

A Year In Pictures





















We did it again! GECRC launched another afterschool program at Park View Elementary in CCSD89 with the support of our beloved volunteers, generous donors and valued community partners. I am heartened by the "can do" attitude of our supporters, staff and students. If we set a goal, large or small, our GECRC community works to realize that goal. What an amazing community!

As we reflect on this year of growth, we are proud that our programs have supported more students than ever before, that we embedded social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum in our daily interactions to support relational skills, and that we strengthened our community partnerships. Our students continue to tell us that GECRC helps them feel safe, happier, and less stressed. They develop new friendships, understand their homework better, and feel more confident in school. That is exactly what we hope to see!

This year's annual report highlights how GECRC opened a new afterschool program, bolstered SEL support, expanded enrichment and field trip opportunities, and grew our popular GECRC Summer Program!

A special thank you to the GECRC team who ensured our after school and summer program were rich with academic support, caring volunteer tutors, and fun. Thank you Lisa Hepner, Lizzy Doty, Karla Kampen, Polly Cooper, Cheryl Sammer, Gillian Wang, Hamna Khan, Ayesha Khan, Mayra Kulik, Angelli Dorado, John McMahon, Stephanie Chávez, Daniela Heupel, Gayle Rueter, Emily Lobdell, Laura Ulepic and Cho Pyone. Thank you to additional summer staff and interns: Jaclyn Dougherty, Isabelle Hornig, Mike Zeboski, Erica Loftus, Emma Pekkarinen, Nathan Janninck, Brynn Pfannenstiel, Cameron Johnson, Sam Ford, Skylar Oh, River Manov and Ian Dimler.

We could not have done any of this without the steady leadership of our Board of Directors, dedication of our volunteers, collaboration of community partners, teachers, principals, support of our donors and local businesses, and the commitment of our students and their families.

Leah Harding, Executive Director



Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center (GECRC) offers out-of-school programming that empowers under-resourced K-12 students to meet state and local standards for academic and social-emotional learning; involves students in activities that enrich learning; and connects families to schools and other resources necessary to support student success and well-being. GECRC programs make space where students, their parents, educators, and community members can develop mutually enriching relationships that support and inspire learning and growth.

consistent care and support

WITH HELP FROM YOU



254

students enrolled in after school programs at D41 Churchill, Hadley and Lincoln schools and CCSD89 Glen Crest and Park View schools 183

students enrolled in GECRC Summer Program; a recordsetting number from all 10 GE schools

186

volunteers built tutoring relationships with students this year

4,642

hours logged by volunteer tutors

"GECRC not only strengthens our students' connection to school but also fosters a sense of community. Our staff truly appreciates the volunteer time, as it allows students to receive direct assistance on their work, positively impacting their improvement in the classroom. The partnership with GECRC has been fantastic, and we look forward to what future years will bring."

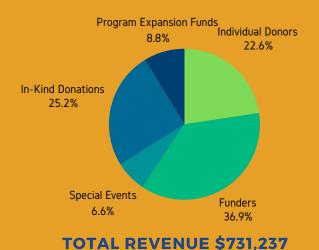
-Kristie Mate, Principal, CCSD89 Park View Elementary School

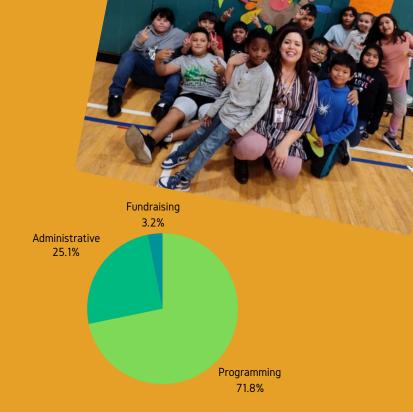
"The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center not only supports our students academically, but also provides mentors in the community that they can rely on. GECRC supports the entire child and fosters a community where each and every student feels a sense of belonging. We are incredibly thankful for this partnership and the many volunteers who dedicate their time to support our students and families."

-Kris Webster, Ed.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Accountability
Glen Ellyn School District 41

last year's

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW





TOTAL EXPENSES \$730,842

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Students at Lincoln, Churchill, Park View and Glen Crest participated in the Character Effect social and emotional learning (SEL) program through the school year and summer program.



U.S.Congressman Sean Casten visited Park View and Lincoln and Illinois State Senator Laura Ellman visited Lincoln this year.



GECRC partnered with District 41 in a **High Impact Tutoring (HIT) initiative** starting in November. Three of our tutors worked three days a week with six students in the program.

"My favorite part of GECRC is that the tutors are funny and they make me laugh and smile."

-Elementary student

" I like...when we do homework here, because I dont need to do it at home." -Elementary student



GECRC awarded its fifth annual GECRC Alumni Scholarship to Isabella Gallegos, GBW '24



GECRC awarded its fourth annual GECRC Tutor scholarship to Angy Lopez, GBW '24





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Pictured: 2024 Summer Program staff excited to support the most students in GECRC Summer Program history!

To learn more about GECRC and how you can volunteer, please visit www.gecrc.com









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