after a six-year journey with cancer. Her husband, John, and their family chose the East Side Learning Center (ESLC) as one of the programs to which they preferred memorials be given.

Many of us had the blessing of ministering with Mary during the past nine years at the ESLC. When the School Sisters of Notre Dame began the ESLC in February 2001 Mary generously volunteered to help tutor. Even after teaching grade 1 all day at St. Pascal she still came twice a week after school to tutor at our Johnson Elementary site. Once Mary retired in 2002-03 she started tutoring with us every day as one of our committed part-time tutors. Even in illness Mary continued tutoring all the way through the end of our school year in May. Amidst Mary's six years of chemo and radiation she always said that tutoring was her best medicine! We're happy that the ESLC provided the opportunity for that "medicine" so Mary could continue to share her warmth and care with more children.

Mary changed the life of each student she tutored not only because of her skill as an outstanding educator, but more so because she loved, affirmed, and motivated each child as her own. **Mary embodied the spirit of the ESLC as she lived its mission of "unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading."**

The memorial gifts are being matched by a challenge grant through the Katherine B. Andersen Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation. So, in effect, the gifts are doubled. We know Mary would like that! While we miss Mary's cheerful greetings and her unconditional commitment to children, all of us at the ESLC give thanks for her life and loving presence which now needs to live on through each of us.



Dyeneese with her children

DYENESE MARTIN SHARES A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Sister Audrey,
The East Side Learning Center has been a big support system for my children and myself for two years. The program has bridged a gap for families like mine for nearly ten years. I am a full time mom and I also work full time. My family goes through a number of transitions during the day which also has consisted of my changing jobs and grades. So there is a certain amount of personal stress that will revisit itself every day.

By the time that I arrive at home after a long day of work, I feel like I have no time to do one-on-one reading with my children. I just want to hold them, love them and spend time with them because we get home so late. By then I am exhausted. If it weren't for reading homework that the teachers assign, reading stories to my children at night would get skipped all together.

So I am proud to say that the East Side Learning Center has been working with my children, Sevon and Yashae, and it has made a big improvement, bringing their reading level where it needs to be or higher. **With the help of the East Side Learning Center, I see a difference in my children's reading, writing and comprehension skills.**

Sincerely,
Dyeneese Martin



"Reading Buddies" Olivia and Mary Wozniak master new skills.

Invest in your community...help a child learn to read!



Help close the achievement gap in St. Paul schools!

An estimated 6,000 students in St. Paul could benefit from reading tutoring. Tutor a child in K-4 one-on-one for **one hour a week** (before and after school Monday-Thursday) with resources, training, and support provided by the East Side Learning Center. If you can read, write, and speak English, love working with children, and can commit to one hour per week for a semester, then **you can tutor.**

The commitment is small...tutor this Fall!

Contact: Krista Eichhorst (651) 793-7331 or krista.eichhorst@spps.org

ESLC NEEDS NEW AND GENTLY USED BOOKS!

Weekly the ESLC lets the students tutored choose a book to "keep forever" as their very own. With tutoring over 100 children almost daily, the ESLC is in need of lots and lots of **easy books** for these eager readers! Many of these children do not have books of their own at home so this is one way in which they can have some easily available to read on a rainy or snowy day.

The ESLC needs books for grades K-3. A book drive could be a great project for businesses, youth groups, or churches.

Books can be delivered to the ESLC office at 740 York Ave.

VOLUNTEERS

UNLOCKING EACH CHILD'S POTENTIAL THROUGH THE FOUNDATION OF READING

OH WHAT A GIFT!

Few who know me would ever expect to hear me saying to you now that "The economic downturn and my being the tenth person to be let go from a full time job has been a "GIFT!" Obviously that wasn't how I felt last fall. In truth it has taken months to come to this realization. Actually, it all began to change when S. Audrey called me from East Side Learning Center and invited me to consider tutoring at North End Elementary. That's when my spirit began to heal!

As an educator and administrator for many years, I've taught the whole spectrum: grade school to university level; from children to adults, those with special needs to students preparing to teach or minister. But the thought of tutoring first through third graders honestly frightened me! **Could I jump in without preparation, especially since it has been years since I have worked with primary level children!** Anyone who was at North End Elementary on December 1 observed me in a real state of panic! However, several folks stepped forward and guided me through what felt like a maze of processes and a mountain of resources. I only got through the first hours because of their help. They offered affirmation and practical helps, even when I literally felt faint. Staff and other tutors continue to be utterly supportive, suggesting practical tips and appropriate games and resources to get the job done! I can now say that they tutored me into being a tutor. **Now five months later, I realize it has been very life-giving!** Frequently at home I catch myself thinking about ways to be both affirming yet challenging to the little ones so they will become confident "gentlemen" or as Mr. Bell, North End's former principal, daily reminded students, "You are our future leaders!"

It is especially inspiring to be among a group of women and men who generously share their time and talents to make a difference in children's lives. It is also remarkable to have access to a plethora of educational games and resources and other motivational tools that make becoming a tutor easy, not to mention it is also a **real learning experience in itself!** I'm still learning how to play games but it can be quite humbling when my second or third grade students often beat me!

Written by S. Joesetta



Beginning to READ... A small miracle in progress as Joey and S. Joesetta Marie work together. Developing self-confidence is a blessing for LIFE!



VOLUNTEER TUTORING A GOOD FIT FOR YMCA

This past spring, the East Side Learning Center (ESLC) was graced by a dedicated, fun, and possibly the most athletic tutor team to date. **Six members from the East YMCA Leadership Team formed two tutor teams** and volunteered twice a week at the ESLC in John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary. It made perfect sense for the YMCA Leadership Team to tutor at Johnson Elementary. Not only do Johnson Elementary and the East YMCA share the same building, they also have an established nine year Achievement Plus Community partnership providing gym usage, swimming activities, and other after-school programs. **Tutoring at the ESLC was an excellent way for the YMCA to become more involved with the education side of their partnership.**



Left to Right: Felipe Galvan, Ann Schulte, Mary Anderson, Derrick Jaeger

Mike Anderson, Executive Director of the Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation (SPPSF) and current board member of the East YMCA, initiated a tutor team proposal with Derrick Jaeger who is the Director of the East YMCA. Since Mike already volunteered with the ESLC through his own SPPSF tutor team, he knew that **tutoring nurtures the surrounding community and also promotes growth within his own staff.**

The Leadership Team may have been a bit nervous at first, but their confidence and tutoring abilities grew stronger with every week. As the semester continued, measurable results started to show in the two students that the YMCA tutors served. The YMCA tutors were impressed at the noticeable improvements their students were achieving in their comprehension and learning abilities. It was obvious that the students really enjoyed working with their energetic tutor teams from the YMCA.

YMCA Leadership Team staff meetings became a great discussion and reflection time about the previous week of tutoring. Derrick states that tutoring "really helped bring our team together around a project". The YMCA tutors looked forward to tutoring each week and getting out of the office for an hour. The tutor team rotation was an easy way for the YMCA to get involved with the community and work with children without a large commitment.

Tutoring at the ESLC helped the YMCA Leadership Team be more visible and active participants of the Achievement Plus community partnership with John A. Johnson. Several of the Johnson students recognize the Leadership Team when they go to the YMCA for their gym classes. **Derrick says that tutoring "helped our staff realize the impact the community partners play in supporting kids and families."**

The ESLC is pleased to have the YMCA Leadership Team return this fall. It is important for the ESLC to be partnered with an organization like the East YMCA that cares just as much about the children, families, and the communities of Saint Paul. The ESLC hopes to have several new organizations get involved with tutoring.

"Thank You, Pax Christi Catholic Community for the Spring Baskets you provided again this year to the students. You are great!"

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER & PROFESSIONAL TUTORS

Thank you volunteer tutors for your past and current support! One hour per week really does make a difference. With the help of all of you dedicated role models the ESLC was able to tutor 225 students in St. Paul in 2009-2010. Many children do not have the opportunity to read at home with their families so it is volunteers like you who are key to helping "unlock each child's potential through the foundation of reading." Thank you for touching the lives of the children you tutored, strengthening the ESLC program with your presence, and giving hope to St. Paul communities.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010 AND SUMMER 2010

Charley Alden	Phil Erickson	Terry Klosterman	Ryan Peel	Kent Underland
Allison Anders	Maria Gomez	Carolyn Kostolnik	Ramona Pekarek	Quinn Van Ness
Mike Anderson	Kayla Finn	Patrick Kruger	Theresa Pekarek	Mary Vaughan
Mary Anderson	Masha Finn	Allison Kuschel	Karen Peterson	David Vogel
Virginia Aretz	Janice Finnegan	Melissa Ann Lacher	Leah Peterson	Elizabeth Wahlin
Philips Awogbemi	Cole Foslien	Sherrie Lamb	Diane Phillippi	Susan Wakefield
Beth Ballantine	Kitty Francy-Payton	Heather Lane	Jackie Pieper	Marquita Walker
Bonnie Barnak	George Frandsen	Jack Langer	Jennifer Pokorn	Natalie Warner
Bob Barry	Hillary Frey	Gail Langston	Emily Poleski	Pat Warnert
Lydée Battle	Erin Fulton	Susan Larson	Laura Potopa	William Wepsala
S. Anne Becker,SSND	Mary Furman	Karen Lee	Jennfer Rabedeaux	Harry Wernecke
Jennifer Behrens	Anastasia Galka	Pai Lee	Joan Rassel	Kate Wiegand
Karen Beirise	Laura Gallardo	Ger Lee	Richard Rassel	Bonnie Wilcox
LeeAnn Berkholtz	Felipe Galvan	Donald Lemke	Jim Reckinger	Breanna Wimpler
Joshua Bernards	Renee Gebeke	Mary Ann Lemke	Tom Regan	Rebecca Wolters
Laura Bettleyoun	Joan Gennaro	Bob Lentz	Seth Reiman	Karen Woodward
Amber Billmeier	Heidi Gerten	Jill Leonard	Alexander Rewald	Pachia Xiong
Emily Birnstengel	Jennifer Glidden	Mandy Leung	Thatcher Riggin	Tony Yang
Jeffrey Blanchard	Kaye Goers	Jana Lind	Kent Rommereim	Venus Yang
Scott Brea	Raymond Gorski	Taylor Lindeman	Amber Ross	Hlee Yang
Beth Brezenoff	Nancy Grace	Yvonne Linster	Danielle Ruberg	Katherine Zantopp
Julia Briggs-Schumacher	Maryellen Gregoire	George Lloyd	Pat Ryan	Jasmine Zeppa
Sarah Broms	Nancy Gulliford	Carol Lundgren	Alexis Rye	Shannon Zigmund
Keith Brooks	Wilhelmina Gurley	Bill Lynch	Deanna Sande	
Lauren Carlson	Britta Hagstrom	Colleen Mahady	Gary Sande	
S. Kathleen Casey,OSF	Felicia Hammerschmidt	Sabrina McBride	Christan Sanocki	
Jan Casillas	Jane Hannan	Bette McCarthy	Ottavio Savina	
Chai Chen	Emily Harris	Karen McCarver	Andrew Schmidt	
Lauren Church	Maureen Hatteberg	Marietta McCullough	Ann Schulte	
Jane Clappier	Kari Haugrud	Judy McDermott	Samantha	
John Clarey	Nora Haupt	Cora McGowan	Schumacher	
Laura Ann Clark	Lindsey Havlik	Hannah McGraw-Dzik	Kelsey Schut	
Tiana Clark	Dorothy Hawkins	Arielle Melum	Natalie Sheard	
Katie Cochran	Terry Heer	Susan Meyer	Jenny Shiels	
Sue Colten	Diana Hernandez	Mary Meyer	Monica Silbaugh	
Loretta Connelly	Jennifer Hiner	Jennifer Miller	Shannon Sinkel	
Criste Cossi	Alex Hinseth	Casey Miller	Becky Sirovy	
Katherine Coughlan	Megan Hoffman	Alleks Mitchell	Mary Ann Skinner	
Katie Coulter	Matthew Hogen	Kristen Mohn	Alicia Smith	
Amy Cox	S. Claudette Hudalla,SSND	S. Germaine Mulcahey,SSND	Elizabeth Stahly	
Daedra Culshaw	Hafsa Ibrahim	Cindy Mullan	Geraldine Stenger	
Kirk Darling	Derrick Jaeger	Jordann Nelson	Kendra Rasmusson	
Willie Davis	Marlene Johnson	Heather Nestrud	Elizabeth Struve	
Bob DeNardo	Carol Johnson	Kelly Niebrugge	Jerry Supinski	
Judy DeNardo	Danelle Johnson	Kara Noran	Barbara Surine	
Kyle Dennis	Valerie Johnson	Alecia Nosike	Jeffrey Surine	
Gloria Deziel	Wesley Johnson	Sarah Oberlin-Teran	Cory Svihla	
Shana Dickson	Laurie Johnson	Dee O'Brien	Kay Swanson	
Molly Dise	Whitney Junker	Diane Olson	Cathie Swanson	
Kathryn Dreier	Haddi Kallman	Meaghan O'Shaughnessy	Jodi Tansom	
Tony Dunham	Marilynn Kammueler	Megan Owens	Emily Tate	
Nicole Dusterhoft	David Kapping	Amy Palmquist	Anne Templeman	
Catherine Eckert	Rebekah Kendrick	Nancy Pascutol	Mai Thao	
Joy Edlund	Erin Kiminski	Haaris Pasha	Elizabeth Tindall	
Patricia Effinger	Laurie Kinney	Hannah Paulson	Marie Tupy	
Colleen Erickson	Randy Klinger	Brittany Paulson	Mickey Turch	



Retired teacher Renee Gebeke, enjoys her "kid fix" tutoring Pa.

PROFESSIONAL TUTORS 2009-2010

Joanne Benson
Rolla Breitman
S. Marge Buresh, SSND
Mark Ceilley
Lois Charboneau
Mary Margaret DeMarre
Ward Denaway
Adeline Duerschler
Kristin Gallagher
Dianne Gerlach
S. Paulissa Jirik, SSND
Sharon Johnson
Peggy Lindgren
Patricia Loehlein
S. Cathryn O'Donnell, SSND
Liz Paulson
Mary Riehle
Ann-Marie Schaffhausen
S. Joseetta M. Spencer, SSND
Mary Stalter-Gulling
S. Jane Thibault, SSND
Cynthia Unowsky
Beats Vasterling
Leanne Weyland
Maggie Wirth-Johnson
Peg Wolters
Kenneth Yoder

Did you ever wonder where our volunteers come from or how they found out about the great opportunity to tutor? Many organizations and companies have supported our needs throughout the last 10 years. In addition, volunteers also include concerned grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, teachers and many other generous people.

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AmeriCorps
Amherst Wilder
Bethel University
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Century College
Church of the Assumption Catholic Church
College of St Catherine
Concordia College
Coughlan Companies
Cretin-Derham High School
Cristo-Rey High School
East Emmanuel Lutheran Church
East YMCA
Greater Twin Cities United Way

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
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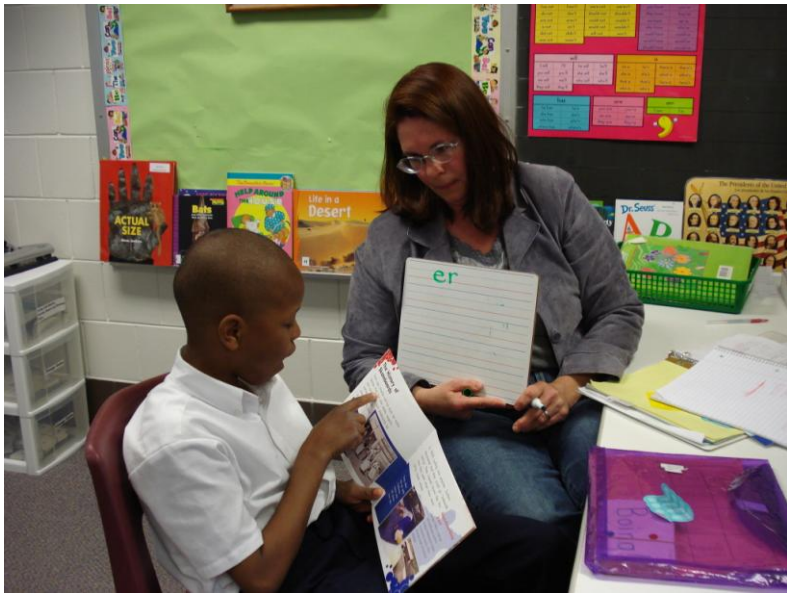
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Lizz Paulson shares the gifts of LEARN-ing while planting seeds of wisdom with David.

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