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**TEENS COLLECT THOUSANDS  
OF BOOKS**

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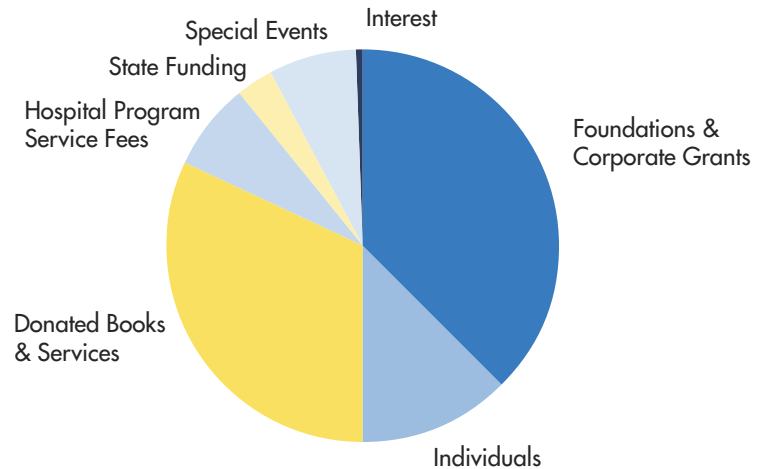
The fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, was a challenging one for Read to Grow, reflecting the overall fiscal climate. Foundation and corporate grant income was lower than the prior year, and the value of books donated declined due to fewer new books from publishers.

Our events income was reduced as well, due to the lack of a second fundraising luncheon.

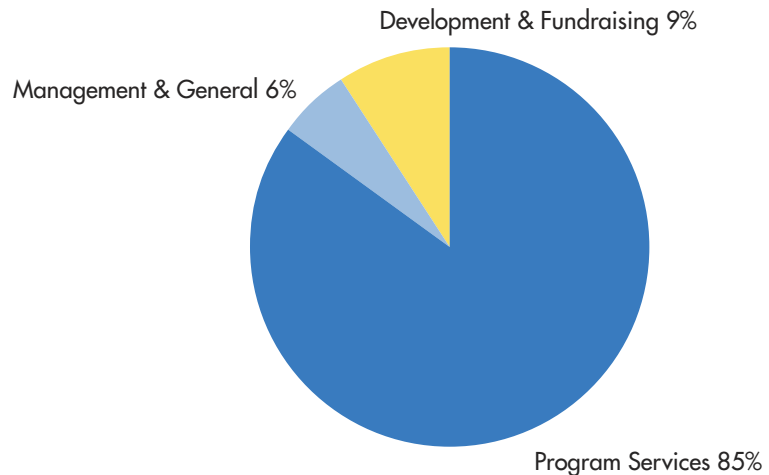
Despite these constraints, and because of sound financial management, our capacity to provide services was not significantly affected.

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Stacy Ruwe, Treasurer



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To improve early literacy for all Connecticut children by providing books, by helping families share books with their babies starting at birth, by encouraging language development, and by promoting an awareness of literacy services.