



Brookstone Schools

Sowing Seeds of Wisdom

Annual Report 2014-2015





Growth with Excellence



Steve Hall, Head of School

Vast socio-economic differences separate the people of this country. We see these gaps manifested by the anger of unemployed youth and the defeatism of struggling low-income, minority students in our schools. Costly educational programs and systems have been laid in place to help them get ahead, but many interventions fall woefully short of the intended return.

I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land...

- Ezekiel 22:30

In 1996 God laid a vision on the hearts of Brookstone's founders to start a school based on Judeo-Christian principles, one that could effectively close the achievement gap while ministering to children's social and spiritual needs.

Opened in 2001, Brookstone has grown from a small seed beginning to become a Christ-centered school of excellence for low-income, urban students. Our graduates featured in this report are a testimony to the long-term impact of our ministry.

This fall we celebrate our 15th anniversary and pay tribute to the groundbreaking efforts of the founders and to you ... faculty, partners, supporters, and volunteers ... for your time, resources, and heroic commitment to uplift students.

Our goal ahead is Growth with Excellence ... increasing enrollment with an unrelenting commitment to high student performance. Looking to Him to guide and provide (1 Thess. 5:24), we stay the course envisioned by our founders and worn in through experience.

Opposite page:

Debi Preston, Principal,
Virginia Henry, 2nd grader,
Skye Thorne, 4th grader

Front cover:

Kristofer Logan, Kindergartener



Holding Firm... A High Calling



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Opposite page:
Tom Coyle with Santiago
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Opposite page:

Rob Ridgell, volunteer choral director, Justice Huntley, 7th grader, Solomon Boakye, 3rd grader



The more time I spend at Brookstone, the more I realize how special these kids are and how much this school, from the teachers to the senior faculty to the volunteers, is committed to creating a life changing experience for each of these students.

*Stephen Neill
Partner & lunch buddy*



Helping the students with math and reading has been an unexpected blessing for me this year. I was particularly impressed when I realized virtually all the students I had met knew and called me Mr. Peter when they saw me and many simply came up to greet or hug me.

*Peter Stollmack
Lunch buddy & classroom tutor*



As a volunteer, I have an opportunity to not only help equip my lunch buddy for success in school and beyond but also have a kingdom impact on the next generation of leaders in this city.

*Craig Lowder
Lunch buddy &
corporate liaison*



I volunteer as a lunch buddy with a 7th grader who is full of life, bright, articulate, and makes me smile with the different conversations we have each week. It brings me much joy to be able to impart a little bit of love and spark into her life.

*Rhonda Williams
Lunch buddy*



Academic Highlights at a Glance



I teach to engage children and try to use as much hands-on instruction as possible. Students should not want reading time to end if I'm doing it correctly.

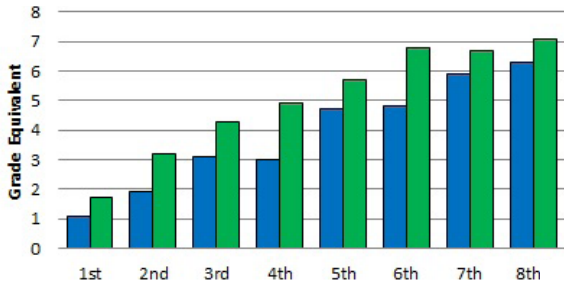
Kelly Carmola
3rd grade teacher

This year, Brookstone began using the Iowa Assessment to gauge academic achievement. The Iowa, a respected and established national test, focuses on the essential skills and knowledge critical to student development. The results were exceptional. In a seven month span, Brookstone students grew an average of 13 months academically.

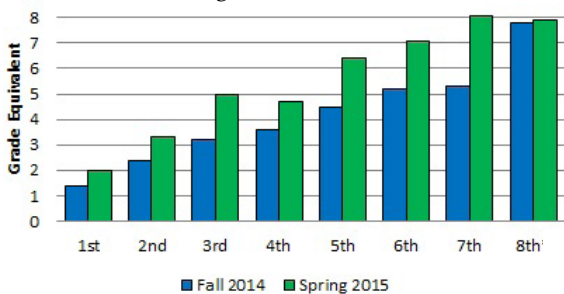
This year also marked our first ever 8th grade class. What a joy it is to see children live and grow from a very young age through the Brookstone family and into adolescence.

One of the strongest indicators of a child graduating high school is their reading proficiency in the 3rd grade. Spring testing outcomes show that 91% of our 3rd graders are at or above grade level in reading.

Math Growth over 7 months



Reading Growth over 7 months



Opposite page:
Rebecca Essah, Brookstone
teacher with Joe Lopez, 5th
grader



Where Are They Now?

Schools Graduates have attended

Northside Christian Academy
Victory Christian Center School
Butler High School
Charlotte Christian School
Providence High School
Covenant Day School
Harding High School
Charlotte Secondary School
Phillip O. Berry Academy of
Technology
Kipp Academy
Vance High School
Myers Park High School
Queen's Grant High School
West Charlotte High School
Moorehead Stem Academy

Colleges attended

Virginia State University
East Carolina University
UNC Charlotte
NC State University
Appalachian State University
Wingate University

Graduates awarded Merit Scholarships by Trinity Consulting

2013 Chemise Shaw
2014 Floyd Mason
2015 Jon Baldwin



Brookstone taught me about integrity and how to make good choices. Middle school students at Brookstone need to set goals and plan now for high school.

Michael Baldwin, a rising 10th grader and honors student at Phillip O. Berry High School, is active in the rRobotic Club and hopes to pursue a career in robotic engineering.



Brookstone taught me how to respond to challenges with prayer and trust in God.

Kaliya Jacobs, a senior at Garringer High School, is a cheerleader, secretary of the student council and an honors student. She hopes to go to Winston Salem State University next year and major in child psychology.



I was behind in math when I first started Brookstone but caught up and did honors math in high school. Last spring I graduated with a 4.0 average.

Jon Baldwin, a graduate of Cato Middle College High School, is a freshman at Wingate University where he was awarded a merit scholarship from Trinity Consulting. He plans to major in psychology and pursue a career in counseling.



Brookstone teachers encouraged me to always do my best and persevere. I learned to push through no matter what!

Chemise Shaw, a sophomore at East Carolina University studying nutrition and psychology, plans to do graduate work in nutrition and work in the health services.

Opposite page:

Graduate Percy Johnson with
Kristofer Logan, kindergartener,
& Justice Huntley, 7th grader

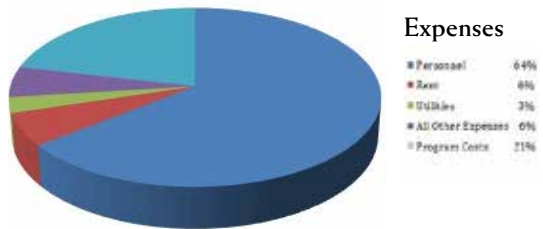


Financials at a Glance

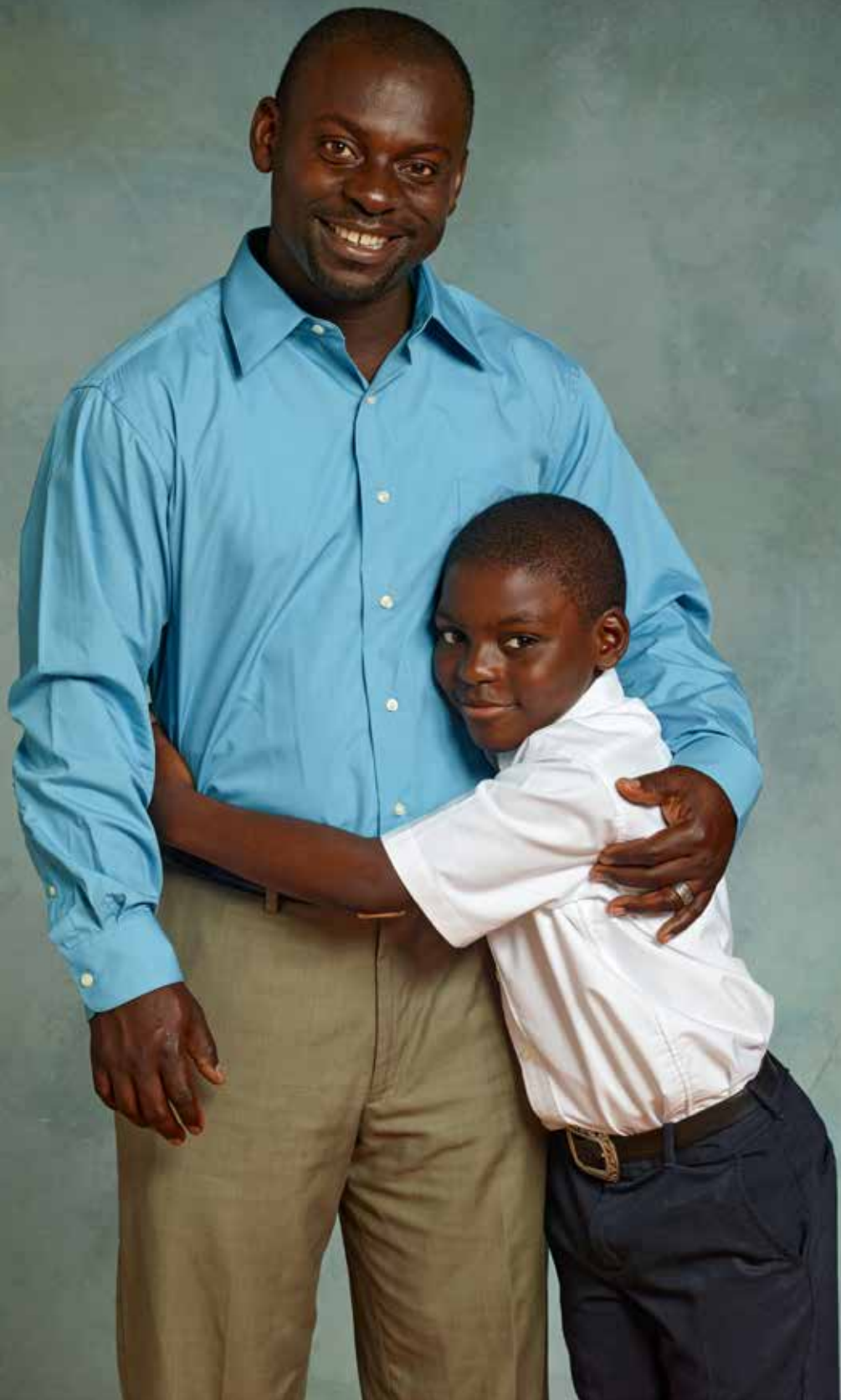
Statement of Activity

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Revenue	
Total Contributions	\$1,275,720.02
Total Student Fees	76,315.90
Other Income	6,180.00
Total Income	\$1,358,215.92
Expenses	
Personnel Costs	\$797,296.61
Rent	73,210.30
Utilities	34,908.57
Program Costs	227,982.88
Summer Camp	\$37,110.62
Other Expenses	\$68,365.13
Increase in fixed assets	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$1,238,874.11
Net Income	\$119,341.80



Opposite page:
 Suzanne Wilson, Director of
 Advancement with Sarena Puih,
 1st grader and
 Thun Ksor, 5th grader



Faces of Brookstone... So Many To Thank



Suzanne Wilson, M. Ed.
Director of Advancement

Thank you for your prayers and support for our ministry. Brookstone could not exist without you, and this annual report is a celebration of what you have been a part of this year. The collective philanthropic support for our mission has been growing, especially this year with our relocation downtown. We have seen healthy growth in all ways ... from the expansion of our Partner Program to the growing team of committed volunteers who joyfully serve in the school. We're energized by this wave of momentum and see a bright future ahead for Brookstone.

Opposite page:
Parent, Eugene Boakye and son,
Solomon, 3rd grader

CHURCHES

All Saints Anglican Church
Carmel Presbyterian Church
Central Church of God Marriage
Enrichment Ministry Class
Church At Charlotte
Davidson United Methodist Church
East Charlotte Presbyterian Church
Elevation Church
First Baptist Church
Holy Trinity Reformed Church
Hope Community Church
Luther Snyder/Ruth Fisher Bible
Class
Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian
Church
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Providence Presbyterian Women
Providence United Methodist
Church
Reformed Theological Seminary
Southlake Presbyterian Church
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Church
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Warehouse 242
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