Program Statistics

- We engaged 1,509 parents and children
- held 144 workshops and 12 family game nights for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st-grade, and 2nd-grade families at 6 schools
- served our Spanish-speaking families by providing a rotating schedule of 11 interpreters to assist during parent workshops
- contributed volunteer hours from 60+ individuals to support families through childcare and meal service at each of the partner schools
- established professional relationships—22 teachers taught parents a variety of reading, math and behavioral techniques to use with their child at home

"I have the pleasure of working with some amazing people at Side by Side. They were the very first community partners I met. The summer before I became the principal they came and shared their vision with me concerning literacy, and I shared the same sentiment. Having a community partnership like Side by Side is instrumental in terms of the progress my students have made. They are always willing, and the tutors are amazing. They come into our classrooms and really support the students, and the children really look forward to having an intimate opportunity to work with them. Our families look forward to Side by Side and I appreciate the commitment to increasing the levels of parental participation.”

– McKenna Lewis, principal, James Harrison Elementary.

"My favorite part of Side by Side is getting to talk to adults because I talk to kids all day long. We talk about the good, the bad, and the ugly, because we know it’s there. When I start my sessions, I say this is a judgment-free zone. We are going to talk, we’re going to hash it out, we’re going to problem-solve together, whether it’s about reading, math, or behavior. We are going to get it out there and help each other. I have a blast with this program. I’m so blessed.”

– Jennifer Foulkes, Great Start teacher at Laurel Elementary.

"My family immigrated when I was 12, so I never attended an elementary school here. My husband also is an immigrant, so he never attended school in the United States. We didn’t know what to expect when we went from a small private daycare to a public elementary school. I didn’t know how to communicate with teachers or how to get connected with parents. Everything was new and kind of scary. The first couple of months were extremely stressful because we received a plethora of information about meetings and activities. But one thing that we went to that we still attend today is the Side by Side meetings. I am so glad we went. I come home exhausted after working 10-hour days and my kids are eager to go. It seems like home when you get there. You see smiling faces; parents, teachers, the community. It’s an organization that allows everyone to be included. The whole purpose is to bring up our community, to help our children grow and learn, and to feel safe and empowered.”

– Olga Koly, parent of Ismael at Bond Mill Elementary.
Financial Statistics
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Revenue: $180,917    Expenses: $170,588    Revenue over Expenses: $10,329

Of note in fiscal year 2018-2019, Side by Side experienced record levels of revenue in three categories: $52,369 in donations by individuals, $38,850 in government grants and $12,966 in proceeds of online fundraisers. Individual donations were the highest single category, indicating broad community support for which we are very grateful. To view our audit, go to our website: https://sidebysidelaurel.org.

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