

2010-2011 Annual Report



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2010 marked the 37th anniversary of Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry's serving adults in Beaufort County. Since 1973, we've helped over 7000 adults become more self-sufficient, productive members of their families, the workplace, and the community.

In 2010-2011, LVL enrolled 785 students in our adult basic education and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs at ten sites in Beaufort, Bluffton, Hilton Head, and Hardeeville. With the help of 118 trained tutors supported by professional staff, 565 adults improved their reading, writing, speaking and math skills and achieved personally set goals:

- 268 improved employability skills
- 223 attained consumer skills
- 156 increased their involvement in community activities
- 148 increased their health literacy
- 65 increased their involvement in their children's education

- 25 got a job or better job
- 4 became U.S. citizens
- 3 entered other education or training
- 2 earned a GED

Among other highlights of the year were

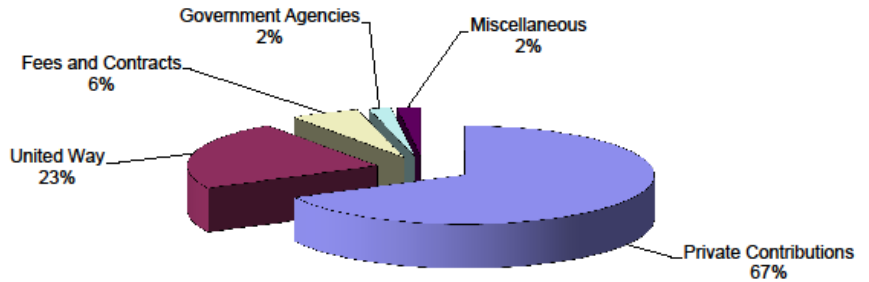
- LVL's receipt of the 2010 Civitas Award from the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce as outstanding non-profit
- the expansion of programs to include a site at Whale Branch Early College High School thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry
- our fifth and most successful Cooks and Books fundraiser in spacious accommodations at the Westin Hotel

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Despite continuing demand for our programs and support from faithful donors, LVL continued to feel the effects of a challenging national economic environment and ended the year with an operating deficit.

LVL's audited financial statements are available for inspection upon request or may be viewed on-line at www.guidestar.org.

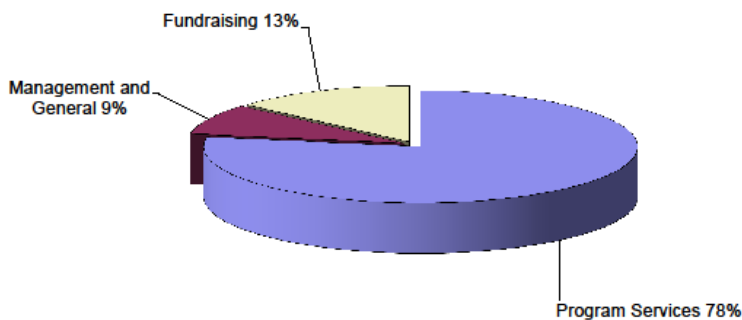
LVL Revenue by Source 2010*



Private Contributions	\$240,381
United Way	81,000
Fees and Contracts	21,059
Government Agencies	6,798
Miscellaneous	7,181
Total	\$356,389

*LVL also benefited from \$94,268 of federal/state education funds in the form of wages paid to LVL-selected employees by local school districts, which are the fiscal agents for these funds.

LVL Expenses by Function 2010*



Program Services	\$ 299,322
Management and General	33,818
Fundraising	51,899
Total	\$ 385,039

*LVL also benefited from \$78,907 of Adult Education-paid program expenses and \$15,361 of management and fundraising expenses. When these costs are reflected, 79% of total costs were dedicated to program services, 12% to fundraising, and 9% to management.

Literacy Facts

Did you know that low literacy adds as much as \$238 billion to the annual cost of delivering healthcare in the U.S.?

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