



Brookstone Schools

Sowing Seeds of Wisdom

Annual Report 2016-17





Glorifying God by Equipping Urban Students

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. – Jeremiah 29:7



When the founders came together 20 years ago, a mission was laid on their hearts:

To glorify God by equipping urban students academically, socially, and spiritually for future lives of leadership and service.

I've asked several founders if they imagined Brookstone would look the way it does now, and each answers the same way: It's better than we could have imagined!

There have been exciting changes and growth, but what truly matters is that we have not drifted from our purpose.

Our highest goal is to remain faithful to this work and safeguard the mission God has given us.

Last year we began with a plan ('Growth with Excellence') to double the school for the first time in our history. We did this for the many parents who hoped for the right opportunity – one they

believed Brookstone could offer their family.

YOUR gifts propelled us forward to jumpstart the plan. We added additional classrooms in kindergarten and 1st grade; we extended the school day for our most at-risk students, providing quality academic resources; we partnered with like-minded organizations to assist in areas outside the classroom.

Equipping urban students is strenuous work that requires patience and endurance. It is beyond our own abilities. We are stretched and challenged, but what glorious, life-affirming work it is! It's worth it!

By God's grace through YOU – donors, volunteers, and friends – we are thriving! These pages are evidence that we are on track with our mission. Truly he has blessed us with YOU as partners in this work.

 Steve Hall
Head of School

Opposite page: Collin Massey, 4th grader, Jasmine Sloop, 3rd grader, and Christopher Smith, 2nd grader

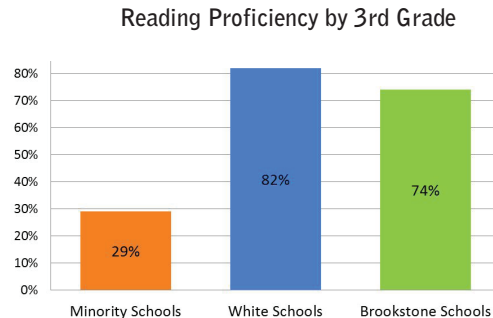
Front Cover: Zyone Davis and Sambrina Cooper, Kindergarteners



Equipping Academically

Research confirms that reading proficiency by 3rd grade is an essential step toward achieving educational success. Attaining this 3rd grade reading benchmark is one of the critical indicators we use to gauge the success of our reading program.

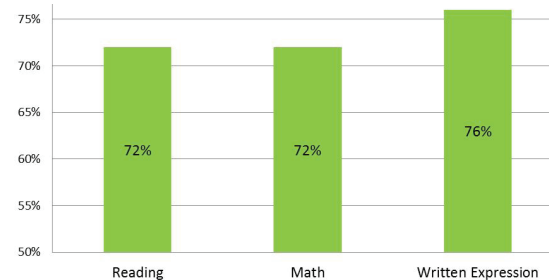
The graph below (NC Department of Instruction) shows reading outcomes of students in white and predominately non-white schools in Mecklenburg



County in 2017. The percentage of non-white students achieving reading proficiency by 3rd grade was a mere 29%. Clearly more urgent efforts are needed to boost the foundational reading skills of children who come from low-income families.

We are pleased to report that our spring 2017 reading assessment showed that 74% of our students had achieved this reading milestone by 3rd grade.

National Percentile Ranking vs. Socio Economic Peers



2017 IOWA Outcomes – Data shows Brookstone students performing near the 75th percentile compared against students of similar economic status across the U.S.



Equipping Socially and Spiritually

I joined the tutoring program in fall 2016 and began my friendship with a bright 4th grader. I hoped to help him become more focused and channel his energy into school work. However, the real "help" was on my end as I gained an appreciation of the challenges that face too many children in our community. Through my student, I saw how economic pressures, fractured families, and peer pressure interfere with education. Brookstone Schools is the vehicle that helps students overcome these challenges, so I will continue as a tutor and lunch buddy and plan to attend my student's college graduation in 2029.

Dale Saville, Tutor and lunch buddy





For Future Lives of Leadership and Service

One graduate's story of service to his country

Schools graduates have attended:

*Northside Christian Academy
Victory Christian Center School
Butler High School
Charlotte Christian School
Providence High School
Covenant Day School
Harding High School
Charlotte Secondary School
Phillip O. Berry Academy of
Technology
Kipp Academy
Vance High School
Myers Park High School
Queen's Grant High School
West Charlotte High School
Morehead STEM Academy*

Colleges attended:

*Virginia State University
East Carolina University
UNC Charlotte
NC State University
Appalachian State University
Wingate University*

"You have a 4.3 GPA! College was always our plan. What other options do you need?" This was the question Dee Collins asked her son, Blaine, when he shared his desire to join the United States Air Force. For Dee, college was the obvious next step. But he humbly replied that he wanted to consider other options.

As one of Brookstone's first students, Blaine graduated fifth grade before attending Charlotte Secondary School and Independence High School. But he credits Brookstone with setting a strong foundation for grades 6-12 and beyond!

**"I want to use the talents God has given me
to serve my country."**

Blaine's passion for aviation began with a love for science at Brookstone and developed through an engineering program at Independence High School. Considering the real-life application of engineering, he focused his attention on airplanes and enrolled in the Air Force ROTC. This program refined Blaine's leadership and ability to apply knowledge, ultimately leading him to enlist in the Air Force. He hopes to complete his bachelor's degree following his service.

In Blaine, we see that the seeds sown years ago have produced good fruit. He leads out of the desire to serve God and others through the knowledge and skills given to him.

Opposite page: Christopher Smith, 2nd grader, and Blaine Williams, Alumnus



Stewarding Your Gifts for His Glory

Brookstone Schools Financials

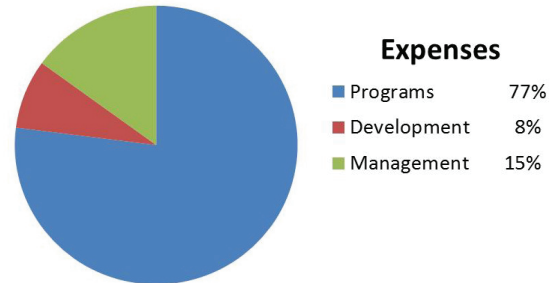
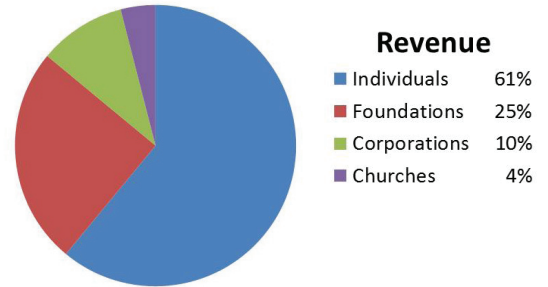
Statement of Activity July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Revenue

Total Contributions	\$ 1,538,452
Tuition	210,747
Other Income	63,805
Total Income	\$ 1,813,004

Expense

Personnel Costs	\$ 1,044,311
Occupancy	131,166
Program Costs	124,667
Fundraiser	92,578
Administrative Overhead	63,221
Marketing and Development	17,554
Total Expense	\$ 1,473,497
Net Income	\$ 339,507





Sharing a Mission of Hope and Promise

One generation shall commend the works of God to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. -Psalm 145:4

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Opposite page: Myles Stradford, 7th grader, and Zyone Davis, Kindergartener





Overflowing with Gratitude for You

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Geoscience Group Inc.
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InterCon Building Corp.
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KneX Worldwide LLC
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Lomax Tile & Marble Inc.
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SignUpGenius
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Unique Printer Solutions LLC
Verge Talent
Visa Giving Station
Walker 5 Logistics Group, Inc.
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Churches

All Saints Anglican Church
Calvary United Methodist Church
Carmel Presbyterian Church
Church At Charlotte
Davidson United Methodist Church
East Charlotte Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church of Charlotte
Hope Community Church
Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Snyder-Fisher-Fellowship
Bible Class
Myers Park United Methodist
Church
SouthLake Presbyterian
Church
Sovereign Grace Presbyterian
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St. Matthew Catholic Church
Team Church
Uptown Church, PCA
Westminster Presbyterian
Church

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Akers Foundation Inc.
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Thank you for your prayers and support for Brookstone's ministry.



Billy Graham once said,
 "God has given us two
 hands – one to receive with and the other
 to give with. We are not cisterns made for
 hoarding; we are channels made for sharing."

At a glance, our supporters' list shows a 'deep
 and wide river' of generosity! THANK YOU
 for sharing your heart and love through
 your gifts. Collectively, you have impacted
 children's lives and brought hope.

Within a decade, if all goes well, Brookstone
 may emerge as one of the top schools
 nationwide that serves children from poverty.
 Admittedly, the plan is ambitious. And it
 won't be cheap: excellence in education
 at this level never is. But we will get there,
 thanks to your vision, your commitment, and
 your witness to the grace and power of God.

For His glory,


 Suzanne Wilson, M.Ed.
 Director of Advancement



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