



Project Transformation[®]
Transforming Communities Through Relationships



2018-2019 Annual Report



Project Transformation's mission is to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, support children in holistic development, and connect churches with communities.





Dear Friends,

Just over 4 years ago during my second summer as an intern with Project Transformation Tennessee, I heard God's call for the first time to spread the mission of Project Transformation to my home state of Indiana. What started as a whisper in my head has turned into an incredible, living, breathing reality. God is good! The stories I have heard from our children, college-age young adults, churches, and volunteers have only confirmed God's call on my life to bring this transformational ministry to Indiana. I am so excited to share some of these stories with you in this 2018-2019 Annual Report so we can celebrate the impact of this ministry together.

This summer, Project Transformation Indiana engaged 26 talented young adults in a purposeful ministry and leadership experience to serve 154 elementary-aged children in Marion County with the help of over 375 volunteers. Indeed, this is something to celebrate! We give thanks for all who support this ministry and are dedicated to cultivating a ministry that empowers children, college students, churches, and communities to live out their God-given potential and transform lives. With sincere gratitude,

Sarah Fuquay
Project Transformation Indiana's Executive Director

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Summer Program

154

one hundred fifty-four

children participated in
our summer program



99%

ninety-nine percent

children maintained or
improved their reading
level over the summer
months



3,044

three thousand forty-four

books read by children



2,163+

two thousand one hundred sixty-three

age-appropriate books
given away



Literacy Program

Since Project Transformation's inception in 1998 in Dallas, the literacy program has been at the heart of the program. Participants spent 40 minutes in morning rotations reading one-to-one with a volunteer. Libraries were set up in host churches with donated books. In the summer of 2007, the program worked in conjunction with Georgia Southern University and the One Star Foundation to begin tracking reading self-efficacy improvement in elementary participants. Research shows that high reading self-efficacy enhances self-motivation and love of learning, since lack of engagement and motivation is a driving factor of illiteracy and aliteracy (Self-Efficacy: A Key to Literacy Learning. Jill E. Scott). Project Transformation then aligned its reading program with Fountas and Pinnell Guided Reading measures. Instead of only targeting fluency in students, Project Transformation elementary participants gain skills in all five foundational areas (Fluency, Comprehension, Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, and Phonics) of reading. This allows for more holistic, comprehensive reading support. Each year we continue to learn and hone assessments and reading intervention strategies. Key focus areas for 2018-2019 included additional training on reading interventions, trainings, assessments and data tracking to continue to build fidelity to the model.

Reading volunteers from partner churches and other community organizations devote 30-40 minutes of one-on-one reading time with each child. This component offers an opportunity for children to continue developing their reading skills. Volunteers are given tips on what questions to ask and how to engage a child in the reading process in order to promote an enthusiasm for reading, improve fluency and comprehension skills, and increase vocabulary. We thank all of our reading volunteers who took the time and energy to invest in the lives and education of our children this summer!

Young Adult Program

26

twenty-six

young adults hired to serve
as summer interns



15

fifteen

Friday Experience
opportunities provided for
intern vocational
discernment



4,008

four thousand eight

total hours served



68%

sixty-eight percent

said their experience with
PT was life-changing





Meet Imani

At first, I thought Project Transformation was kind of just like a reading camp and a little bit of learning about God. But I quickly learned that it is much more than that. It's not just about reading in churches with kids, it's about being in communities and building relationships with kids, your other interns, your bosses, and even people outside of your community. The whole experience really made me appreciate being on a team and working together towards a common goal. Working with the kids, especially the older kids, was really powerful because they're on this path of deciding whether "I'm gonna try my best, or I'm just gonna crash", and I think this program is really pushing them to believe in themselves and think "I wanna do good, I wanna strive, I wanna be successful," instead of the path that, unfortunately, a lot of people in our community are going down which involves drugs and violence. I think Project Transformation is definitely helping kids realize that it is ok to trust people and it is ok to be angry but there are better ways to channel that anger instead of turning to violence.

-Imani Fuller, age 19
PT 2019 Summer Intern

Building Relationships

52

fifty-two
church and community
partners

8,697

eight thousand six hundred ninety-seven
meals and snacks provided
to children

3

three

United Methodist churches
hosted our summer
programs

\$80,900

eight thousand nine hundred
total amount of program
supplies given in-kind





A Letter from Reverend Bell

My name is Rev. Ronnie Bell and I serve as the pastor of Cumberland UMC, one of Project Transformation's host churches. Cumberland UMC sits at the eastern edge of Marion County and, while being its own town, doesn't have its own school system. However, our church is strengthening its relationship with kids in Warren Township and Hancock County schools to the east, both school districts with many low-income students who receive free or reduced lunch during the school year. The saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child, but I think that survival is a pretty low bar to set for your hopes for a child. It takes a village to help a kid learn how to read, how to thrive and how to develop social-emotional skills that will benefit themselves and their communities. It takes the trusting, open support of a village for a kid to feel safe enough to work out their sadness or their anger issues at a young age, at a time when the consequences for acting out don't mean life or death or suspension or jail. It takes a village to make a prophetic witness against the status quo reality that the most racially segregated hour of the week is often Sunday morning. Because, if Sunday morning is racially segregated, then the other six days likely are too.

Project Transformation absolutely inspires me. I'm inspired by interns who give of their entire summer to work so very hard to shape and lead a life-changing experience for kids. I'm inspired by churches who realize that they have so much to learn by opening their doors to dozens and dozens of kids who don't look like them, but who realize that in them, they see their future. I'm inspired by folks like you, who give of your time and resources to help continue God's amazing work through PT. The prophet Jeremiah says "Build houses and settle down, plant gardens and eat what they produce, seek the prosperity of the city to which I carried you in exile, pray to God for the city because in its well-being, you will find your peace" (Jeremiah 29). Well, I can say that things are transforming for the better in our churches and our communities. They are transforming for our children and college students. So thank you for your time, financial donations and prayers. Thank you for your commitment to changing and transforming communities through God's love!

The Volunteer Experience

377

three hundred seventy-seven
Total summer volunteers



1,154

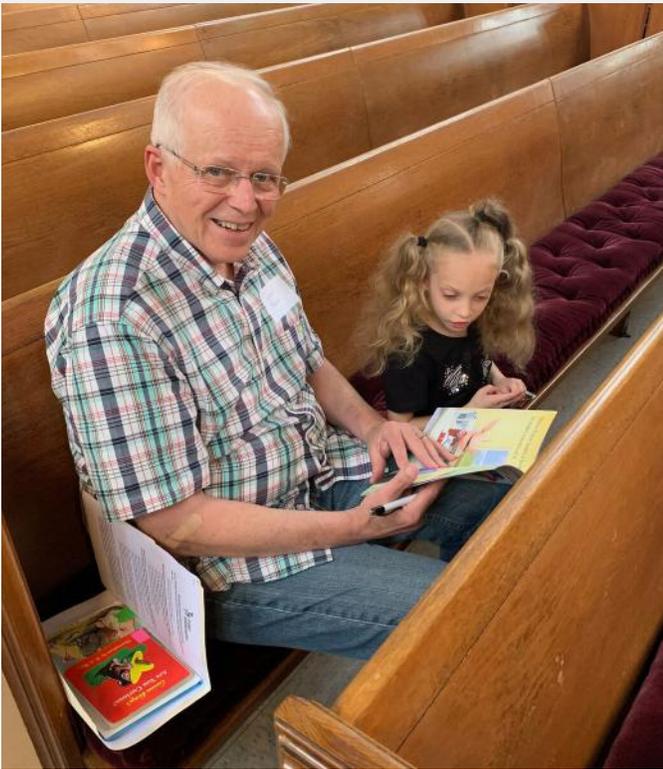
one thousand one hundred fifty-four

Total number of hours read
with children



*"PT is a great ministry and I am hopeful that more people will become involved. Every child should have a one on one experience while reading. There is so much opportunity to encourage and inspire the children. It is automatic for those of us who volunteer to be encouraged and blessed. The interns offer so much and I believe they are learning about opportunities and themselves that don't always come through just the college experience."
-2019 Reading Volunteer*





Meet Scott and Linda Arant

Scott and Linda Arant have been dedicated reading volunteers since the beginning of Project Transformation Indiana. They have spent countless days at multiple program locations pouring into the children and encouraging them to reach their God-given potential. When asked about her experience with Project Transformation, Linda says "the expectant look of eager anticipation on a child's face is the most rewarding pay any returning volunteer can receive! When I saw those faces of the children, even I couldn't wait to get started each day! As a former Second Grade Teacher, I particularly understand the importance of staying on top of reading over the summer, and Project Transformation plays a huge part in that. The children came in eager to read everyday, and often asked for the same volunteer, having established an important relationship. In addition to the final reading statistics, the looks on the children's faces tell us that their attitude toward reading is positive and that they will continue their reading, improve their skills, and hopefully return to Project Transformation next summer!" Focusing on the importance of literacy development, Scott adds that "reading is the key to learning. We don't want any child to fall behind in the area of reading skills but, in the real world, that can happen. We can correct and even prevent this problem though summer enrichment programs like Project Transformation which include time spent reading aloud every day with volunteers. As a Project Transformation volunteer, I saw firsthand how children their improve their reading skills. More than that, however, they learned that reading can be fun; it can be an adventure. These are lessons which will help them throughout their lives."

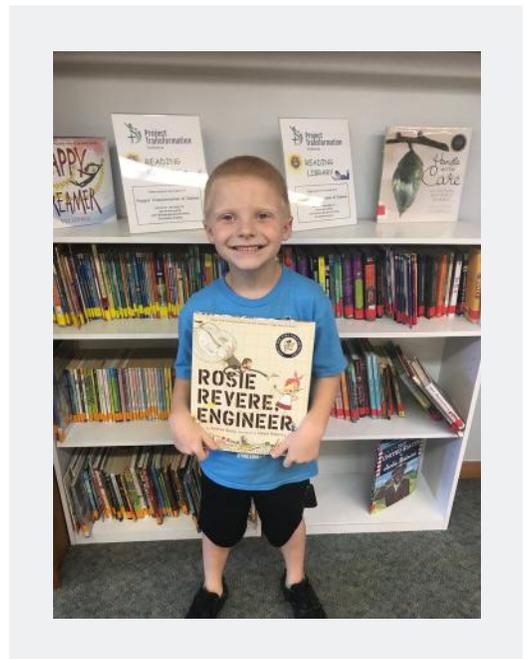
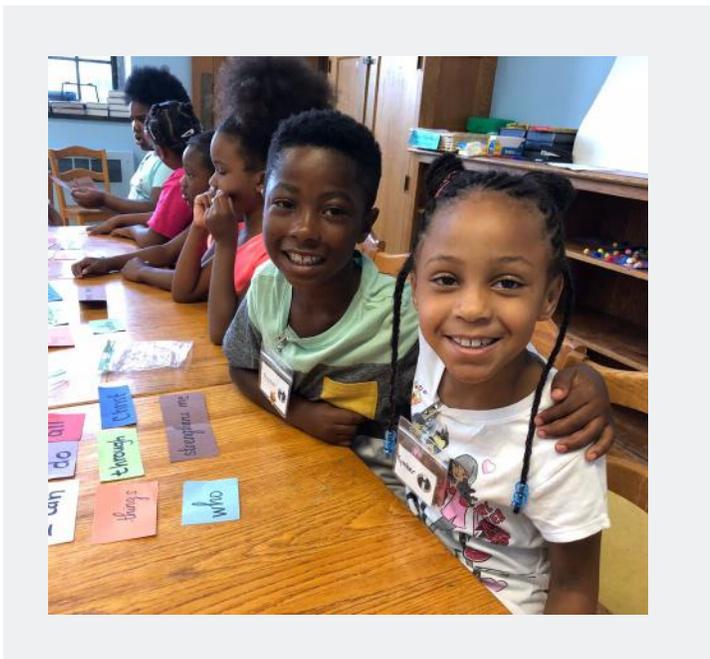
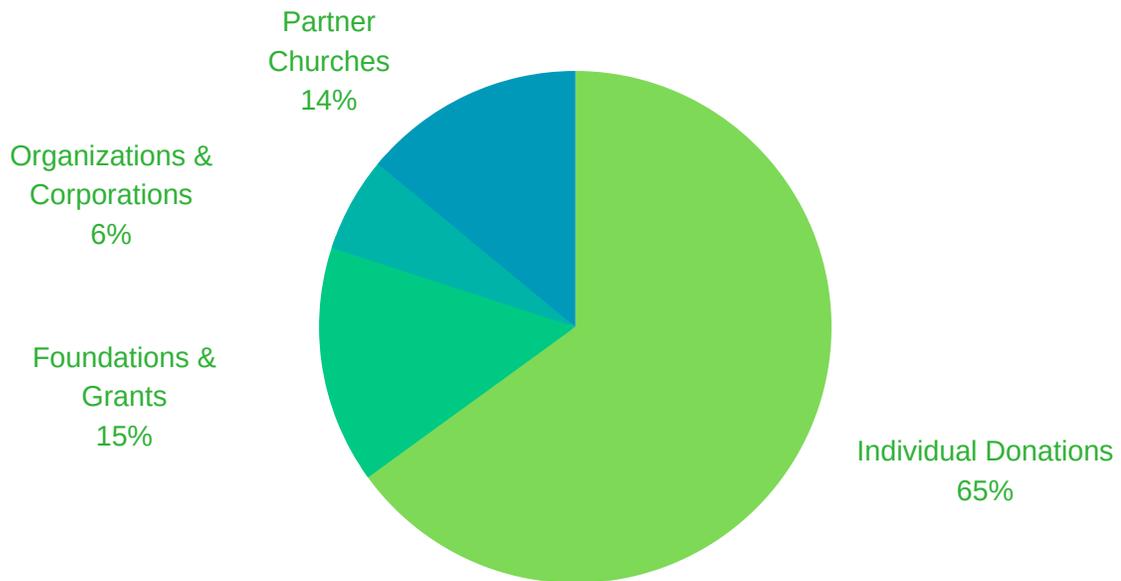
We are so thankful to have many dedicated volunteers like Scott and Linda who spend each summer investing in the lives of children!

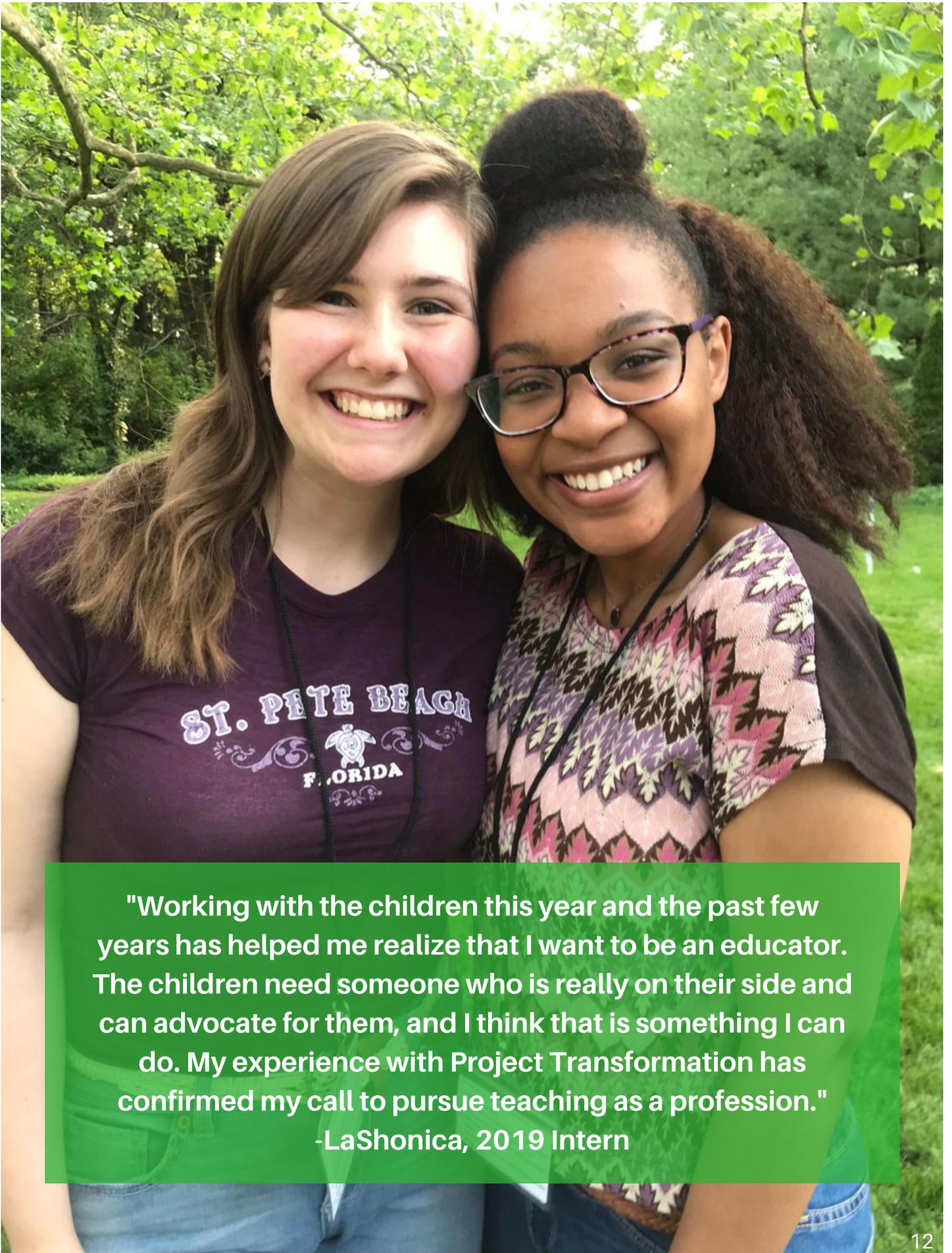
2018-2019 Financial Report

Total Revenue
(including in-kind)

\$255,233

two hundred fifty-five thousand two hundred thirty-three





"Working with the children this year and the past few years has helped me realize that I want to be an educator. The children need someone who is really on their side and can advocate for them, and I think that is something I can do. My experience with Project Transformation has confirmed my call to pursue teaching as a profession."

-LaShonica, 2019 Intern

With Gratitude

Thank you for investing in this transformational ministry and supporting us through our second year of programming. We are so thankful for your partnership and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our community together. If you feel there is an error in your reported giving, please contact Sarah Fuquay at fuquay@ptindiana.org.

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(\$1,000 and over)

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