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2018–19 was a year of growth for Read to Grow. Our founder and board chair, Roxanne Coady is now board chair emeritus, having retired from the Read to Grow board in June 2019.

Due to Kyn Tolson's planned retirement in winter 2020, in spring 2019 the Read to Grow board began an in-depth search for a new executive director with Third Sector New England. The board also simultaneously completed a new three-year strategic plan.

Our newest program, Early Steps to School Success (ESSS), officially launched at three school sites in New Haven: Quinnipiac STEM, Celentano, and Lincoln Bassett. In partnership with Save the Children and New Haven Public Schools, ESSS coordinators recruited 20 families each, bringing the total number of families served to 60 in the 2018–19 year. Quinnipiac STEM would switch to Columbus Family Academy and a fourth site—Truman School—would be added in fall 2019.

Our Books for Babies Prenatal Program expanded to a total of nine sites in Fairfield, Hartford, New Haven and Windham Counties.

Our distribution of cards from Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET) Baby Scholars (a 529 plan) expanded to all of our hospital and prenatal sites. The number of families of newborns who received the information through our literacy packets jumped from 6,900 to 21,300 in 2018–19.

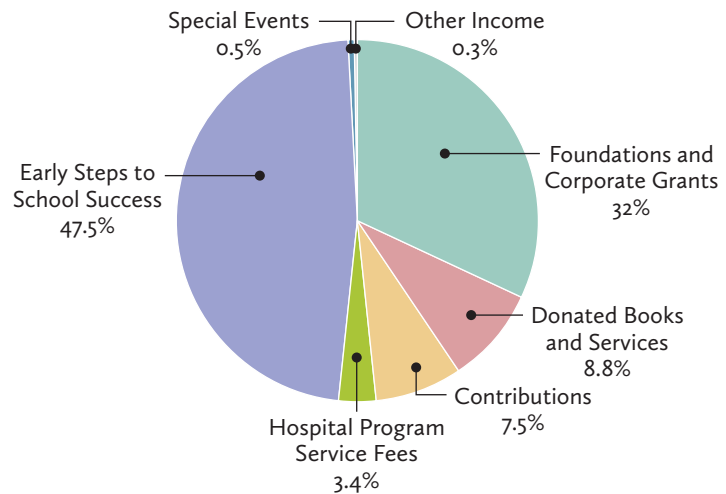
Over 118,000 books were donated to Read to Grow, including more than 21,000 from Simon & Schuster.

We distributed over 178,000 books throughout the year, including 40,358 through our Books for Babies Newborn and Prenatal programs, and 138,069 through our Books for Kids programs.

Read to Grow received an unqualified, or clean, audit opinion for the 2018–19 fiscal year from our external auditors, Donald L. Perlroth & Company, CPAs.

## PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Foundations and Corporate Grants	\$ 682,294
Donated Books and Services	188,221
Contributions	161,123
Hospital Program Service Fees	72,500
Early Steps to School Success	1,014,176
Special Events	10,000
Other Income	5,636
<b>Total Public Support and Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,133,950</b>



## FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Programs	\$ 927,224
Development and Fundraising	79,657
Management and General	81,321
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,088,202</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,748</b>

