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Annual Report / *newsletter*

2016 - 2017

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Letter from Sister Cecilia La Pietra



OUR MISSION

To provide English Classes and other supportive services for immigrants to empower them to reach their full potential and lead meaningful lives within their communities.



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As we begin our 21st year of One to One Learning, we take a look at the 20 year time line. The first ten years were formation years. During that time, my position as Executive Director was half-time, my other position was Pastoral Associate at St. John the Baptist Church in Piermont ministering with the English-speaking parishioners and beginning a ministry to the Spanish-speakers who were also students of One to One. A big change came when we moved to Marydell Faith and Life Center; I took on a full-time position and we were able to expand the program with more time and space available. Fund and friend raising activities expanded with Star-Fest, Hands of Hope, and dinners and soccer tournaments organized by our Alumni.

What will the next 5 to 10 years bring? Changes in Staff have already occurred this year with Sister Jeanine Nolan’s retirement; her position being filled by Sister Maureen Conway, Gino Silvestri, and Marianne Barry. As a Board we have been involved in Succession Planning with an eye toward new leadership emerging from Alumni, Students, Board, Teachers, and others as partners in our mission, “Language Empowers; Language Unites. Financial sustainability has also been a focus as we move on into the future.

Each one of you is an important part of our future story of growth as you have been during these past years. For your support we have been truly grateful and you are remembered in prayer each morning. As we approach the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah please remember us in your gift giving. November 28 is the National Day of Giving.

At this time we are also very aware of the plight of immigrants, some of our students and alumni among them. Their situation is tenuous as the program, “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” (DACA) is ending. Bi partisan legislation was introduced late in the 114th Congress by Senators Lindsey Graham and Richard Durbin, “Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy (BRIDGE) Act”. There is also concern about the “Temporary Protection Status” (TPS) of persons from El Salvador, Haiti, and Honduras. Dominican Sisters of Sparkill are sponsoring a Forum on Immigration on November 18th from 1:30 to 3:30. You are most welcome. For registration eileen.gannon@sparkill.org



ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

JUNE 2017

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING CERTIFICATES WAS:

144 STUDENTS

HONORS	94
MERIT	37
PARTICIPATION	13

TOTAL 144

A SUMMARY OF THESE STUDENTS ACCORDING TO TIME ATTENDED:

TIME ATTENDED	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
10 YEARS	1
7 YEARS	1
6 YEARS	1
4 YEARS	3
3 YEARS	11
2 YEARS	13
1 YEAR	35
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1 MONTH OR LESS	132
2-3 MONTHS	57
4-8 MONTHS	81

TOTAL ON REGISTER

EVENING	335
DAYTIME	7
SPRING VALLEY	11

ANNUAL REPORT

Sept. 1, 2015 - Aug. 31, 2016

INCOME

Grants	\$20,736.00
Donations	44,088.00
Memorials	816.00
Fund Raising	53,836.00
Student Fund Raising	13,190.00
Book Sales	3,050.00
Interest/Dividends	4,875.00
I.D Card Payments	637.00

TOTAL INCOME \$141,228.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$82,511.00
Insurance	2,800.00
Utilities	3,884.00
Office Expense	4,307.00
Equipment/Maintenance	1,414.00
Van Expense	651.00
Fund Raising Expense	10,742.00
Memberships, Board, Gifts	1,836.00
Student Books	7,923.00
Cleaning	600.00
Financial Management	1,000.00
Newsletter	5,090.00
Fire Alarms	1,533.00
Children's Program	0.00
Bank Fees	140.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$124,431.00

NET INCOME \$16,797.00

PROGRAM

We provide ongoing registration and are aware of life situations of our students. Most of our students come to class between the end of October and the beginning of April due to seasonal work of landscaping and construction. When these students return to class, their group has advanced. However, we are able to place them in other groups, since there are several groups on the same level.

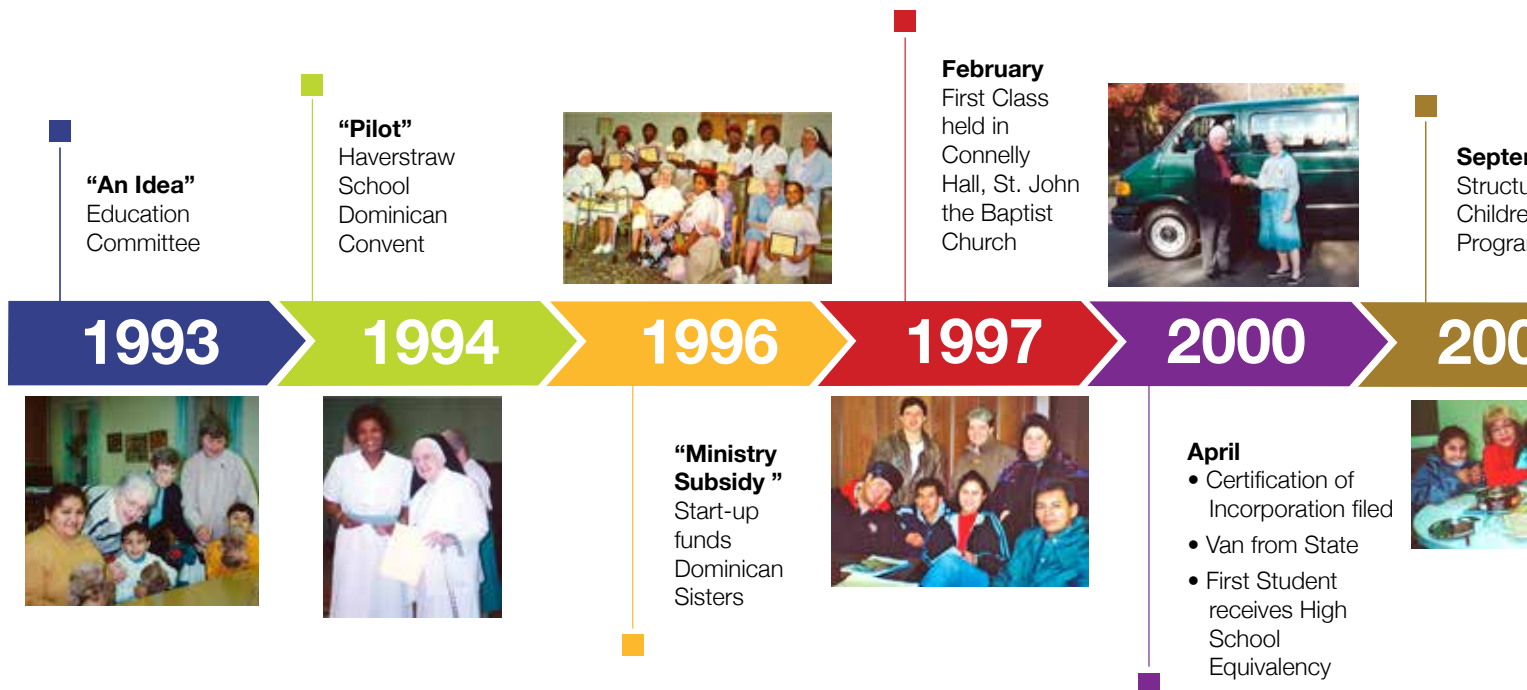
In June of 2017 thirty-four learning groups were in process:

- 1 Advanced Literacy**
- 1 Citizenship**
- 2 Pre-GED (TASC)**
- 3 Pre-Literate**
- 2 Advanced English**
- 9 Advanced Intermediate**
- 6 Intermediate**
- 6 Beginner Book Level**
- 4 Basic Beginner**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Janet Fenton, coordinator of the program, is a blessing for our parents. They can concentrate on learning since they know that their children are in good hands. With the assistance of two other adults, **Patty Crowley** and **Therese McSherry**, students from **Albertus Magnus**, **Queen of Angels**, and **Tappan Zee High Schools**, and some 7th and 8th graders from local elementary schools, **Mrs. Fenton** provides a meaningful time for the children. Usually there may be from 15 to 25 children, ages 3 to 12 at any one time. The older ones usually need homework help and the volunteers read to groups of the younger ones during quiet time. Later there are fun games and crafts, ending the evening with a snack.





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Ten years later over 3500 Students and over 150 volunteers

March
Friends prepare office space

September
Classes begin at Marydell

Children have their own cabin

Beautiful outdoor space for picnics

Alumni Leadership Activities



February
First computer class

November
Sisters of Our Lady of Christian Doctrine invite us to use cabins at Marydell

August
Putting in turf stone for parking

Large dining room provides a space for parties and awards ceremony

Computer program has a home

SOCCER



Our Alumni and Students are very active in Fund raising events for One to One Learning. We are grateful for their leadership in running these events. They are truly partners in our mission.

This year they hosted a 20th Anniversary Dinner in February. Their Soccer Tournaments on the Fourth of July and Labor Day were also great successes. These activities were community builders as well as raising \$14,160.



GRANTS AND INSTITUTIONAL DONATIONS 2016-2017

United Way Community Impact Grant

Second Year \$23,000 shared with CCCSR
 One to One portion \$12,036

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York

\$15,000 Capital Project Grant
 \$5,000 Cardinal's Luncheon

Orange and Rockland Grant – \$3,000

Ridgewood Savings Bank – \$4,500

St. Frances Assisi Parish – \$3,131 (Tea event)

Jewish Communal Fund – \$1,000

Sean Scully Studio – \$1,000

Rockland Country Club – \$500

RESPONSE FROM OUR BENEFACTORS

We are grateful to you as you assist us in paying our monthly bills. Since our last newsletter we have received the following donations totaling \$4685. You are remembered in prayer each day.



Regina Kelly
Thomas and Barbara Napolitano
Sister Carol Kopff



Christine Ellis
Robert and Tena Lectanski
(Memory of Bob Giacobbe)
John and Mary McCoy
Frank Platt (Soccer Sponsor)
Keith Taylor



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(Memory of Bob Giacobbe)
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Rust Gilbert
Catherine Jennings
(Memory of Bob Giacobbe)
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Mary Ann and Peter Turrise
Carol Valentino OP



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Dolores Shortal OP
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Jane Tyler OP and Gloria Lowe OP
Raul Vasconez

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**REMEMBERED IN THE WILL
OF GERTRUDE SCHLACHTER**
Friend and benefactor of
One to One Learning
\$20,000

Dominican Sisters of Sparkill
Harry Dussold Fund
2017-2018 Leadership Grant
\$8,950

Thank You

to
Luis Alfonso Orozco,
a student who
painted and detailed
our van at no charge.
If you need any auto body
work, painting or detailing,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

STAR-FEST IX

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

**ONE TO ONE LEARNING
HANDS OF HOPE GALA**

MAY 4, 2018

VOLUNTEER TO TEACH ~

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STAR-FEST VIII

Each year as One to One Learning celebrates Star-Fest we remark at the wonderful event that it was. This year, however, Star-Fest VIII seemed to take on a special quality of excellence. The day itself was lovely, warm but with a gentle summer breeze, that lent to a very comfortable presence for all those who attended.

John Patrick Schutz, in choosing selections of songs and readings, promoted an atmosphere of peace, inclusiveness, joy, and fun. All of us needed to be up-lifted from the negative energy, sadness, and tragedy of our world. The songs didn't tell us to forget but to find solace in community and to recover the energy of hope and action.

JP Schutz started the concert off with "Help Is on the Way" noting the cries of all humanity, entering into pain and suffering but still with a chance that somewhere, out there help would come. This brought a feeling of hope and awareness that each one of us should be ready to answer the call for help. Sue Matsuki's rendition of "Devil May Care" reminded us to "Live, love today and let tomorrow what may". We only have the present moment to love and isn't that really what life is all about. Bob Mattern brought the peace and calm of "Panis



Angelicus, the Bread of Angels, our way into the presence of God. Suzanne Du Charme charmed with readings from the "Merry Wives of Winsor" and together with Sue Matsuki reminded us of the important role that women play in society. It was serendipitous that JP noted that Marian McCabe was listed to be a guest at Star-Fest. He knew Marian when they went to Albertus Magnus High School and performed in plays, one of which was "Little Shop of Horrors". Renditions from this show delighted the audience and you can be sure that you will be seeing Marian McCabe in future Star-Fests. Of course Tommy Dunn and Jan Lynch had us clapping, tapping our feet and dancing to the Oldies and Irish melodies. There were many other songs; I have highlighted a few.

The restaurants out did themselves again this year with delicious foods. We hope that you will visit one of these restaurants to thank them for their generosity to One to One Learning...Avispa, Bourbon Street, Brady's Fox Hunt Inn, Del Arte, Gino's Bagels, La Fontanella, Mia Cucina, Oscar Milano's, Munno's, Nyack Seaport, Pearl River Saloon, Posa Posa, Rocco's, State Line, Turiello's, Union, Valley Cottage Deli, World of Food, and Restaurant X (Dessert).

STAR-FEST IX SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

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