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## A MESSAGE FROM JEFF HARTMANN, TREASURER

During our 2015-16 fiscal year, Read to Grow saw a record number of books both coming into our warehouse and given out to children and families across the state.

Book drives by Northeast Medical Group, St. Francis Hospital and the Kiwanis Club of Fairfield alone brought in more than 23,000 gently used children's books. Book publisher Simon & Schuster donated 43,500 new hardcovers and paperbacks. All those books were in addition to more than 40,000 gently used books donated to us from individuals and others who organized books drives. In 2015-16, Read to Grow purchased over 39,000 new books for specific needs in both of our programs—Books for Babies and Books for Kids.

The inventory of our new and gently used books continued to grow because of greater demand at the Book Places and Partnerships we have set up with other nonprofits to distribute more books and give literacy information to families living in need. By the end of the fiscal year, we had 27 Book Places and 12 Partnerships.

In a "first" for Books for Babies, we included material other than our own in the free Literacy Packets that went to some 22,000 mothers who delivered their babies in one of our 12 partner hospitals. In a fee-for-services agreement with the Connecticut State Treasurer's Office, we included information about CHET Baby Scholars in the Literacy Packets. This program from the Connecticut Higher Education Trust offers \$100 to start a college savings account for every baby born in the state. As part of the CHET Baby Scholars program, if others contribute at least \$150 to that same account before the baby's fourth birthday, the state gives a match of another \$150, putting the government's total investment at \$250.

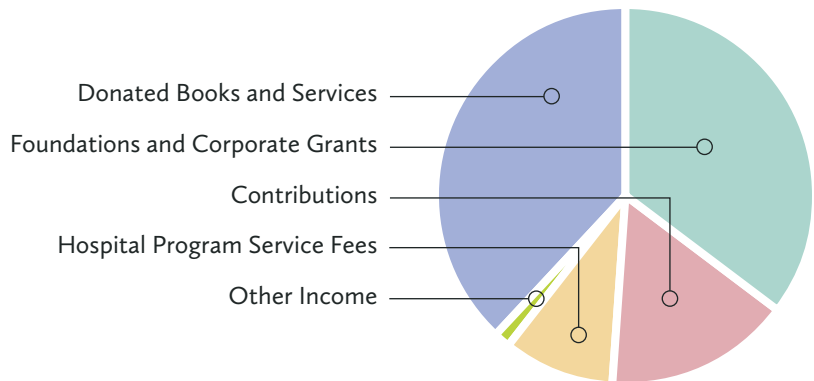
Books for Babies grew in other ways. Trial sessions of its new Prenatal Project, designed to bring free children's books and literacy information to pregnant women receiving care in community health centers, were held at Fair Haven Community Health Center in New Haven. Following those successful test sessions, Read to Grow plans to offer the Prenatal Project to other community health centers through the Connecticut association of these centers.

In the fall of 2015, we held our first annual Circle of Friends gathering to thank steadfast and generous donors. The complimentary evening of drinks and appetizers was held at Guilford Yacht Club and featured a talk by Annie Murphy Paul. An author and magazine journalist, she wrote "Origins," a book about the science of prenatal influences.

For fiscal year 2015-16, Read to Grow once again received an unqualified, or clean, audit opinion from our external auditors, Murphy & Company, LLC.

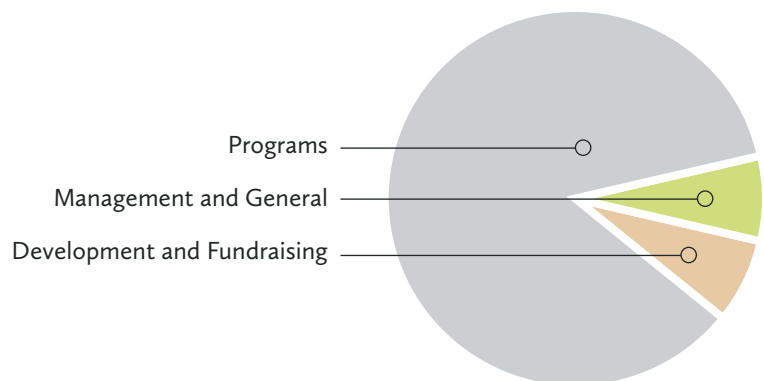
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Donated Books and Services	\$ 392,261
Foundations and Corporate Grants	365,594
Contributions	164,594
Hospital Program Service Fees	102,000
Other Income	4,071
<b>Total Public Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,520</b>



### FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Programs	\$ 870,708
Management and General	73,877
Development and Fundraising	71,526
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,016,111</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,409</b>



*Program expenses account for 86% of total expenses*