



Beginning with Books
Center for Early Literacy

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Annual Report 2005-2006

Opening doors for children,
strengthening families, and
removing economic barriers





Mission Statement:

The mission of Beginning with Books is to meaningfully increase the number of children who become capable and enthusiastic lifelong readers. This is accomplished through research-based programs respectfully offering the information, materials, skill development, and encouragement that enable parents and other adults to promote the literacy development of the children in their care.



Core Values:

- ▶ Prevention is the key to breaking the generational cycle of literacy problems.
- ▶ The first five years of life are crucial to fostering the skills and habits of literacy.
- ▶ The opportunity to own new, high-quality, culturally and developmentally appropriate, children's books fosters in both young children and the adults who care for them mutually enjoyable literacy experiences and a love of books.
- ▶ Most parents and caregivers are eager to support the literacy development of their children and are able to do so when provided with suitable guidance and materials.



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friend of Beginning with Books:

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that *every great and commanding moment in the annals of the world is the triumph of some enthusiasm*.

Indeed, your enthusiasm is helping Beginning with Books to triumph by creating a community in which all children are provided with the books, resources, and support needed to become successful lifelong readers.

National research demonstrates that reading aloud to young children and introducing them to the world of books as early as birth will foster a lifetime enthusiasm for reading and a solid foundation for future success in school, work, and life.

Our 2005-2006 Annual Report highlights some of the many ways in which our community partners are enabling Beginning with Books to open doors for local children, strengthen families, and remove economic barriers.

Whether you're a volunteer or donor, corporate sponsor or foundation, parent or childcare practitioner, please know that your enthusiastic support for reading is translating into lifelong triumphs for our region's children.

We are grateful for your gift of time, talent, and resources and for the enthusiasm that you continue to share!

Sincerely,

Keith G. Kondrich
Executive Director

Organization History



Beginning with Books was founded in 1984 as an early-intervention literacy program directed to low-income families with young children.

Beginning with Books' first program was the Gift Book initiative which distributes packets of high quality children's books, accompanied by individual parent counseling on the importance of reading aloud to their children. Beginning with Books then developed additional research-based programs focusing on the critical early years of a child's life (from birth to 8), and supporting a parent's natural role as baby's first teacher, to foster the skills and habits of effective literacy.

In response to growing demand from professionals in the childcare field, Beginning with Books developed a comprehensive training program. In addition to providing direct service to parents and early childhood educators, the staff offers specialized training for childcare centers, human service organizations, and school districts that want to add or enhance an early childhood literacy component. This training greatly increases the numbers of children who can benefit from Beginning with Books' effective early childhood literacy programs.

Throughout our 22-year history, Beginning with Books has been at the forefront of a movement to significantly and successfully impact the early childhood literacy needs of children and their families throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The Ongoing Need Within Our Community

It is a long-cherished American ideal that citizens can shape their destinies regardless of the circumstances into which they are born. Since the early 1800s, we have viewed education as the means to success, especially for poor and working-class children.

Research, however, demonstrates that starting the educational process as early as age 5 is too late. Children form basic cognitive abilities in their earliest years. Those who are not exposed to letters, numbers, and social skills at home enter school a full year and a half behind their middle-class peers in language ability. Thus, many children start school with a serious educational deficit.

The number of local children who struggle with reading and who lack the support system required to foster and maintain a pro-reading environment at home is staggering. For instance:

- ▶ Annually, approximately 13,000 babies are born in Allegheny County. By the time they reach 5th grade, only 44% will be able to read at grade level. Overall, 56% of Pittsburgh's city school students cannot read at grade level.
- ▶ The problem is even more acute in relationship to low-income and minority families within our region. 66% of low-income students and 69% of African-American students in the region cannot read at grade level.



Opening doors for children...

Read Together

Reading to children is one of the best ways to encourage language development. Children who are exposed to reading at an early age make the symbol/language connection and are more likely to be reading at the appropriate age level by the end of third grade.

In 2005-2006, our Read Together Program matched 370 local children ages 3-8 with trained volunteers who read to them, one-on-one, once a week, at local libraries and after-school programs. Children form a strong bond with their adult reading mentor, gaining reading experience and an appreciation for various types of books.

Everybody Wins!

Everybody Wins! is a lunchtime literacy and mentoring program that pairs elementary school students with volunteers from local companies and other community organizations to share lunch, conversation, and good books. Founded in Pittsburgh in 2002 by the Junior League of Pittsburgh, in partnership with Beginning with Books, Everybody Wins! is based on a national model that recognizes the many benefits of reading aloud to children one-on-one.

During the 2005-2006 school year, 57 students and 71 volunteers participated in our Everybody Wins! program at Martin Luther King Elementary School on the North Side and Weil Technology Institute in the Hill District. Thanks to ongoing support from the Junior League of Pittsburgh, the program will be expanding to include Faison Elementary School in Homewood and Phillips Elementary School on the South Side.

See feature article on page 7 for more information on this outstanding program.

Storymobiles

In operation since 1993, our two Storymobiles bring stories, books, and parenting resources to public housing and childcare settings for low-income families in the greater Pittsburgh region. The visits are designed to help extend reading and literacy-based activities into the homes of children by allowing them to borrow from a large selection of age-appropriate, high quality books. Last year, these mini-libraries on wheels loaned 10,469 books to children, parents, and teachers at 57 childcare centers and 10 public housing communities.

- ▶ 61% of low-income families have no children's books in their homes. The number of children's books in the home directly relates to a child's reading proficiency.
- ▶ On average, there are 13 book titles available per child in middle-income neighborhoods. By contrast, there is only 1 book title available for every 300 children in poor communities.
- ▶ The average middle-class first grader has been read to more than 1,250 hours. For some children in low-income families, the comparable figure is 25 hours.
- ▶ 70% of mothers on welfare have reading skills in the lowest two proficiency levels. A mother's literacy level is a significant predictor of a child's literacy proficiency.
- ▶ An average child from a low-income family hears one half to one third as many spoken words as children in more affluent households. At age 6, children from high-income families have an average vocabulary of 20,000 words. Children from low-income families have a vocabulary of 3,000 words!



Opening doors for children...

Strengthening families...

Best Books For Babies Awards

Our 7th Annual Best Books For Babies Awards, released in the Spring of 2006, continued to highlight the importance of sharing books with and reading to babies. In addition, this nationally recognized list of books is of great assistance to parents, teachers, and others in selecting quality books for babies. The awards honor publishers, authors, illustrators, and designers who create outstanding books for our youngest children and encourage the publication of more high quality books for infants.

Our selection committee is comprised of librarians, child development experts, and academicians who review books for babies published in the prior year. The committee looks for: age-appropriate subject, format, and theme; clear, uncluttered illustrations; distinguished writing (when applicable); easy physical manipulation by the intended audience; and interactive potential.

7th Annual Best Books For Babies (books published 2005):

Duckie's Ducklings.

Barry, Frances.
Candlewick Press

***Tomie's Mother
Goose Flies Again.***

DePaola, Tomie.
Putnam

Honey Baby Sugar Child.

Duncan, Alice Faye.
Illustrated by Susan Keeter.
Simon & Schuster

My Garden = Mi Jardin.

Emberley, Rebecca.
Little Brown

***Snuggle Up,
Sleepy Ones.***

Freedman, Claire.
Illustrated by Tina
Macnaughton.
Good Books

***A Truck Goes
Rattley-Bumpa.***

London, Jonathan.
Illustrated by Denis Roche.
Henry Holt

Star Baby.

O'Hair, Margaret.
Illustrated by Erin Eitter

Kono. Clarion Books

***Diddle, Diddle,
Dumpling.***

Pearson, Tracey Campbell.
Farrar Straus Giroux

Alphabet House.

Wallace, Nancy.
Marshall Cavendish

This Little Piggy.

Yolen, Jane.
Illustrated by
Will Hillenbrand.
Candlewick Press

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Our Gift Book Program provides low-income families with free book packets containing three new, age-appropriate, high quality children's books, a brochure with tips on reading aloud, and a coupon for an additional book when the family visits their local library. This year 4,158 packets were distributed to families throughout western Pennsylvania. As always, the packets were distributed through partner agencies in a number of ways:

- ▶ Mon Valley Education Consortium distributed 555 packets at kindergarten registrations in Clairton, Munhall, and Homestead.
- ▶ Tiny Tots in Lawrenceville provided packets to its graduates.
- ▶ Family Foundations Early Head Start home visitors took 330 packets with them as they were welcomed into homes throughout Allegheny County.

See feature article on page 6 for more information on PPG Industries Gift Book initiative to assist children displaced by hurricanes along the Gulf Coast last year and page 9 for a feature article on how the Post-Gazette Charities Goodfellows Fund partnered with Beginning with Books and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to distribute 1,000 Gift Book Packets to local children.



Removing economic barriers...

Raising Readers Parent Clubs

Hosted by schools, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations throughout the region, our Raising Readers Parent Clubs help parents become skillful, confident readers, encourage reading as part of the daily family routine, and foster regular library visits. This past year, Beginning with Books sponsored 40 clubs, serving 720 families. In addition, 4,200 books were distributed to club participants.

We also partnered once again with Magee-Womens Hospital to provide Raising Readers Parent Clubs to 100 at-risk teen parents in conjunction with their prenatal clinic visits.

Early Literacy Outreach Program (formerly Project BEACON)

Beginning with Books offers an intense early literacy training and mentoring experience for early educators and caregivers who want to promote literacy development for children. Participants learn research-based approaches that allow them to provide children with the experiences and environments that prepare them for success in school. The training includes workshop sessions and a mentoring program that supports implementation of key concepts and strategies. Classroom book collections are provided to participants for completing this training and mentoring program. During the 2005-2006 program year, 101 childcare practitioners from 57 sites were recruited, enrolled, and trained.

In addition, 114 childcare providers, directors, and practitioners participated in our Annual Caregivers Conference at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit in Homestead.

43% of adults with the lowest literacy skills live below the poverty level.

Only 20% of the population has the necessary skills that 75% of employers say they need. U.S. businesses are estimated to lose over \$60 billion in productivity each year due to employees' lack of basic skills.

The National Association of Manufacturers reports that 31.6% of its members reject applicants for hourly production positions because of inadequate reading/writing skills.

A number of national and state organizations in the U.S., including the National Governor's Association, have identified Level 3 proficiency as a minimum standard for success in today's labor market. Findings from the International Adult Literacy Survey indicate that only half of the U.S. adult population 16-65 years of age reached Level 3.

Providing children with the opportunity to learn basic reading skills and fostering an appreciation for books makes a lifelong difference. A child's ability to read effectively directly impacts his or her future opportunities for success in all aspects of life, ranging from education and job preparedness to self-esteem and quality of life.

Reading proficiency is one of the most important factors in breaking the cycle of poverty that plagues so many of our communities.



PPG Growing With Books Project Aided Hurricane Katrina and Rita Pre-School Victims

The PPG Industries Foundation partnered with Beginning with Books and the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to provide books and reading resources for pre-school children displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The PPG Industries Foundation provided a grant of \$15,000 for the effort and PPG volunteers played a leadership role in developing and implementing the project.

The project had two segments. First, it provided Gift Book Packets to individual pre-school age children.

Each packet contained:

- ▶ Three picture books: *I Like It When, Wemberly Worried, The Little Mouse, The Red, Ripe Strawberry and The Big Hungry Bear*. These fun books cover topics that can help children cope and look to the future with hope. The idea was to encourage reading as a desirable activity – in bad times and good times – and to promote early literacy and life-long learning. Since each child was to own the books, a specially designed bookplate in each book had a space for the child's name.
- ▶ A Tips for Parents brochure that offered helpful suggestions for reading to young children.
- ▶ A Note Card with the same picture as the bookplate on the cover. Inside was a message written or a picture drawn by a Pittsburgh area child expressing caring, friendship, or encouragement. The opportunity to create a direct child to child connection greatly enhanced the care and friendship messages.

The second part of the project was to provide two 100 Book Collections as libraries for newly rebuilt childcare centers. These hardback book collections are used by the teachers and aides in class and borrowed by family members to read to the children at home.

Initially proposed by **Ann Durham** and **Beverly Thornton** of PPG Industries and coordinated by **Sue Sloan** of the PPG Foundation and **Tess Riesmeyer** of Beginning with Books, PPG's Growing with Books project ultimately involved hundreds of students and teachers from schools around western Pennsylvania who wrote messages and drew pictures on the note cards that accompanied the books. Additionally, 15 volunteers from PPG gave up a Saturday in February to stuff and pack nearly 2000 book bags for shipment to New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

According to Ann Durham, PPG's Manager, Organization Selection Technology, "It was fun to take our shared passion for exposing pre-schoolers to the world's possibilities by reading to them and put it to such a meaningful endeavor. We knew we had a great idea by the number of volunteers who stepped forward to help at every point. The project took months to complete from original concept to... getting the note cards back from Pittsburgh schools... to ensuring the books would actually get delivered to children in Baton Rouge. You would be amazed by the great pictures and notes our Pittsburgh school children sent to these very special little "Katrina Kids." For Beverly and me it was simply a labor of love."

"After we developed the original idea, we were pleased to be able to partner with Beginning with Books," said Beverly Thornton, PPG's Manager, Learning & Development, Sales & Marketing. "Their expertise and efforts to achieve early literacy paired perfectly with our desire to help the pre-school children displaced by Katrina. From helping us select the books to identifying the network for distribution, Beginning with Books was a great partner. We could not have been so successful without them."

With the magnitude of post-hurricane relocation of people in the Gulf Coast region, the PPG Industries Foundation recognized a special need for efforts to help pre-school children deal with the loss of their homes, families, friends, and the lives they had always known.

According to **Sister Judith Brun** of the Baton Rouge Foundation, "The PPG Growing with Books project helped comfort more than 5,000 children, younger than 5, who had been relocated to Baton Rouge."

Sue Sloan, Senior Program Officer at the PPG Industries Foundation indicated, "All in all, we are very pleased the foundation could provide an array of resources to help many different people recover from terrible circumstances."



Junior League of Pittsburgh Continues Volunteer and Financial Support of Everybody Wins!

In November of 2005 the Junior League of Pittsburgh (JLP) renewed its long-standing commitment to Beginning with Books by providing a two-year grant in the amount of \$75,000 to continue the Everybody Wins! Power Lunch Program in Pittsburgh.

Everybody Wins! is a national literacy and mentoring organization whose mission mirrors that of Beginning with Books. The Power Lunch program is a lunchtime literacy and mentoring program in which elementary school students are matched one-to-one with volunteers from companies and other community organizations to share lunch, conversation, and good books.

The goal is not to teach, but rather to instill in children a love of reading and to encourage them to believe that they can succeed in school and ultimately in life.

The first local Power Lunch Program began in February, 2003 at Martin Luther King Elementary School on the North Side. At that time, three volunteers from Alcoa made a weekly walk to the school. These three volunteers spoke so highly of their experiences that during the 2005-2006 school year, 22 volunteers from Alcoa enjoyed a lunchtime "constitutional" to the school. These volunteers were joined by readers from Equitable Resources, H.J. Heinz, Junior League of Pittsburgh, North Side Leadership Conference, PNC Financial, and the Pittsburgh Pirates. In total, more than 70 volunteers spent more than 925 hours reading with children during the 2005-2006 school year.

Encouraging community members to help Beginning with Books in our work to ensure that all children have the opportunity to know the joy of reading has long been one of our core values. It is always moving to see our community of volunteers and reading partners grow. When asked to comment on the program, a teacher at Martin Luther King Elementary School said, "The attention and relationships that are developed through this program are extremely meaningful for students. It also develops a community of learners."

Students at MLK are anxious and excited to become a part of the program. School Coordinator, **Cindy Goodman-Leib**, noted that she "encounters children in the hall every day who are asking if there is a volunteer for them yet." Even more exciting are the children she encounters on the playground eager to give up their outdoor time for a reading session.

In February of 2005, Everybody Wins! expanded to Weil Technology Institute in the Hill District. Volunteers from Beginning with Books, H.J. Heinz, and Reed Smith LLP joined our team of dedicated volunteers.

Everybody Wins! Volunteers

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| Debra Aker | Ed Johnston | Eric Sanz |
| Margaret Beck | Sandi Koebler | Janice Schepis |
| Terri Bone | John Krolikowski | Debbie Schmersal |
| Christen Bovienzo | Mary Adele Krolikowski | Catharine Schmidt |
| Steve Calva | Virginia Kutzer | Judy Schreiber |
| Jan Chadwick | Matthew Lanning | William Schreiber |
| Lynne Chadwick | Jessica Lynch | Dick Schubert |
| Sopheia Chapas | Janette Maple | Terry Schubert |
| Karen Connor | Jessica Maranuk | Jessica Sciere |
| Samantha Coquet | Ruth McGee | Jodi Seifflein |
| Jamie Cwiklinski | Alex Moser | Susan Skosko |
| Diane Dennis | Laurie Moser | Michelle Snyder |
| Anna DiCaprio | Barb Moss | John Sommer |
| Jamie Doring | Lonnie Nicol | Charlotte Sonne |
| Mary Duffy | Teri Nock | Rebecca Stauffer |
| Douglas Eyre | Rebecca Nyantaki | Lester Stephens |
| Carla Fetter | Denise Owens | Holly Swidniski |
| Ilene Fingeret | Rhonda Pace | Victoria Taylor |
| Joan Fiset | Robin Pascarella | Carolyn Thornton |
| Carolann Gassert | Carol Pawlos | Judi Ventura |
| Mary Ann Glunt | Rosa Perez | Tracy Vidnovic |
| Nedine Hunter | Debbie Roach | Helene Vidovich |
| Anne Irvine | Lynne Ruff | Scott Zahorchak |
| Kimberly Jackson | Kimberly Sandoval | |





Storywalk 2005

PG Charities Goodfellows Toy Fund



Storywalk 2005 was a huge success drawing over 5,500 local children and families. This free, family event took place in Frick Park (Beechwood and Nicholson entrance) on Saturday, September 10 from 10:00 until 1:00. Families enjoyed lively stories featuring bigger-than-life story sets, as well as music, games, and arts and literacy activities.

2005 Sponsors

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| Abay Ethiopian Cuisine | Giant Eagle | R.J. Rhodes Transit Company |
| Asia Carpet & Decorating | Henne Jewelers | ReedSmith |
| Barnes & Noble | Highmark | Janice Romanko, puddlepixy design |
| Carmassi Benefit Group | HMK Associates | Ryan Beck & Co. |
| Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh | Junior League of Pittsburgh | Saturday Light Brigade |
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For many years the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's PG Charities Goodfellows Toy Fund has worked to ensure that all needy children in the region receive a toy for the holidays. This year, through generous donations to the Goodfellows Fund and a partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, 1,000 children received BwB Gift Book Packets.

Few people realize that demand at local food banks is at its highest during the summer months. Families that depend upon free and reduced price breakfasts and lunches during the school year need extra help during summer vacation to make certain that their children do not go hungry.

Studies show that while in school children achieve at the same rate. Unfortunately, children from lower socio-economic groups are all too susceptible to the "summer slide." These children spend the summer months losing much of what they learned the previous year. As a result, they are at a disadvantage when school begins again.

With generous support from the Goodfellows Toy Fund, Beginning with Books and Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank partnered to feed young minds and stomachs during the summer months. Parents with children from birth to age eight who visited Produce to People sites in Duquesne, Homewood, and McKeesport were eligible to receive a Gift Book packet for each child.

Each packet contained three age-appropriate paperback books, a brochure offering tips for reading aloud, and a coupon for a fourth free book when the family visited their local library.

Staff members of both agencies worked together to select book titles for each age level that would appeal to and engage children and also encourage healthy eating habits. Toddlers received a colorful book with simple text by Lois Ehlert, *Growing Vegetable Soup*. Pre-school children received Cathryn Falwell's *Feast for 10* which follows a family as they shop for and prepare a feast.

During the distribution times, volunteers spent a few moments with each family talking about the importance of reading aloud. Beginning with Books has long known that parents are eager to support their child's literary development and are able to do so when provided with respectful guidance and materials.

Duquesne Light, Comcast & READ 365!

Read for the Fun of It!

Duquesne Light and Comcast employees volunteered their time in 2005 to help families READ 365! Why? **“For the Fun of It!”**

Duquesne Light, southwestern Pennsylvania’s leading distributor of electricity, started “Duquesne Light Reads for the Fun of It!”, a monthly employee-led program of storytimes and arts and crafts for children at a dozen libraries throughout Allegheny County. Duquesne Light also donated a gift book packet for each child attending.

Pamela Coats, manager of Duquesne Light’s community relations, believes the “Read for the Fun of It!” program can not only enhance a child’s life, but Duquesne Light’s employees as well. “Using our energy and resources to invest in the success of those we serve is a powerful part of who we are as a company,” she said. “Our employees have the opportunity to personally help young children get a strong start on building a successful future for themselves and their communities by reading to them and helping them develop a love of books.”

Comcast also reads for the fun of it! Joining READ! 365 and CAPA this spring, Comcast presented a series of fun reading programs for local kids at six downtown childcare centers. CAPA students developed trunk shows of *Where the Wild Things Are* and *Rikki Tikki Tavi*, gave each child a gift book packet donated by Comcast and culminated the week’s activities with a Storytime parade through downtown Pittsburgh.

During the year “Comcast Read for the Fun of It” efforts have included events at local schools, libraries, and after-school programs. On Father’s Day Comcast launched “Fathers Read! 365,” a series of “storytimes – all the time” featuring notable Pittsburgh dads. The series is accessed ON DEMAND / Your Town / Events.

“Comcast is proud to support Beginning with Books’ READ! 365 public awareness campaign” remarked **Doug Sansom, Sr.**, Vice President of Comcast’s Three Rivers Region. “We firmly believe that the more books and more reading we can help put into young children’s lives, the better. That’s one of the surest ways we have to make a real and lasting difference.” Support for these early literacy initiatives come from The Comcast Foundation.

In addition to Duquesne Light and Comcast, the Allegheny County Library Association, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Comcast help support the “Read for the Fun of It!” program.

Read Together Volunteers

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| Debra Abell | Kimberly Connolly | Christine Gove | Michelle | James Raenell |
| Shirley Abram | Donna Conway | Christina Grady | LeMenger | Deidre D. Ragan |
| Lisa Airesman | Debra Cortez | Connie Grana | Hillary Lewis | Mary Rawson |
| Elizabeth Albright | Margaret Louise | Laura Gray | Mary Lieberman | Ann Rayne |
| Marian Allen | Craft | Janet Green | John Lovelace | Mary Reed |
| Ashleigh Ambush | Gwynese | Pamela Green | Ana Lungu | Elizabeth Regan |
| Kimberly Andrews | Craighead | Frances Guthery | J.B. (Jazbo) Lutz | Evelyn Reis |
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| Ellie Bails Levine | Margaret Cronin | Annmaria Hajduk | Prudence | Robinson- |
| Devin Baldwin | Molly | Adrienne Hall | Marasigan | Dewitt |
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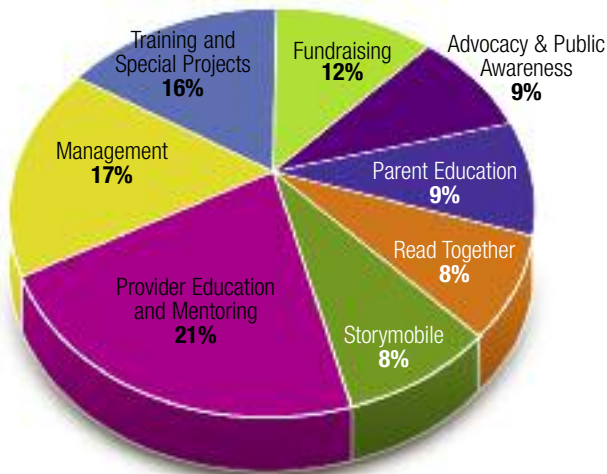
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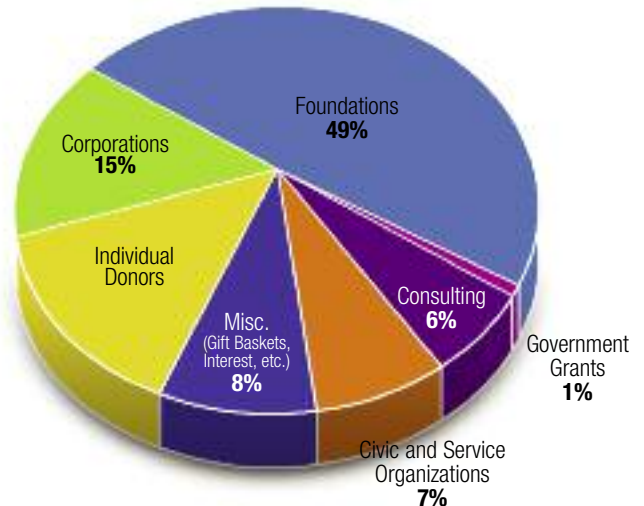
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