

Brookstone Schools
Sowing Seeds of Wisdom
Annual Report 2013-14

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Charlotte's Community in Action

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9



*John Stamas
Board Chairman & Partner*

Nationwide, it is no secret that many children are trapped in a multi-generational cycle of poverty and lower academic achievement. Our failure to close the achievement gap has led to a widespread sense of deep cultural and social crisis. It is the cultural issue of our day and we cannot sit idle.

At Brookstone, while immersed in this reality, our outlook is not one of pessimism, but of hopeful expectancy. God has called us to a task, and His abiding presence is the source of our strength. We will stay the course, stepping out in faith to provide excellent education and discipleship to inner city children.

What a joy it is to see the life-changing gains students can make and to hear the compelling stories of our graduates whose lives are bearing fruit. Our labor is not in vain.

From a very humble beginning 13 years ago, many have contributed to our ministry: visionary founders, dedicated staff and teachers, and a growing team of loyal donors and volunteers. Overall, it may be that our secret sauce is serving, plain and simple. As we sow seeds of wisdom, we ourselves are being transformed. The strides that students make, while impressive, are trumped by the softening hearts and recommitted minds of all those involved in this mission.

May we continually pray, not that God is on our side, but that we are on His.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Stamas', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

*John Stamas
Board Chairman & Partner*

*Isaiab Mason, graduate, Siol Kashimawo, 1st grader, Ra'Aija Davis, graduate
Front cover: Joseph Kabwe, 7th grader, & Passion Kabwe, 4th grader*



Brookstone's Heart and Soul

He that waters shall be watered himself. – Proverbs 11:25

Administrators

Deborah Preston
Principal

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Director of Advancement

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Tammy Wise

Debby Woodhouse

Justin Boyd, board director, with Joseph Kabwe, 7th grader, Kanautica McInns, 2nd grader, & Passion Kabwe, 4th grader



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Meet Our Volunteers Who Make a Difference

Mission: To glorify God by equipping urban students academically, socially, & spiritually for future lives of leadership and service.



Once a young urban student, I can identify with having little, as it related to materialistic possessions, but having tremendous wealth, as it related to faith and family values. I love that Brookstone is unapologetic in its commitment to serving Christ. I also love that the staff and parents work in partnership to ensure the needs of the students are met.

– Pat Amos
lunch buddy



Over the past several years, I have had the joy of watching these children grow in the love of Jesus and express their faith through music during summer camp. It warms my heart to be greeted with enthusiastic hugs, smiles and "Hello, Ms. Patty" as I walk down the halls during the school year. In short, I have fallen in love with these students.

- Patty Gruce
partner & volunteer



From the first moment I stepped into Brookstone, I was immediately engaged. The mission, the education, the people, and the children are all so inspirational. I whole-heartedly support a cause that nurtures and teaches underprivileged children that there is a Father in heaven that loves them. I am blessed to be a part of Brookstone Schools.

- Justin Boyd
board director



Our church began helping with Brookstone's Summer Camp in 2012 as a way to involve our youth group in a Missions Week. Our kids grow up in the suburbs on the lake, far from the realities and needs of inner city children. Here they get to see Christ at work from a different perspective. Mission begins locally and goes out from there. This is our Jerusalem (Charlotte).

-Adam Mumpower
youth pastor & volunteer

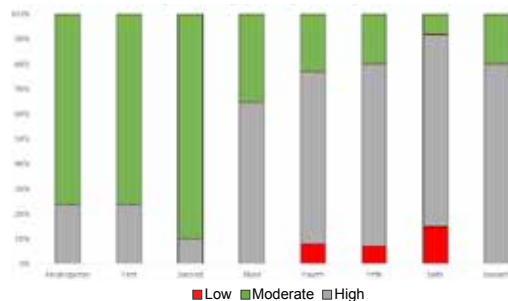


What Has Been Accomplished

Reading Outcomes

This graph shows reading outcomes from the TerraNova standardized achievement test that was administered in May 2014. The green band shows the percentage of students who are reading well above proficiency. Students performing at grade level are represented by the gray band. A small percentage, shown in the red area, are receiving additional learning support to reach grade level proficiency.

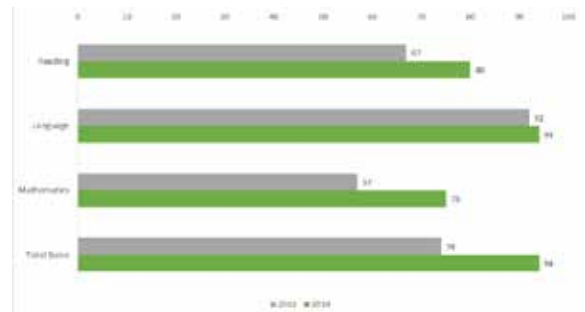
Basic Reading Outcomes for Students per Grade in 2014



Learning Growth over One Year

The chart below shows the kind of solid learning gains we expect a student to make in a school year. In May 2013 kindergartener, Taryn Campbell, scored at the 67th percentile in reading. This spring, after instruction in first grade, her reading score was 13 points higher at the 80th percentile. She showed a gain of 18 points in math and finished strong with a total score at the 94th percentile. Only 6% of Taryn's age group across the nation performed at such a high level.

Test Scores for Taryn Campbell





Brookstone Graduates: Where Are They Now?

"...first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear." – Mark 4:28



Stacy Shembo

"My four years at Brookstone gave me different kinds of learning opportunities and the desire to succeed in school. What I remember most is the family atmosphere and the people. My teachers always cared about me and made sure that I grasped what I needed to know before moving on."

Stacy is currently a freshman at East Carolina and plans to pursue a career in nursing.



Blaine Williams

"Brookstone gave me a great Christian foundation which helped mold the person I have become. My advice to students is to take in all the life skills and academics at Brookstone. They may not know it now, but one day these skills will come in handy and help them make good choices."

Blaine, a 10th grader, is an A honor roll student who plans to become a robotics engineer.



Isaiah Shembo

"The small school environment of Brookstone helped me to develop real friendships. I still keep in touch with these people. Teachers made sure we mastered the material. Singapore Math was really great. I left feeling well prepared for advanced math in middle and high school."

Isaiah, an Honors 10th grade student, plans to attend University of Maryland and pursue a law degree.



Mekiya Fletcher

"My six years at Brookstone helped me set my expectations high. They were set so high that as a child I thought I wouldn't be able to achieve them. Yet I made those goals because I had the support I needed from the faculty and staff. I have a long road ahead, but I am prepared for this journey."

Mekiya, a sophomore at Virginia State University, aspires to be an obstetrician and have her own teaching clinic.



Embracing Stewardship ... Celebrating Giving

Brookstone School Financials

Statement of Activity July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014

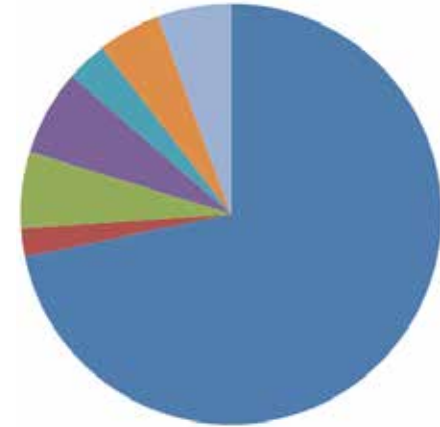
Revenue

Total Contributions	\$1,108,391
Total Student Fees	64,292
Other Income	21,130
Total Income	\$1,193,813

Expenses

Personnel costs	\$794,663
Rent	24,000
Program costs	73,115
Utilities	65,178
Summer Camp	34,540
All other expenses	53,735
Increase in fixed assets	62,705
Total Expenses	\$1,107,936

Net Income **\$85,877**



■ Personnel	72%
■ Rent	2%
■ Utilities	6%
■ Program Costs	7%
■ Summer Camp	3%
■ All Other Expenses	4%
■ Increase in Fixed Assets	6%



With All of Our Heart, We Thank You



Aileen Lockhart

Brookstone has been a blessing to my four grandchildren. Sponsors, scholarships, caring teachers and volunteers all make a big difference. The interest shown in their lives is astounding. My grandson's lunch buddy has visited him twice since the school year ended. These committed relationships will lead to the success of these children. This is something that has the potential to positively change their lives forever.

Churches

All Saints Anglican Church
Carmel Presbyterian Church
Christ Episcopal Church
Church At Charlotte
Davidson United Methodist Church
Holy Trinity Reformed Church
Hope Community Church
Luther Snyder/Ruth Fisher Bible Class
Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
SouthLake Presbyterian Church
Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church
Uptown Church, PCA
Warehouse 242
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Corporations

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Captrust Financial Advisors
Carolina Paymasters
Changed Choices
Charlotte Motor Speedway
Childress Klein Properties
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated
Elliott Davis, LLC
General Mills Box Tops For Education
Harris Teeter, Inc.
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Head To Toe Ortho Inc
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Performance Orthopaedics of the Carolinas Inc
Providence Packaging
Red Moon Marketing, LLC
Signupgenius
South Atlantic Bank
SteelFab, Inc.
Trinity Consulting, Inc.
Verge Talent
Wells Fargo

Foundations

East Tennessee Foundation
Mebane Charitable Foundation, Inc.
The Elise & Marvin Deckelboum Family Foundation
The Herschel H. and Cornelia N. Everett Foundation
C. Ray & Cynthia M. Kennedy Foundation
The Leon Levine Foundation

Other

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P.E.O. Sisterhood
The Ellen Pemberton Sunday School Class
Wakeman Charities Inc.
Presbyterian College
Belk College of Business, UNCC



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Clif and Mary Alice Vann
Perry and Julie White

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Every effort has been made to acknowledge each name correctly. If you find an error, please accept our sincere apologies and contact us at 704-392-6330.

We Salute You

Thank you for helping us provide a refuge of hope and educational opportunity for under-resourced children in Charlotte. We could not have achieved our goals without you, and this annual report is a celebration of what you have been a part of this year. The collective philanthropic support in our community continues to grow as more and more people hear about our mission. Donations from our April fundraiser, combined with other generous donations from loyal patrons, helped us raise the \$125,000 needed to acquire the matching gift from The Leon Levine Foundation. We have seen healthy growth in all ways ... from the expansion of our operating fund to the growing team of committed volunteers who joyfully serve in the school. We journey on and look forward to what the future holds.




Suzanne Wilson
Director of Advancement



Get Involved.

Come Visit Visit our website for a schedule of upcoming "Lunch and Learn" events. Tour the classrooms and talk with the children. It is our joy to share our mission with you.

Volunteer There are many ways that you can get actively involved as a tutor, mentor, lunch buddy and more. Call our office or download a volunteer application from our website.

Tell A Friend Share Brookstone with your church, business, or civic organization - there are always creative ways to serve! Give us a call or email us at getintouch@brookstoneschools.org to learn more.

Donate Call or visit our website today to find out how you can give by mail or online.

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