

MEET ELIAS...

Last September, Elias, a retained first-grade student at Belle Haven Elementary, came to YES Reading tracking print from the right to the left side of the page. He was unsure of himself during his initial tutoring sessions and lacked basic reading skills. After a year of hard work with his two tutors, Elias was not only correctly reading left to right, but he had made major strides in all areas of reading ability—gaining the equivalent of 1.5 years in reading comprehension, phonics skills, and sight word recognition. Elias is now a confident and enthusiastic student who is reading on grade level and has moved into YES Reading's modified intervention program.



"The YES Reading program has truly helped my lowest readers to become more proficient and confident readers,"

—Castro 3rd Grade Teacher

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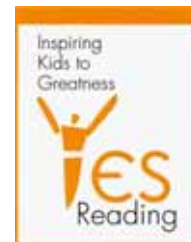
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MEET JENNIFER...

When Jennifer came to YES Reading's Castro Reading Center last fall, she was an extremely shy second-grader with huge gaps in her basic reading skills. The gains that Jennifer needed to make in order to catch up to grade level seemed enormous, yet together with her tutor, they worked persistently toward that goal. Jennifer was encouraged by her tutor's firm belief in her ability to succeed, and after a few months of consistent tutoring, she started to excel in her reading. By the end of the year, Jennifer had gained 1.5 grade levels in her reading. Now the same girl who was apprehensive and frustrated by books visits the YES Reading Center every day during recess to read.



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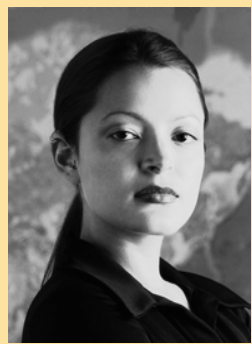
Today, we are helping 275 children at 6 partner schools.

By 2009, YES Reading is looking forward to serving 10 partner schools and helping over 500 students.



We invite you to help make this goal a reality and inspire hundreds of children to greatness.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friend,

In the past seven years at YES Reading, we have witnessed firsthand the reading gaps that exist for so many children from low-income backgrounds. Yet, we have also seen the incredible impact that one-to-one intervention and support has on these children. Reading is the single most important tool that we can provide to these children to open endless doors of opportunity and break the cycle of poverty in which many of them are entrapped.

This year marks an exciting point for YES Reading as the organization embarks on a three-year growth strategy that will result in 10 YES Reading centers across the Bay Area by 2009. In the past three years, YES Reading has grown from one to six programs, quadrupling the number of total students served. Our partner schools continue to be extremely satisfied with our program, with 100% of classroom teachers identifying YES Reading as valuable to their school campus. We are confident that we can bring our successful model of reading support and community investment to additional schools and continue to maintain our extremely high standards of quality in our programming.

As YES Reading has expanded, our operating budget has increased proportionately. In order to reach our ambitious goals, we must continue to increase our revenue base. Individual gifts are critical to the success of YES Reading and our students. Please join us in expanding the literacy and life opportunities of our students—change a child's life with the gift of reading.

Sincerely,

[Sarah's scanned signature.]

Sarah Almy
Executive Director

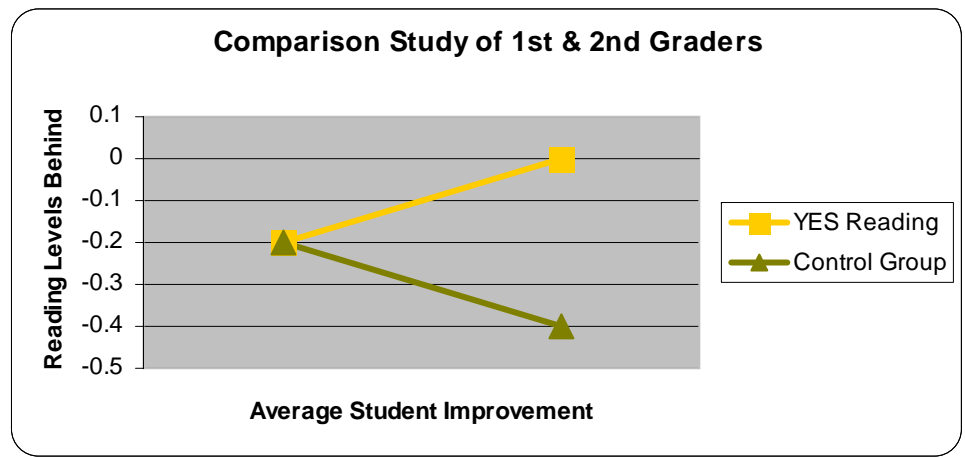


OUR MISSION

YES Reading's mission is to expand the life opportunities of children in low-income communities by empowering them with strong literacy skills. YES Reading partners with public schools and provides results-oriented, one-on-one tutoring to children who may otherwise not have an opportunity for individualized reading attention. We currently recruit and train volunteer tutors to work at six school-based YES Reading Centers in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

OUR IMPACT

YES Reading conducted a small control group study to assess our impact. Results indicated that YES Reading students are more likely to catch up to grade level, while those not receiving support are more likely to fall further behind.



Based on these results, a 1st or 2nd grader in YES Reading is 5 times more likely to be reading at or above grade level by the end of the school year than a student not enrolled in our program.

Last year at YES Reading...

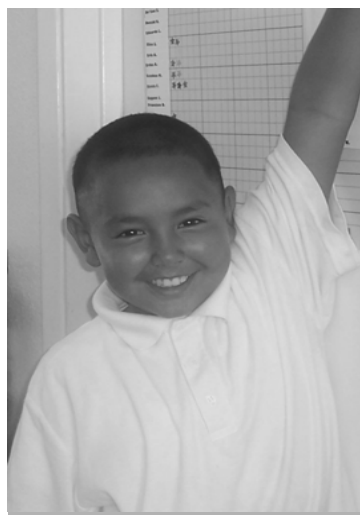
- 225 volunteer tutors collectively donated more than 7,000 volunteer hours to build the reading skills of 275 children.
- On average, our students gained 1 grade level after 30 hours of tutoring.
- 61% of our students' parents participated in Home Connection family programs.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LITERACY

We invite you to **Give the Gift of Literacy** through a contribution to YES Reading. YES Reading operates entirely on private support; without donations from generous people just like you, we would not be able to do our work.

Any contribution is valuable. Here are some examples of how your gift will help YES Reading:

- ★ \$100 sponsors a family literacy event to engage and inspire our students' families.
- ★ \$250 sponsors a special training opportunity for our tutors, giving them additional tools to support our students.
- ★ \$500 sponsors a library, stocking the shelves of a reading center with high-quality children's literature.
- ★ \$1,000 sponsors a year of tutoring for one child, providing critical reading instruction and mentoring to close the student's reading gaps.



"If I can help kids in my community become passionate about reading, I believe this will help them become successful adults, which in turn makes a better world for all of us."

—*Debby Maio, Selby Lane Tutor*

YOUR CHALLENGE

This year, the Grousbeck Family Foundation has issued a generous challenge grant to YES Reading. **Through this challenge grant, the Grousbeck Family Foundation will collectively match every dollar donated by a new individual donor or an increased gift by a current donor, up to \$20,000.** This is a great opportunity to leverage your donation in order to increase its overall impact on the students served by YES Reading.