2025-2026 Year in Review

Literacy Volunteers Ontario-Yates

145 Learners Served

Ontario County: 124
Yates County: 31

112 Tutors Teaching

Ontario County: 92
Yates County: 20

Three Learners earned their High School Equivalency Diplomas

Seven learners passed GED subtests and eight more were preparing for GED testing.

Two learners passed the US Citizenship Exam

Eight more learners were preparing for the exam.

19 learners found new or improved employment

Including one learner who started his own business and another who started working two jobs.

6,487 Volunteer Hours

Value of Volunteer Hours: $234,440*

**from The Independent Sector's value of a volunteer hour.*

Other Learner Accomplishments:

- Two learners obtained driver's licenses, and another three learners got their learner's permits.
- Three learners earned certifications for their jobs including one who obtained her CDL, one who earned her NYS certified esthetician's license, and one who completed CPR training for her work.
- Another learner applied to LPN school.
- Two learners purchased their own cars.
- One learner and her husband bought their first home.
- Three learners got their own library cards.

Special Pilot Programs Launched:

Two grant-funded pilot programs were launched during the year:

Career Accelerator - funded by the Rochester Area Community Foundation - provided a series of workshops to high level learners designed to position them for career growth.

Generation Stories - funded by the Wyckoff Family Foundation: a family literacy project giving parents tools to promote reading among their children while enhancing their own literacy skills by creating personalized photobooks.

Both programs were very well received and provide opportunities for further exploration in these areas.

The mission of Literacy Volunteers Ontario-Yates is to provide adults the literacy skills needed to reach their full potential as individuals, parents, workers and citizens.

Thank you to those who helped transform lives through literacy this year:

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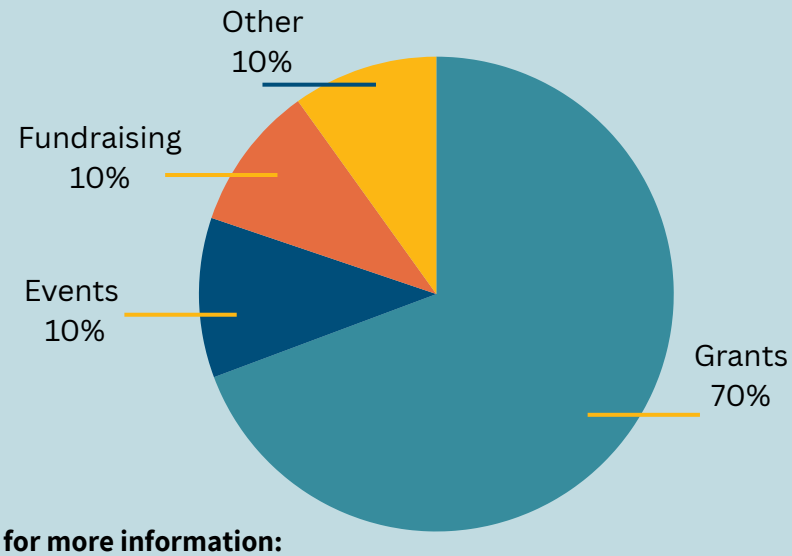
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Financial Summary

Revenue: $190,241
Expenses: $191,600

Sources of Revenue:



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