

# 43 years of service!

Dear friends,

Good things are happening at The Reading Group every day! Our team of eleven professional educators is dedicated to their students and they continue to work with all ages and abilities. Students with learning challenges sometimes make slow and incremental improvements. However these changes are powerful because they help students gain confidence and a love for reading and learning!

As we enter our 44th year, we are honored to continue our legacy of performing the highest quality of professional reading assessments, tutoring services, and educational support for families in East Central Illinois. We are excited about new opportunities such as partnerships with area after school programs, serving ESL students, and reaching more adults who seek reading assistance to improve their vocational skills and opportunities.

Thank you so much for your support which allows us to help children and adults learn to read, so they can read to learn...their future depends on it.

It is going to be another great year at The Reading Group. Let's get started!



*Winnie*  
Winnie Crowder, MS, CFRE  
Executive Director

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# 2015 Annual Report



Reading Services • Student Demographics  
Scholarships Awarded • Financial Report

The Reading Group is a nonprofit learning center offering one-on-one instruction for exceptional students of all ages who seek help with reading disorders, mathematics, speech and language development, and gifted enrichment.



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# 147 Students served

The Reading Group provided services for 147 students in 2015. The students came from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds and attended public, private, and home schools. Services provided included help with dyslexia and other reading challenges, math, and reading enrichment.

The students we served in 2015 came from a wide range of age groups:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 to 4 years old - 4   | 11 to 13 years old - 18 |
| 5 to-7 years old - 51  | 14 to 18 years old - 7  |
| 8 to 10 years old - 61 | 18 years and over - 6   |

# Hours taught 2,050

In 2015, The Reading Group provided 2,050 hours of reading and math instruction. Most students meet with their teacher for one hour each week. Parents and guardians observe the last ten minutes of each class to see what their student is working on and to learn how they can support the student's progress at home.

# 52 Assessments

We conducted 52 professional reading assessments in 2015 for children and adults. An assessment will help determine if dyslexia is present and the level of severity, as well as other reading challenges that may be preventing a student from reading successfully. Teachers at The Reading Group utilize the assessment to select the appropriate curriculum and to develop lesson plans. After an assessment, the screener will meet with the parent or guardian for a consultation and present a report on the findings. This information helps parents and guardians understand the educational options available for their student. It can also provide a sense of relief when they know why their student is struggling with reading. Most of all, parents and guardians are pleased to have professional guidance to aid in getting the student on track for reading success.

# 32 Scholarships awarded

One in five students received a full or partial scholarship in 2015 making it possible for them to receive reading services. Scholarships are funded through the generous support of private donations and members of The Reading Group's new Chapter 1 Scholarship Giving Program. Chapter 1 members are helping to write the story of a child's life by making reading services possible for students who otherwise would not receive support.

# What it costs \$\$\$\$

The Reading Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that depends on donations from individuals, grants, and private foundations to make up the difference between what we receive for tuition, and the actual cost to provide our services.

| 2015 Income                |                  | 2015 Expenses        |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Program fees               | \$135,218        | Program expenses     | \$160,142        |
| Assessment fees            | 5,700            | Scholarships awarded | 11,478           |
| Scholarship contributions  | 6,980            | Fundraising expenses | 8,919            |
| Unrestricted contributions | 16,092           |                      |                  |
| Grants                     | 7,686            |                      |                  |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$171,676</b> | <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$180,539</b> |

