

2025-2026 IMPACT REPORT



1818

Students supported through in-person or virtual tutoring



14

Communities reached across British Columbia



124

Partner schools in B.C. benefited from ONE TO ONE literacy support



818

Families attended a ONE TO ONE Parent Reading Workshop



562

Volunteers gifted nearly 24,000 hours of service to our programs

EVEN MORE READERS!

In 2025-2026 ONE TO ONE served more readers (and families!) than at any point since 2019-2020. Both our Virtual After-school and In-person Reading programs grew and we launched an enormous expansion of our Parent Reading Workshop program.

This past June saw the return of our Spelling Bee Challenge and it was as much fun as is safe to have in one afternoon!

Read on to learn more about the impact we made in 2025-2026, the success of our parent workshop initiative, and some heart-warming stories from the families and tutors involved in our programming.

As always, the impact that we make is thanks to the dedication of everyone across the ONE TO ONE community: staff and board, school coordinators and contractors, generous donors, and an inspiring cohort of dedicated and caring volunteer tutors around the province. We're excited to showcase the results of their efforts!

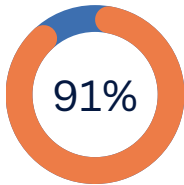
Thank you for being a part of our shared success.



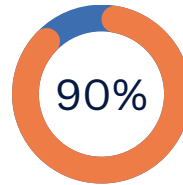
Alistair Nagle
Executive Director, ONE TO ONE Literacy Society

MAKING READING A SOURCE OF JOY

When reading is positive and fun, the struggle transforms into joy -- this is what creates lasting results. The connection between our dedicated volunteer tutors and their students continues to make an impact on reading skills and confidence.



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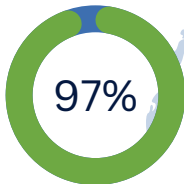


parents and teachers saw an improvement in confidence reading out loud and attitude toward reading.

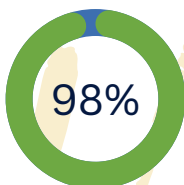
ONE TO ONE students reported that:



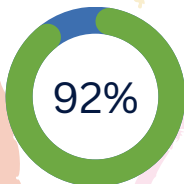
it was OK to make mistakes when reading with their ONE TO ONE tutor.



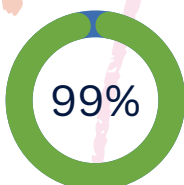
they are better at understanding what they were reading.



they are better able to figure out difficult words.



they made improvements in reading smoothly.



they had fun reading with their ONE TO ONE tutor.

When I asked her about a word I don't know, she explained with lots of patience and gives lots of examples and make sure I understand it.

– Student

After starting the program, [my son] became much more confident in himself. He started wanting to read and asking to read the books himself. I'm very proud of him and very grateful for the program.

– Parent

My daughter absolutely loves [her tutor]. She says [she] really listens to her and helps her sound out words while still making it fun. She even told me she wishes [she] was her big sister.

– Parent

One of the students commented "I am so proud of my learning". I think this belief in themselves was a part of working and making gains with ONE TO ONE and the kindness and positivity of the tutor.

– Teacher

IGNITING VOLUNTEERISM



The theme for National Volunteer Week, 2026 was *Ignite Volunteerism*, which “celebrates the power of civic participation” and calls for a “renewal of Canada’s culture of volunteering.”

We are so thankful for the **562 volunteers** who contributed to that culture of volunteering by gifting **23,931 hours** to ONE TO ONE this past year.

As they work side-by-side with their students, tutors have the best seat in the house to see the changes in the kids they read with, to watch them have an “aha!” moment, to see the spark of learning ignite.

But don’t take my word for it. Here is how some of our tutors describe the impact of their work and why they choose to volunteer.

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If I help even one child become a better reader or appreciate how wonderful it is, that makes me happy.

I love helping kids love to read.

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To me there is nothing better than seeing a light go on in a reader's eyes.

That feeling when you know something has clicked — a connection with the book that causes wonder, joy, [or] questions.

I am always sad to say goodbye to my readers, and typically they are as well.

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This year, we asked tutors if they would be interested volunteer opportunities besides tutoring. And, wow, did they respond positively.

Tutors supported us this year by **providing tutor testimonials, and spreading the word during our fundraising campaigns. They helped out at our Spelling Bee and via our (new) tutor advisory panel. Tutors supported over 200 families through our Parent Reading Workshop and were involved with over 140 parent onboarding calls.** One even helped us with data management!

Each of our tutors is a model of “civic participation” and, in ways big and small, helps make the work that we do possible.



SUPPORTING PARENTS, STRENGTHENING READERS

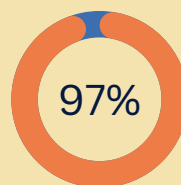
This past school year, ONE TO ONE **nearly tripled** the reach of our Parent Reading Workshop thanks to the very generous support of the Simon K.Y. Lee Foundation.

SIMON K.Y. LEE FOUNDATION

李國賢基金會

In collaboration with school and community partners in the Lower Mainland and Victoria, we delivered **39** in-person workshops and provided **775** families with practical, evidence-informed reading strategies, interactive activities, games, and a shared learning experience, designed to help them confidently support their child's at-home reading experience.

We also expanded access to the program by translating workshop materials into four languages and providing live interpretation services as needed.



of families said they felt more confident supporting their child's reading development after attending a workshop

After attending a ONE TO ONE Parent Reading Workshop:

- 56% of families reported **reading together** more often
- 93% saw improvements in their child's **reading comprehension**
- 96% said the **workshop contributed** to improvements in their child's reading

It was very helpful [and the] tips seemed very practical and doable.

I enjoyed participating with other parents and feeling like we are all in this together! Thanks for the reminder to make it fun!

– Parent

Great session! Best of all was witnessing the closeness between parent and child as they "played" together with literacy.

– School Principal

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

On a sunny April afternoon, ONE TO ONE recognized our dedicated volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea at beautiful VanDusen Botanical Garden, during National Volunteer Week. While **all** our volunteers have a huge impact on their community and are worthy of celebration, we'd like to take a moment to acknowledge our volunteers of the year who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to literacy and to our mission.

IN-PERSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - CHERYL ANSEEUW

A ONE TO ONE tutor starting in 2014 at Admiral Seymour Elementary, our In-Person Volunteer of the Year, Cheryl Anseeuw, has been reading with students in schools across the Lower Mainland for over a decade. The school coordinator at Strathcona Elementary, Mark, nominated Cheryl this year and shared the following:



Cheryl goes out of her way to connect with the kids she works with. She collaborates with staff members and navigates a complicated school schedule all while wearing the biggest smile on her face.

She is gentle, yet encouraging and students are eager to read with her. It's all because of her warm, positive attitude. Cheryl works hard to build the confidence of her readers who then go on to participate more in their own learning and contribute to their classroom communities

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR — SUSAN WILKES

Our 2025–26 Virtual Volunteer of the Year, Susan Wilkes, started tutoring in 2022. She is a committed tutor and can always be found at supplemental training sessions, coffee chats, and tutor social events. This is what a parent of one of Susan's students had to say in their volunteer of the year nomination:

Our son is excited, engaged, and genuinely looks forward to his time with Susan. She has a remarkable ability to make reading fun, approachable, and something he enjoys rather than avoids. Susan's patience, encouragement, and dedication have made a meaningful difference in our son's learning and his confidence as well.

She celebrates his progress and keeps him motivated. She is incredibly patient and makes reading feel fun rather than like a task. It's clear that she genuinely cares, and that kindness comes through in every interaction.



THE BUZZ CAME BACK!

For the first time in person since 2019, spellers gathered for ONE TO ONE Literacy's 16th Spelling Bee Challenge.

Hosted at VanDusen Botanical Garden it was an event full of community, camaraderie, and healthy competition, all in support of our children's literacy programs.

Led by our host, author Ashley Spires, and quizmaster Amanda Adams, the energy inside the room was electric.

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We were thrilled to be supported by our media sponsor, Daily Hive, and our community sponsor, Geotab, as this year's teams: *The Originals, Bygone Bees, Hive Got a Feeling, Queen Bees, Spelchek, and Geotabulous* competed to showcase their orthographic skills in a quest for spelling supremacy.

Beyond the tricky words, spellers heard from families in our program who talked about the impact that the ONE TO ONE program made on their lives.



2026 Champion Team:
Spelchek

As the event drew to a close, we were thrilled to crown Spelchek as our 2026 champion and proud to announce that our combined fundraising total came to over **\$18,000!**

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us in June and for those who couldn't make it, stay tuned for details about our 2027 Bee.

See you next year!



MEET SAMMIE JO AND PABLO

Meet Sammie Jo Rumbaua and her son, Pablo. Now in Grade 5, Pablo joined ONE TO ONE's after-school Virtual Reading Program in Grade 3.

Sammie Jo generously agreed to share her family's experience in the program, and its impact on Pablo. We were delighted to have her at our Spelling Bee Challenge as a guest speaker. "I am always looking for ways to support Pablo's growth and learning. As a single mom, I will take all the help I can get — raising a child truly takes a village."

What was her family's at-home reading experience before joining ONE TO ONE?

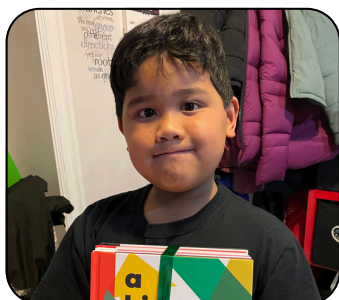
"Homework was often [a] frustrating moment: my family would try their best to help Pablo, but finding the right approach wasn't always easy."

Pablo has read with different tutors but has always had a positive experience. "One of the things I appreciate [about the program] is the opportunity for children to connect with people from different generations. Pablo's first tutor, was a Grade 12 student. It was wonderful for him to have a mentor who was closer to his age that he could look up to."

She continued, "his most recent tutor, was an older adult, and was especially impactful. She helped him see that learning doesn't have to be stressful and that mistakes are part of the process. She gave him the opportunity to build a positive relationship with an elder outside of his family. There is nothing more rewarding than watching your child feel successful and believe in themselves."

Pablo has had different tutors, but all have worked hard to build a connection with him, which is key to the work we do.

We'll leave the last word to Sammie Jo, because we couldn't put it any better:



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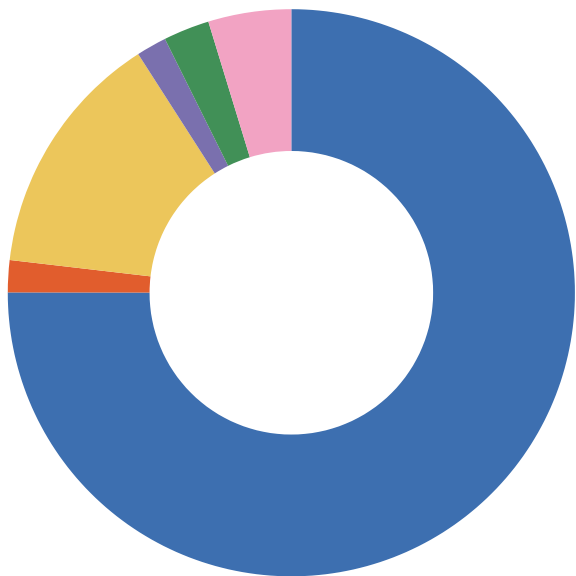
ONE TO ONE doesn't just teach literacy skills, they build confidence and create connections between generations. They remind families that we do not have to do this journey alone. Thank you to all the tutors for creating opportunities for kids to thrive, continue learning, and discover their potential. The impact you make extends far beyond reading.

Thank you for being part of Pablo's village.

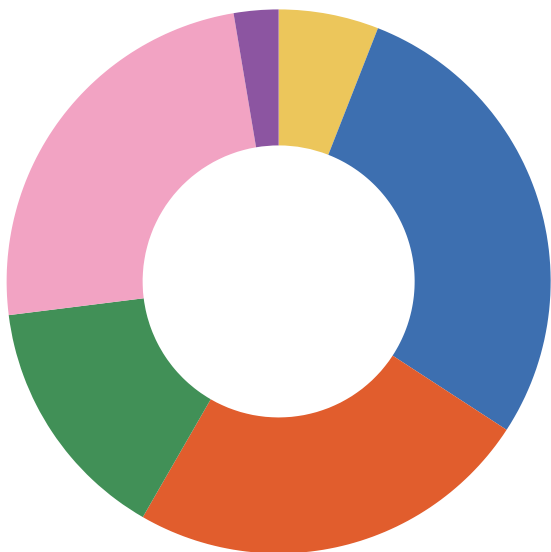


FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT*

REVENUE
2025-26



EXPENSES
2025-26



- Foundations & Grants - \$282,608.05
- Fee for Service - \$6,871.47
- Individual Giving - \$53,026.84
- Corporate - \$6,500
- Events - \$9,889.81
- Other (incl. investments) - 17,813.37

- In-person program - \$117,261.37
- Virtual program - \$100,237.38
- Parent workshops - \$61,048.93
- Administration - \$101,030.79
- Office expenses - \$11,011.54
- Fundraising costs - \$24,710.26

* This snapshot is unaudited; our audited financial statements are prepared at the end of the calendar year.

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