

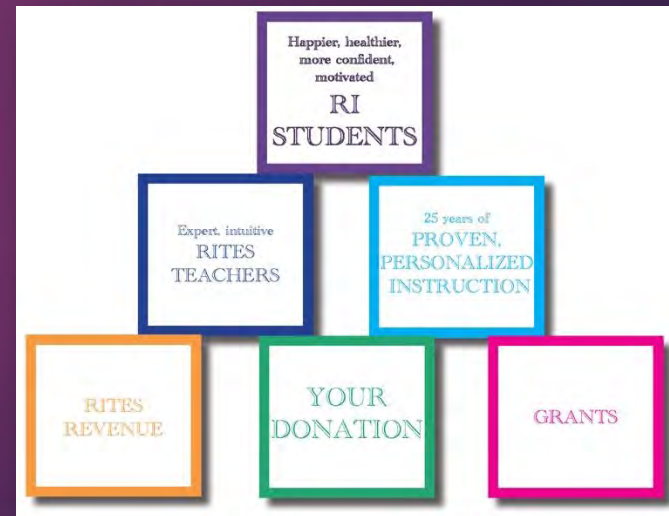


2024 Annual Report

Rhode Island Tutorial & Educational Services

We Teach the Way Students Learn

Providing the Building Blocks of Success





2024 Annual Report Highlights

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2024 Message from the Co-Directors

2024 was a year of community connections and impact

Rhode Island Tutorial & Educational Services (RITES) has been serving the local community for over 25 years. We have had the privilege of improving the educational outcomes for thousands of students throughout your neighborhoods. With our nonprofit status, our fundraising efforts, and the generosity of organizations and individuals like you, we have been able to work with many who could not normally afford our services.

This year was particularly meaningful, with many opportunities to engage with our community directly beyond our tutorial instruction, record-breaking fundraising, and a special tribute to a beloved teacher we sadly lost earlier in the year.

We look forward to sharing our particular triumphs of 2024 and our aspirations for 2025 in this report.

We also extend a special “thank you” to our incredibly gifted, talented, tireless teachers, who give our students the tools and the hope they need to improve their literacy, numeracy and learning skills to become important contributors to their communities. Their efforts spark the drive of hundreds of students every year, revealing what is possible, and jumpstarting the process of turning dreams into reality and success.

- Lisa Bigney and Halley Lavenstein, RITES Co-Directors





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RITES Teacher Perspectives

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Our 2024 “Featured Teacher” is Marilyn S.

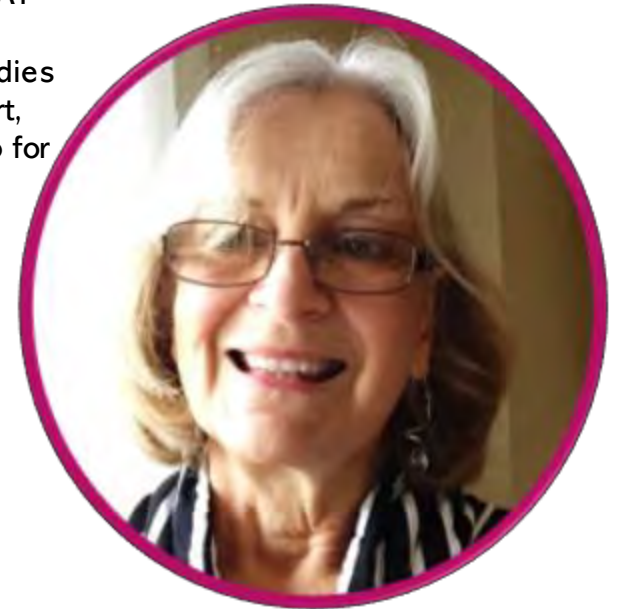
Marilyn has been with us for 14 years (and counting!). She is a very talented Structured Literacy Specialist, but also much more than that. She dove in when we started offering specialized SAT prep years ago, not only getting trained herself through RITES, but becoming a mentor to other RITES teachers, as well as shaping and delivering our RITES SAT Overview Workshops. When the SAT recently changed, Marilyn was one of the first up for RITES updated training. She also partnered with RITES Co-Director Lisa to create and continually update our Study Smarter, Not Harder study and organizational skills workshop and program. She embodies the RITES approach of always striving to learn more, to improve, and to give our best at all times. Throughout this annual report, you will see quotes from Marilyn herself, as well as from her many, many students of all ages. Thank you so much for all you do for RITES and our students, Marilyn!

Marilyn herself says:

“I really do appreciate the kindness Lisa and Halley always show their teachers and students. People often ask me why I work [as a retired teacher] and I tell them that there are two reasons:

- 1. I love the kids that I work with and the work that we do together.*
- 2. I love the people that I work for. I consider myself very fortunate to work for such a great group!*

I have several former students who keep in touch and update me about their lives. Nothing makes me happier or prouder than knowing that the support I was able to give these students has benefitted them as they make their way in the world.”





2024 Highlights Tutoring

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GRANTS

- ▶ **\$30,607** given in financial aid in 2024 to **26** students for **individualized tutoring** through the RITES financial assistance program, funded by donations from people like you.
- ▶ Gave aid to **8%** of our total students
- ▶ Also gave **15 sibling** discounts and provided **reduced pricing** to **4 practicum** students





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RITES Student Perspectives

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Pictured here together, when asked what she likes about coming to the RITES Learning Center to work with her RITES Literacy Specialist, Carole R., 2nd grader and RITES Financial Aid recipient Diana T. said, with a sweet smile:

“I like to learn to read and write sentences.”



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2024 Highlights

- ▶ **\$226,000** in School Contracts
 - ▶ Approximately **47%** of all 2023 tutoring
 - ▶ **20** different school district served (RI, MA, NJ)
 - ▶ **2,043** instructional hours delivered
 - ▶ **150+** students served



This work supports RITES' reputation as a reliable, effective service provider to local students, providing specialized instruction to improve literacy and numeracy.



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50 RITES teachers delivered **8,392** hours of quality, specialized, one-to-one instruction



Worked with **468+** students, including programs of small groups in schools



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*“Before I came to tutoring, I could not sit in class and do work.
Now I can do my work.
I do not have to ask for help to do a lot of the work...
I have also gotten better at my multiplication facts!”*

- Mya M., RITES Math Student of RITES Teacher, Karen S.



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Tutoring 2024

RITES continued to reach more families throughout our area, delivering the quality supplemental direct instruction that leads to student success.

RITES also partnered with 20 different school districts in RI and MA, as well as one NJ advocacy case, to provide small in-person, on-site group instruction, virtual group instruction, and in-person and virtual 1-1 tutorials for their students needing specialized instruction.

- ▶ **224 new student intakes**
- ▶ **318 active 1-1 private students**
- ▶ **150+ School-based (school contract) students**
- ▶ **51 Communities in 2 states (RI, MA) served**





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Here's an update from RITES student "Mena," a 6th grader working with RITES Structured Literacy Specialist Patti H.

When she came to us a little over a year ago, she couldn't read, as a 5th grader...

"Now, I can actually read.

There is still more to learn - so many words to learn.

I like coming here because I use my reading skills.

I read books, write stories and learn new words."





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RITES 2024 Communities

51 Communities in 2 States (RI, MA)*

**Some communities are included with others to fit this chart representation*



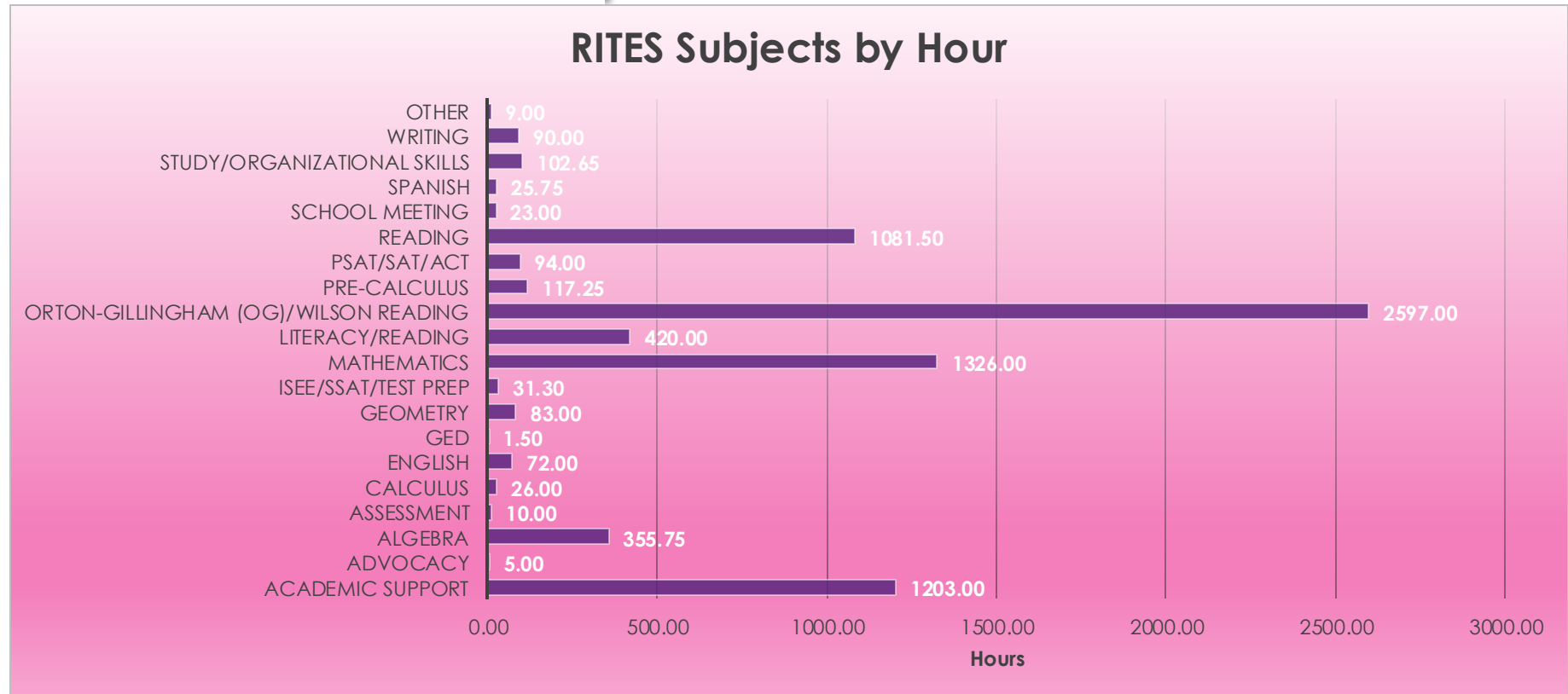


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RITES 2024 Tutoring Hours by Subject





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Here's another update from RITES student Jacob, a current 10th grader working with RITES Writing and Study Skills Specialist Gino T.

When he came to us eight years ago, he was a 2nd grader, struggling to read and keep up and worked with our Structured Literacy Specialists...

"When I first started RITES tutoring, I struggled with a lot of things like reading and writing. I didn't know much about prefixes until my tutor showed me a game I could practice with, which really helped me learn. I also learned how to time chunk my tasks out so I can be more effective with my work and not spend too much time on it. Tutoring has helped me so much by applying my skills.

My favorite part of tutoring is learning new things, finding how to make the best out of my schoolwork, and knowing I have support.

The two areas I have improved the most are reading comprehension/fluency and proofreading my writing. These helped a lot in and out of school. When I was younger, I could not read, so it was hard to do things like schoolwork and reading big words in a book, so I would always need help. I improved in reading by starting to learn strategies that my tutor helped me with, like breaking up words. I can definitely say I've improved in that. I also had a big problem with proofreading, because I would never look back and fix my answers. I would just turn them in how it was. Proofreading is a thing that you need to do so you have the best result with answers to make sure spelling and grammar is fine and to make sure your sentences make sense.

Tutoring gives you a whole new view on schoolwork. This helps a lot because a lot of teens don't like school, so they don't learn much and tutoring can help because it is not time consuming. It means that I have someone who helps me with studying and schoolwork. My tutor also helps me with out-of-school life things, like job stuff and career exploration. RITES tutoring has helped me with my communication skills and to reflect more."





SAT Prep 2024

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- 14 individual students served
- 94 quality 1-to-1 sessions delivered
- 2 virtual SAT workshops for students wanting strategies, tips and an overview
- 1 tv interview about the new SAT with NBC 10
- 1 article in *Providence Business News*

SAT Prep has changed, and RITES has stayed on top of it all to help students be better prepared for success. We are the leading local experts, and were recognized as such by The Rhode Show in 2023 and by NBC 10 as part of their Crisis in the Classroom series in 2024, as well as a featured expert in a *Providence Business News* article.

The SAT transitioned to an all-digital, online format in March 2024, and RITES retrained our SAT specialists to facilitate the preparation process for our students, seamlessly giving them the tools, strategies and confidence to do their personal best on this high-stakes test.





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Do RITES students understand why they work with a RITES teacher and how it benefits them? They sure do! Here's what RITES Teacher Tony B.'s students say:

"He helps me understand the concepts."

"I feel free to ask more questions ."

"[Our time together is] more structured."

"I like working one-on-one."

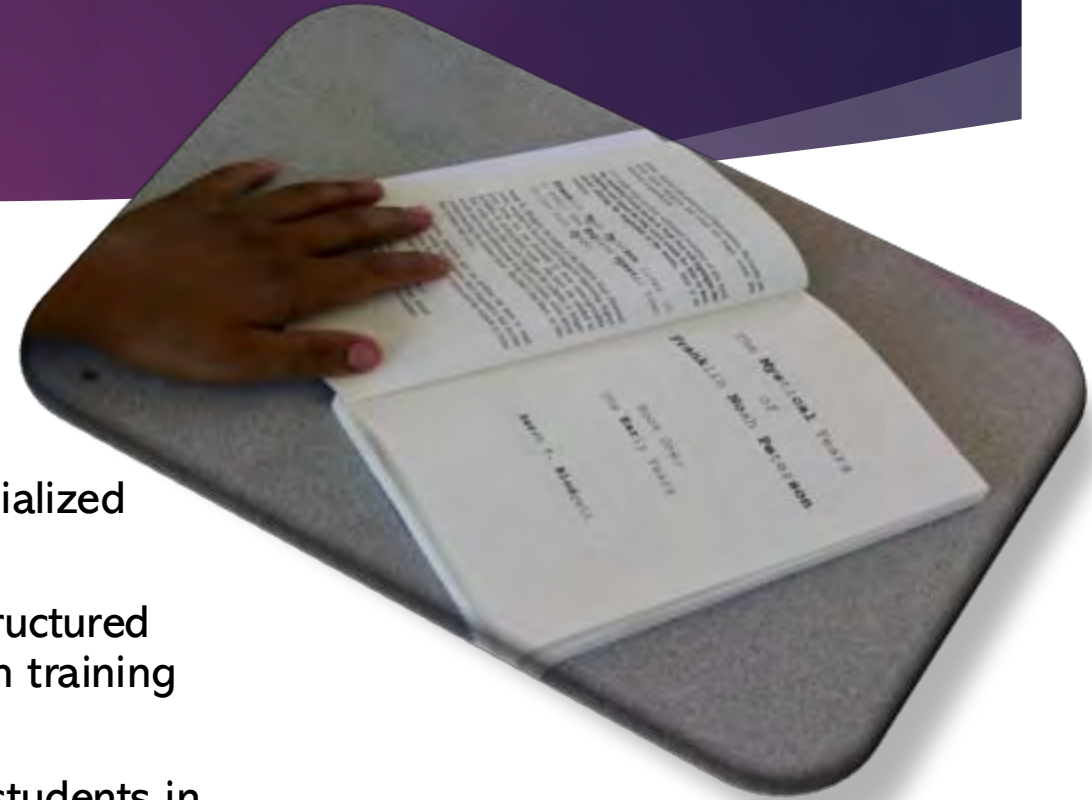


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2024 Highlights

► Partnerships and Projects

- Continued **Noah Text®** partnership to bring scaffolded, specialized texts to dyslexics for better fluency and comprehension
- Expanded partnership with **Root Literacy Design** to bring Structured Literacy training to RI teachers, as well as pairing teachers in training with RITES students for practicum hours
- Continued partnership with **The MET Schools** to serve their students in small groups during the school day, and applied for grants to support the partnership
- Partnered with **Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket** to provide after-school support for bilingual (Spanish/English) students





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“Marilyn is kind and funny and I like to be around her. She teaches me about reading and spelling.”

- Mason A., student of RITES Literacy and SAT Specialist, Marilyn S.

“We have been working with Marilyn for almost three years now. She is kind, knowledgeable, timely, and an advocate for our children with dyslexia. She also holds a great ability to maintain my children’s attention throughout the entire session. They know they will learn a lot and have fun doing it!”

- Mason A.’s Parents



2024 Success Stories Noah Text®

NoahText® continues to help students improve their reading fluency, accuracy and comprehension, as they enhance their confidence and develop a better relationship with reading. RITES continues to partner with Noah Text® to bring this valuable resource to our local students and beyond.

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We are involved in ongoing research projects, as well as presenting the efficacy of this tool to a variety of audiences. **Over 100 people** attended our 2024 NoahText® webinars for the International Dyslexia Association, reaching national and international audiences, and for our own teachers and clients.

In addition, our collaborative literacy research study, run with a RITES group of students led by our own master teacher, Gino Tetreault, was published in February 2024 as part of the paper, *Adult Literacy Education: The International Journal of Literacy, Language, and Numeracy*, published by ProLiteracy, in partnership with Rutgers University.





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RITES Student Perspectives

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“I have been working with Marilyn since 2023. My goal is to have a really good understanding of reading and writing so I can get into a great college and get my dream job. I like working one on one with my tutor because it gives me time and attention. I also like that Marilyn gives me honest feedback about my work to help me to improve. I like having the time to learn about words and word parts. Honestly, everything that we do has been wonderful. For sure, I have grown as a reader and writer since we have been working together.”

- Ramses M., young adult student of RITES Literacy and SAT Specialist, Marilyn S.





2024 Success Stories Root Literacy Design

Root Literacy Design founder **Heather Ballantine** is an Orton-Gillingham/Structured Literacy certified instructor, who has made it her mission to train Rhode Island teachers. Her program is Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) certified.

This partnership allows each trainee to work with a student already identified as needing this type of intervention, providing a regular schedule of instruction, while this student's family is able to receive the tutoring at a significantly reduced rate.

In 2024, RITES and Root Literacy Design worked directly together, with Root Literacy Design offering a scholarship to a RITES teacher to receive structured literacy training. RITES also provided 3 practicum students for 3 Root Literacy Design trainees, so they can complete their hours of structured literacy training.

RITES has expanded our partnership with Root Literacy Design to provide local teachers with the type of in-depth special education, structured literacy training we require of our literacy specialists, and our students need.

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Heather Ballantine from Root Literacy Design also helped organize the 2024 Rhode Island Science of Reading (RISOR) Conference, which RITES attended and at which we had a table.

(More about this conference in upcoming slides.)



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RITES Teacher Perspectives

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“Since I've started math tutoring through RITES, I've gotten better at Geometry and Algebra, and I'm better at using what I know to work through problems logically. I also feel more confident taking on harder questions. You help me see problems in a different way and explain concepts in a way that makes sense to me. I also feel more comfortable asking questions and getting clarification when I need it, which has helped me improve. Plus, when we preview upcoming topics, it makes it easier for me to understand them when they come up in class.”

*- Adriana G., 10th Grader, Maria Keil Memorial Literacy Fund Scholar,
and student of RITES Literacy Specialist Sandy K. and
RITES Math Specialist Natalie D.*

Math was recently added to tutoring for this student, in addition to the literacy support she already receives. Thanks to our new literacy fund scholarship, we were able to cover her literacy tutoring financial assistance with these funds, and add a day of math tutoring each week.



2024 Success Stories MET School Partnership

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We continued to work with **The MET Schools** through the 2023-24 school year, and began a specific project with The MET School Aquidneck Island location for the 2024-25 school year, supported by grants awarded to RITES and the project. RITES works with the student population identified as needing intensive literacy intervention, and provides professional development for the MET literacy faculty. Heading into 2025, RITES and the MET will partner further to explore grant opportunities to continue this crucial service:

- **6** RITES Structured Literacy Reading Specialists
- **27** student groups formed (and counting!)
- **87** students served (and counting!)
- **570** hours of literacy instruction delivered
- **19** hours of faculty collaboration and professional development delivered (and counting!)





2024 Success Stories MET School Partnership

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RITES Literacy Specialist Holly Cotta and MET Special Education teacher Denise Perry work together closely to coordinate effective literacy push-in and pull-out services for at-risk students at the Paul W. Crowley campus. Holly is training Denise and other faculty in current literacy methods this year, so they can take over this work next year. In addition, Holly continues to work with small groups of the most vulnerable students, and with one individual student, T., who is now a senior. She has been working with T. since his freshman year, when he arrived at the MET, unable to read. Now, he has experienced a leap in his ability to read and write, improving his skills by 45% and tackling more complex material.

A sample of Holly's push-in classroom work, in her own words:

"For both 9th-grade push-in sections, we focused on an article about how to cope with hurtful jokes. We used a semantic map to categorize the vocabulary around the joker, the recipient, or both. The vocabulary had already been pulled and defined. I read the article to the students as they read, and they filled in a two-column note-taking sheet to answer some comprehension questions. Finally, they filled out a graphic organizer with three questions that they could bring to the circle activity later in the day."





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"We worked together for three years.

I thought that the reading, spelling, and word parts helped me a lot.

Everything we did was helpful."

- Former MET student, and current 12th grader, partnered with RITES Literacy Specialist, Marilyn S.



2023 Success Stories Boys & Girls Club Partnership

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Our community partnership continued with the **Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket**, providing after-school support for children in their care, focusing on homework support, with one of our bilingual teachers, and math with one of our math specialists.

We've been able to support **more than 40 students** this way, in small-group settings, while providing individualized attention and instruction.





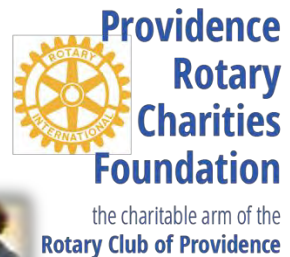
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In 2024, RITES was out in the community, more than ever. We had several grant presentation events, conferences, and other events that highlighted our organization and the crucial work we do to improve the educational outcomes of local students:

- **January:** Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation Grant Breakfast
- **June:** Providence Rotary Charities Foundation Grant Presentation
- **July:** Totally Preventable Podcast Guest
- **September:** RISOR Conference
- **October:** Dyslexia Awareness Month State House Lighting Event
- **November:** NEAIR Conference Grant Recipient
- **Year-round:** Nominated for Community Votes Pawtucket 2024
Awarded Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Seal for 12th consecutive year





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➤ **January: Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation Grant Breakfast**

RITES was fortunate to receive a \$5,000 grant from Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation at the beginning of 2024. Co-Directors Lisa Bigney and Halley Lavenstein attend the presentation breakfast, meeting many community leaders, including Pawtucket Mayor Don Grebien. This money helped us support several students throughout the year with our financial aid program. These students received crucial instruction toward their academic success, which they would not otherwise have been able to afford.





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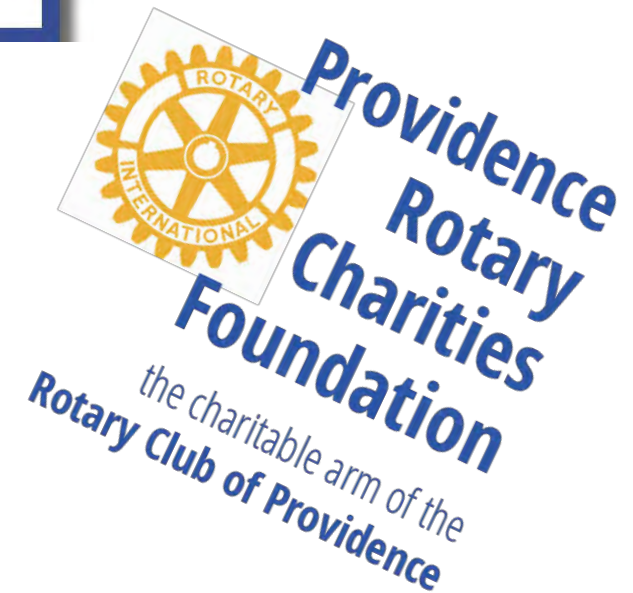
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➤ June: Providence Rotary Charities Foundation Grant Presentation



In the summer, RITES also received a \$2,000 grant from Providence Rotary Charities Foundation. Co-Directors Lisa Bigney and Halley Lavenstein, and Board Chair Kathy Gann attend the presentation luncheon, spending some quality time with other local organizations making a difference in the lives of locals in the Providence county community. As with other grants, this money went directly into providing instruction to Providence area students through our financial assistance program.





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July: **Totally Preventable Podcast Guest**

Another summer highlight for RITES was being featured on the Newport-based *Totally Preventable* podcast. RITES co-directors Lisa Bigney and Halley Lavenstein had the opportunity to speak with podcast co-hosts Greg Thompson and Polly Allen from Strategic Prevention Partnerships. The episode focused on the issues we see in RI education and how we work to improve outcomes for local students. We also spent some time discussing our Newport area project with The MET School to show how we are positively influencing that particular community. The episode can be viewed or listened to here:

[Educational resources with RI Tutoring \(youtube.com\)](#)





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➤ September: RISOR Conference



The fall brought the important Rhode Island Science of Reading (RISOR) Conference held at a southern Rhode Island school, with keynote speaker, Timothy Odegard, Ph.D. RITES Co-Director Lisa Bigney set up a table and attended (*pictured at top with Heather Ballantine and Noah Text founder Sarah Blodgett*). RITES literacy specialists Christin Goff, Paige Leddy, and Renee Reis also attended the conference (*pictured at left*). Root Literacy Design Founder Heather Ballantine helped organize this well-attended event, highlighting the importance of incorporating the science of reading into literacy instruction throughout the state.



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➤ **October:** Dyslexia Awareness Month State House Lighting Event

RITES was honored to be invited to attend the inaugural State House lighting ceremony for Dyslexia Awareness Month in October. We were allowed to set up a table to highlight the work we do throughout the state, helping dyslexics learn to read, raising further awareness.

RITES Co-Director Lisa Bigney was joined by Board Chair Kathy Gann, Board 2024 Secretary Caroline Ricci and 2025 Board Secretary Stanley Reuter. It was great to be a part of this important recognition event, with Governor McKee and others bringing crucial attention to this educational profile and the law that supports addressing dyslexic needs in our state.





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➤ **November: NEAIR Conference Grant Recipient**

Newport, RI hosted the North East Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) Conference in the fall of 2024. NEAIR is an individual membership driven organization, serving primarily the northeast region, promoting effectiveness in postsecondary education through excellence in the field of institutional research. As part of their work, they created the NEAIR Gives Back grant. RITES was selected as the 2024 local recipient of this grant. Attendees of the conference donated directly to our financial assistance program, and also provided school supplies to be donated to our students in need. RITES Co-Directors Halley Lavenstein and Lisa Bigney created a poster with an easy donation QR code and met up with NEAIR conference organizer Marlene Clapp to set up beforehand and collect the donations.





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➤ **Year-round:** Nominated for Community Votes Pawtucket 2024

We were pleased to learn we had been nominated in the Best Tutors category of the Community Votes Pawtucket 2024 campaign. This underscores how local families value the services we provide and recognize how we make a difference in the local community.



➤ **Year-round:** Awarded Great Nonprofits Top-Rated Seal for 12th consecutive year

Great Nonprofits is an online resource where community-based reviews of nonprofits are posted. People can look up the RITES profile and see what our actual clients, teachers and colleagues say about us. This is another valuable testament to the positive impact of our services, especially with our longstanding status as “Top Rated.”





2024 Success Stories

RITES Student & Teacher Perspectives

RITES teachers like Marilyn S. touch the lives of students of all ages:

1st Grade student: "I learn about sight words and the 'e' making the letter say its name. My favorite thing to do with Miss Marilyn is to read books."

5th Grade student: "When I work with Miss Marilyn, we work on reading, writing, and word study. I really like reading Gary Paulsen books. Miss Marilyn helps me to stay focused and to understand what I read."

9th Grade student: "We work on comprehension. This really helps me with my schoolwork. I am good at making excuses why we shouldn't meet, but Marilyn has better excuses why we should meet."

10th Grade Student: "We work on ways to help me better comprehend what I am reading, like using charts and stopping points to take notes. I used to forget what I read after reading a page, now I don't. We work on breaking down longer words into parts, too."

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RITES Student & Teacher Perspectives

The benefits of working with a RITES teacher last well beyond grade school:

RITES Literacy Specialist Marilyn S. shared:

"When I first met K, he smiled at me and said, 'I have been waiting for you!' He was in grade 9 at a charter school, having moved to RI in third grade. He was an EL student. We worked together until he graduated and have kept in touch. He always wanted to own his own business. Coincidentally, I received these messages from him last week:"

"We were talking about you today and how much you have helped me and my brother...You helped me with my reading, writing, and understanding skills, as well as pronouncing words."

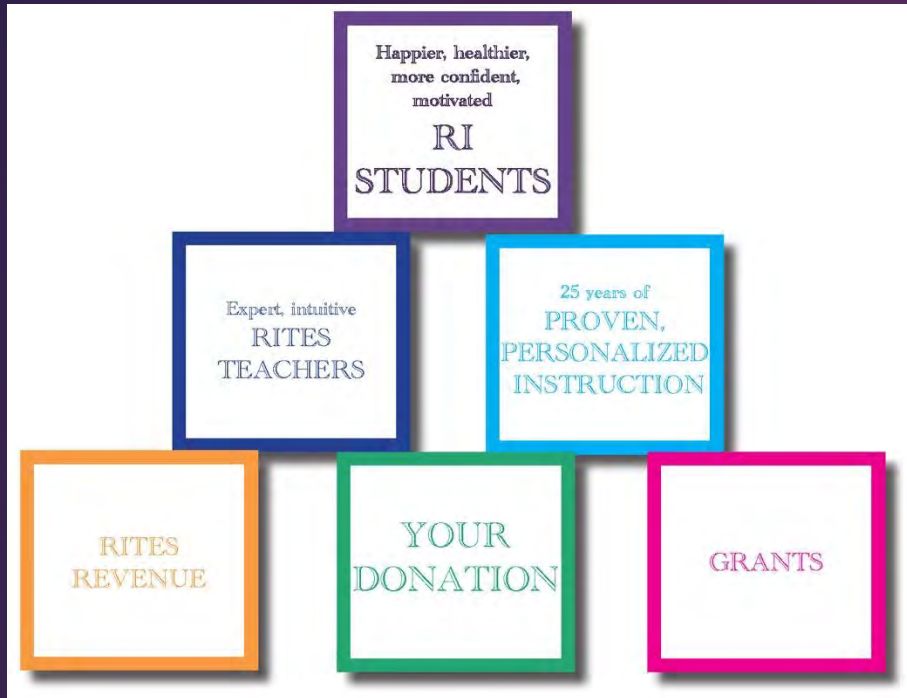
This former student does indeed now own his own business!

And this from one of Marilyn's former students, who is now in college, when we asked him one or two ways she may have helped him:

"Well there's a lot more than two!!! The first thing that came to mind is "everything"!! LOL. She consistently worked with me for a number of years. She taught me to create tools for dealing with my learning challenges that I still use today. She helped me to maintain my love of reading, even when it was very difficult. She helped me with organization and using my accommodations to its fullest. She is a superstar teacher!!!!!!"

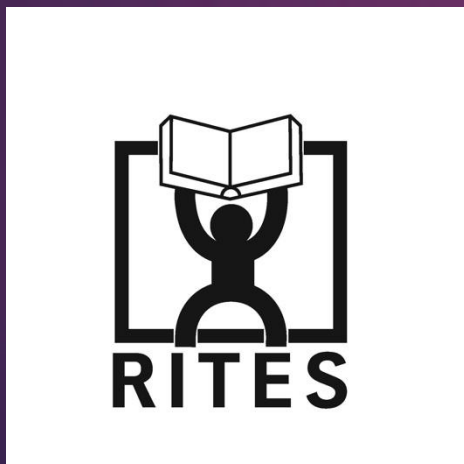
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RITES 2024 Financial Review



Rhode Island Tutorial and Educational Services (RITES) is dedicated to providing the most effective educational instruction for a full range of learning profiles. Our specialization in Structured Literacy that follows Science of Reading standards continued to be the backbone of our work throughout the year. In addition to literacy instruction (approximately 60% of our services), we continued to provide high-quality, multisensory, tailored instruction in math, the sciences, humanities, study/organizational skills, academic support, and the latest approaches in 1-1 SAT/ACT test prep.

| RITES | 2024 |
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| Gross Revenue | \$ 603,776 |
| Gross Expense | \$ 538,869 |
| Net Revenue | \$ 64,907 |



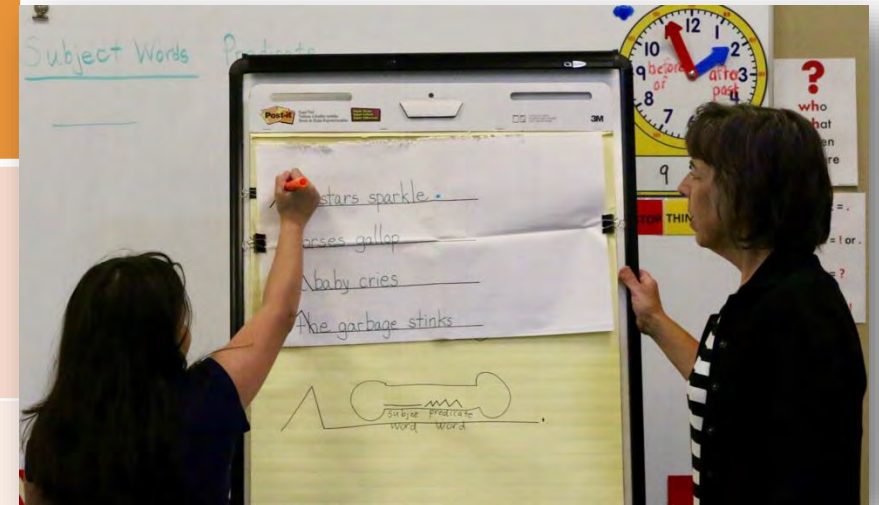
Tutoring 2024 Financials

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Tutoring Revenue* = \$585,241

Tutoring Expense* = \$469,116

TUTORING NET REVENUE* = \$116,125



*Does not include Administrative Costs & Operational Financials – see separate slide for these



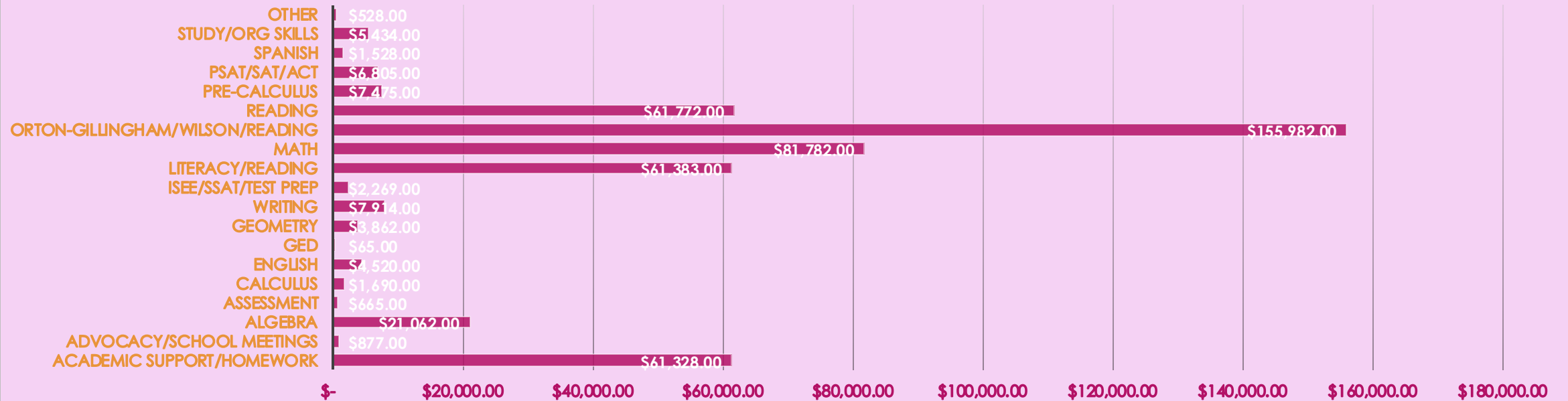
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**RITES
REVENUE**

RITES 2024 Revenue by Subject

2024 RITES Tutoring Revenue by Subject \$486,941.00





Operational 2024 Financials

2024

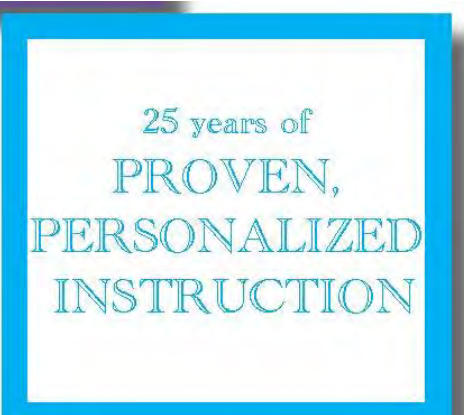
Operational Revenue = \$18,532

Operational Expense = \$69,750

**OPERATIONAL NET REVENUE =
(\$51,218)**

The way RITES allocates revenue and expense to our two main cost centers, Tutoring and Operational, shows Operational as a loss leader.

- It is important to note that our Tutoring Programs support the organization as a whole.
- The RITES Endowment Fund also mitigates our operational losses.
- When developing our budget and making decisions throughout the year, we continually work to minimize our operational losses - includes looking for grants that support operations, looking for competitively priced services and materials, etc.





2024 RITES Endowment Fund

- 36% invested
- 64% in cash
- Cash allows us to transfer as needed to cover essential operational costs, such as moving costs when we relocate, and support additional financial aid students or other emergent needs.



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| Endowment Report | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Cash in Money Market Fund | \$ 252,445 |
| Total Value (Cash & Investment Value) | \$ 393,974 |



2024 Fundraising

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► \$42,472 total donations & grants

- **\$10,218** Individual donations & corporate giving programs
- **\$32,254** in grants
- 100% RITES Board participation
- 111 different donors/sponsors (that's up 218% over 2023!)
- These efforts allow us to continue a school partnership to serve over 50 students and take more students off our financial aid wait list!





2024 Fundraising

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Maria Keil Memorial Literacy Fund

At the beginning of 2024, we lost our beloved RITES teacher, Maria Keil to cancer. Thanks to the support of her family, we were able to establish the Maria Keil Memorial Literacy Fund to honor her memory and continue Maria's legacy of providing crucial literacy instruction to local students and making a true difference in these students' lives.

Our 401 Gives, Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year Giving campaigns were dedicated to funding this initiative, and we were able to come within \$500 of our \$8,000 goal.

As a result of these efforts, we were able to give our first scholarship to an existing financial aid student, who needed to add a second day per week of intensive literacy instruction to improve her skills further within the school year.

We will continue to highlight this fund as part of our future fundraising efforts, with the hope of continuing to provide at least 1 – 3 literacy financial assistance scholarships to Rhode Island students in need.





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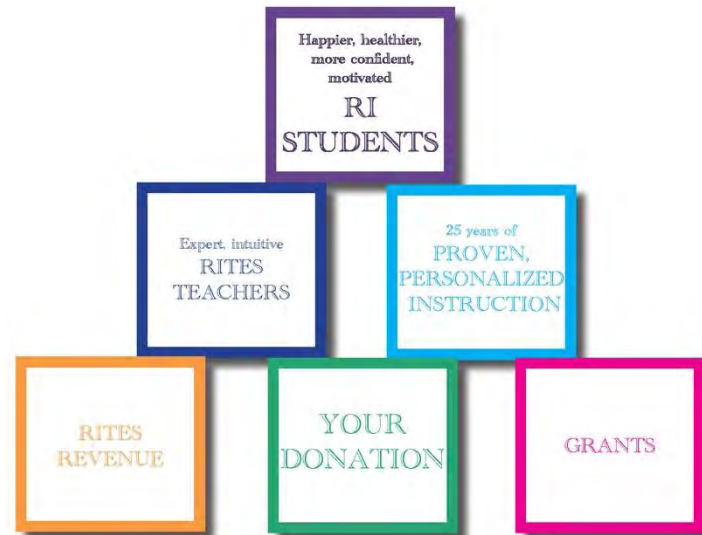
A very heartfelt “thank you” to all our neighbors and local businesses who donated to provide the building blocks of our students’ success in 2024!



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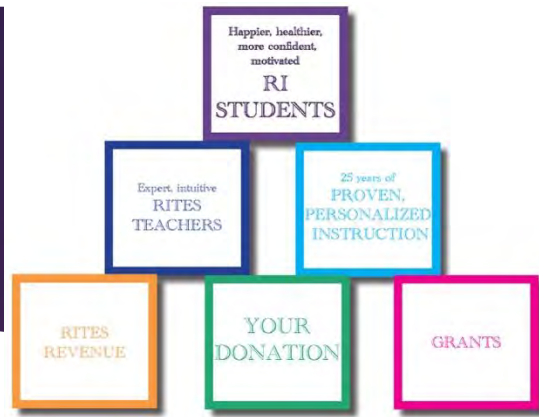
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2024 was a very successful year for RITES, in large part due to our active, engaged Board of professionals and volunteers. They truly embrace our mission and believe in all the work we do to make our community more literate and successful. We couldn't make such an impact and serve our students at such a high caliber without them –

THANK YOU, RITES BOARD!

Lisa Bigney (RITES Co-Director)
Halley Lavenstein (RITES Co-Director)



2025 – Looking Ahead

- ▶ Continue to write grants and actively fundraise to end wait list, serving all students needing financial aid
- ▶ Continue to explore funding opportunities to support school-based partnerships and other projects
- ▶ Focus resources on these crucial goals:
 - Existing partnership work and establishing new community partnerships
 - Continuing to pursue and deepen community connections
 - Diversifying teaching staff
 - Expanding Board
 - Determining new facility needs, finding a new home, and organizing move
 - Creating new (and tweaking existing) curricula and programming

