

A MESSAGE FROM THE Executive Director

Earlier this week, I celebrated my one-year anniversary as Executive Director, and it has been quite a year! Each person that I meet through TLP reminds me of what a special place it is and how happy I am to be here. TLP's commitment to providing a welcoming space for adult learners to pursue their dreams and goals remains strong. Our student-tutor partners demonstrate steady dedication and resiliency in the face of systemic obstacles, and it's a joy to witness the strong connections that develop between them and the accomplishments to be celebrated.

Thank YOU for being part of our TLP community,

Donna Ramos

Student Achievements

Tompkins Learning Partners' students commit to meeting with a trained volunteer tutor at least once per week to work on the literacy, language, and life goals of their choice. We could not be prouder of them and all they have accomplished while also balancing family, work, and other responsibilities. Here are just some of our learners' achievements in 2024:

- 21 students obtained jobs for the first time or improved their employment situations
- 5 students entered job training programs
- 13 students passed the test for U.S. Citizenship
- 7 students passed one or more subjects on the GED exam
- 5 students enrolled in post-secondary education or certificate programs
- 8 students passed their driver's permit tests

In addition to these successes, TLP students opened small businesses, became first time homebuyers, volunteered in their children's schools, registered to vote for the first time, translated at school or other meetings for fellow community members, and more. Here are a few of their reflections demonstrating the impact of our program:

"I like coming to Tompkins Learning Partners to study with [my tutor]. I look forward to it. I feel welcome here. There are not too many places like this where I can learn."

"When I came to Ithaca, my English was not good. I wanted to get better. My tutor helped me learn more English. She helped me practice for a job interview. I was scared before. Then I said, 'I can do it.' Then I got a job. I am so happy now!"

"I really appreciate all the help my tutor gives me. I really want to learn. My tutor has experience and he understands me. It's good for me!"

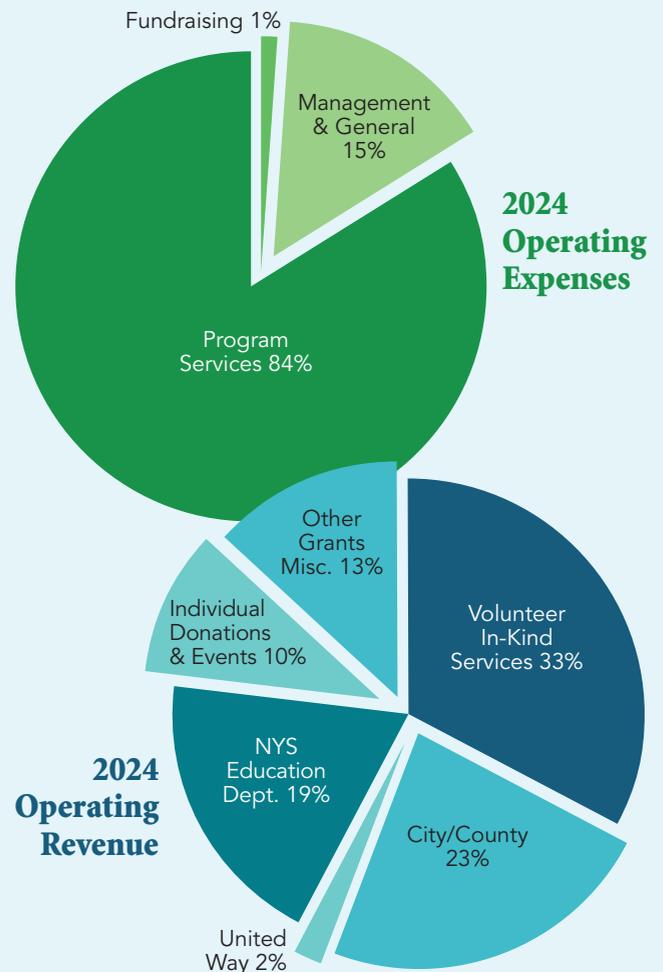
Students' Places of Birth

Afghanistan	Cuba	India	Russia	United States
Brazil	Dominican Republic	Iran	Senegal	Uzbekistan
Burma	Ecuador	Iraq	S. Korea	Venezuela
Cambodia	El Salvador	Jamaica	Sri Lanka	Vietnam
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Colombia		Morocco	United Kingdom	
Costa Rica		Peru		

2024 Financial Report*

**Estimate Pending Review*

Tompkins Learning Partners' operating budget was approximately \$489,709 in 2024. We are pleased that 33% of our revenue was in-kind volunteer hours.



Students Served

***Total ABE & ELL Students**

**TOTAL
136**

Adult Basic Ed. & English Language Learning

**Reflects numbers for program year, not fiscal year.*

Active Volunteers

ABE & ELL Tutors	63
Other	30
Total Volunteers	93

Volunteer Hours

ABE & ELL Tutors	3,096
Other Volunteer Hours	1,128
Total Volunteer Hours	4,224

"The world belongs to those who read."

—RICK HOLLAND, POET/ARTIST

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TLP's Mission

Our mission is to help adults who live or work in Tompkins County meet their personal literacy goals, free of charge, by improving their ability to read, write, speak English, and use math and computers. Students achieve these goals by working together with professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.

TLP respects the privacy of our students. We never use students' full names or photos without their permission.

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Crossword in October This Year!

We'll be puzzling on **Saturday, October 18th, 2025**, in the Boynton Middle School Cafeteria from 1-5 PM.

We would like to use this year's event to officially welcome Donna Ramos, TLP's (relatively) new Executive Director, to Ithaca's crossword community. Dave Smith was an almost impossible act to follow and, by gum,

she's nailed it.

Previous players will receive emails when the website is open for registration. If you are new, please send your email address to gweissbrot@hotmail.com for information regarding the event. See you on **October 18th!**

Gary Weissbrot, *FLCC Chair*