

Annual Report

October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017



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Awesome Alliances

It has been our privilege to work in partnership with the following organizations and artists during the past year:

- Camping for All
- Charlottesville CLASS
- Charlottesville Parks and Recreation
- Civic Access
- Jack Jouett Middle School
- Jesse Frye
- Kim and Jimbo Cary
- Ninni Baeckström
- VSA Arts Charlottesville/Albemarle

Special Thanks to:

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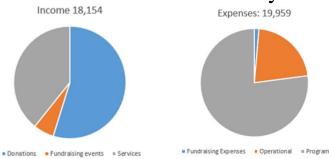
Approximately 670 children and youth participated in our programs and partnerships this year. Our activities included:

- The Summer Inclusion Program
- Workshops at Ivy Creek, Post High, and The Park School
- Monumental Collaborations at Jack Jouett Middle School
- An interactive concert with Kim and Jimbo Cary

And an astonishing 41,000 children and youth were served by programs that participated in the following trainings that we either presented or hosted with partnering organizations:

- Presentation by Enrichment Alliance and Camping for All at The American Camp Association Regional Conference.
- Let's All Play Training with Aron Hall at City Space, co-sponsored by Enrichment Alliance, Camping for All, and Charlottesville Parks are Recreations Therapeutic Recreation

2016.2017 Financial Summary



A complete financial report is available on our website and through the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.





Because of you, 670 children participated in inclusive, enriching programs in our community. Because of you, leaders of programs serving a total of over 41,000 children were trained in inclusive practices. Sustained engagement in quality enrichment programming makes a difference to children, which is why YOU are making a critical difference in our community.

You each have your own gifts to bring, and not everyone listed below enriched the lives of children in the same way. Some donated time, some collaborated with us, some donated resources -- cash or in-kind. Some opened their facilities to us. Some networked with us. Most enriched children's lives in more than one way. What I can say about everyone named below is that we treasure ALL their gifts. That is why you will never see our supporters differentiated by the method or quantity of their support. Every individual, every foundation, every organization, and every corporation listed below made a difference to the children and youth of our community and for this we are always so deeply grateful:

Aaron Hall -National Inclusion Project, Amy Vandenburg, Arine Elsea, Anonymous Foundation, Antonia Comfort, BARNETT BOOKS, Beth McGrath, Cami Kaplan, Carla Masterson, Charlottesville City Schools—CLASS, Charlottesville Parks and Recreation - Camp Ext., Deb Shapiro, Donna Evans and her Art Students, Edith Good, Emily Berry, EMILY DREYFUS, Erin Lehan, GE Fanuc, Gena Lewis, Greta Dershimer, Hong Fan Bloom, Jack Jouett Middle School, Jamila Rolley, Janet Muse and Robert Walters, Jean and Steve Botts, Jenna Vitolo, JESS FRYE, Jessica Primm, John Williams, Kate LaBoeuf, Laura Jones, Libby Allen, Warty Snell, Mary Anna and Mike Dunn, Mary Anna Turner, Mary Cook, Mary Miller, Mecca Burns, National Inclusion Project, Nicole Colf., Ninni Backström, The Park School, THE PERRY FOUNDATION, STEFANIE OLLISON, Sue Smith, T&N Printing, UNA Career Development, Varian Medical Systems, VSA Arts Charlottesville/Albemarle

BUT WHAT ABOUT *ME*? Our fiscal year ends on September 30th. If you have contributed to or participated in our programs since then, look for your name in our 17.18 annual report.

A YEAR OF ACTION

The Summer Inclusion Program

A highlight of the year was the Inclusion Training led by Aron Hall of The National Inclusion Project. Sponsored by The Enrichment Alliance, Camping for All, and Charlottesville Parks and Recreation's Adaptive Recreation program, this activity was a marvelous example of how productive and









The importance of including children with and without disabilities into programs is evident. What has been overlooked, unfortunately, is the important and necessary component of training out-of-school time providers to ensure that staff members are prepared to fully and meaningfully include all children. --- "The Need for Skilled Inclusion in Out-of-School Time Programs: Kids Included Together Responds" Kara Smith. Kids Included Together White Paper.

powerful alliances can be. 45 attendees from 5 different programs learned strategies for including children with disabilities in out-of-school time programs. What's so very exciting to us about offering this type of training is the breadth of impact they can have in our communities. The total number of children served by the attendees was a staggering 30,000! We will be putting increased emphasis on trainings in the future. In order to bring in the best presenters in the country we are already making plans as far out as 2019. **If you are interested in helping plan and carry out these events, please contact us about volunteering.**

The alliances we forged in The Summer Inclusion Program continued to bloom and grow in other ways last year. Along with Deb Shapiro of Camping for All, Mary Anna attended the American Camp Association Regional Conference, where she and Deb presented on gathering information on the needs of campers with disabilities. Camping for All and EAVA provided inclusion training and support for Charlottesville Parks and Recreation/CLASS Camps for the 7th summer.

Workshops and other VSA Collaborations

Another very significant partnership is our alliance with VSA Arts of Charlottesville Albemarle. VSA Arts promotes "the creative power in people with disabilities." Last year, we welcomed art teacher Erin Lehan to the Enrichment Alliance staff to lead VSA art workshops. Having Erin on board has enabled Mary Anna to shift her focus from art activities to her passion: teaching poetry. Erin did art programs at Ivy Creek School and Carver Recreation Center. Mary Anna led a poetry workshop at Post High. Mary Anna and volunteer Jahmila Riley joined up with VSA Arts staff and volunteers to edit the VSA Arts annual literary collection. We enjoyed a musical collaboration with Kim and Jimbo Cary, who put on an interactive concert for Park School students, Charlottesville Post High Students, and Albemarle Post High Students at The Carver Recreational Center.

Monumental Collaborations

Work resumed on the welcoming mural at Jack Jouett Middle School last spring, after a hiatus of several months due to some external renovations. Ninni Baeckström of McGuffey Art Center continued to work on the project through last spring, leaving the project in the very competent hands of Donna Evans, while Ninni and her husband literally sailed away for an adventure of a life time. Happy sailing to Ninni, who founded our Monumental Collaborations program. In the coming year, we will be looking at how best to continue to provide opportunities for our children and youth to have access to the best in art instruction regardless of income, ability, or geographic barriers. You don't hear much about "geographic barriers" but it is certainly a fact that rural children have less access to enrichment opportunities than their urban and suburban peers and we expect to be particularly focused on that concern in the year ahead.







While rural communities mirror the national trend toward a growing number of children taking part in afterschool and summer learning programs, rural participation remains below the national average.... In rural communities, the overall demand for afterschool programs among minority and low-income families is particularly strong, and as a result, both participation in and unmet demand for afterschool programs is high. --- "America After 3PM Special Report: The Growing Importance of Afterschool" in Rural Communities March 2016.

Getting Involved

Social Media

You can sign up for our e-newsletter through our website:

www.enrichmentalliance.org

You can find us on Facebook at Enrichment Alliance of Virginia and on Twitter @Enrichva.

We have a Pinterest Boards for:

- Local Special Needs Friendly Programs.
- Suggested Adaptive Materials.
- Articles building the case for enrichment and inclusion.

http://www.pinterest.com/enrichva/

Volunteering

We are developing committees for each our major alliances, which are described above. Let us know if you are interested in serving on any of these committees.

In addition, we need volunteers for communications including print materials, graphics, social media and web design and support. We need research assistants to help us ensure that the work we do is aligned with current research best practice.

And we need one-time volunteers for events. Our next event will be staffing the draft truck at Fridays After Five on August 24th.

Rewards and Employer Programs

Does your employer offer match funds?

<u>Virginia State Employees</u>: The Enrichment Alliance is a Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign charity. You can enroll in your state employer's campaign program to have donations automatically deducted from your payroll. Our CVC number is 07876.

Kroger Shoppers: You can link your Kroger Plus card to the community rewards program and designated us as your charity. Our NPO Number is 92863.

<u>On-line Shoppers:</u> We are enrolled in Good Shop (http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx) and Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com). Find us on these websites and designate us as your charity of choice.

Please remember to check with your employer about match programs.

You can provide financial support our programs on our website through our <u>Donate Now</u> button, or by sending your check to The Enrichment Alliance of Virginia, PO Box 1423 Charlottesville, Va. 22932

The Enrichment Alliance of Virginia is a tax exempt 501 c (3). A copy of our financial records is available through the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.

Mission

The Enrichment Alliance of Virginia is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing ideas, people, and resources together to enrich the out-of-school school time of critically under-served children and youth.

Vision

That all children, regardless of income, location, language barriers, or special needs will be able to be included in meaningful, enriching activities during their out-of-school hours.

There are print media fans and there are electronic media fans. If you are more of an electronic media type, please drop us an email and we will send you our annual report electronically next time.