

ONE TO ONE

Learning, Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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Annual Report/newsletter

2017 - 2018

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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 the communities in which they live and work



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Letter from Sister Cecilia La Pietra

I would like to share this poem, written by Sister Nancy Richter OP, teacher for 24 years at One to One Learning:

ONE + ONE = HOPE
Across the table
A bridge is built
No water lies below
Nor mud-nor silt.

But in this chasm
Our differences flow,
As they blend together,
Our minds do grow.

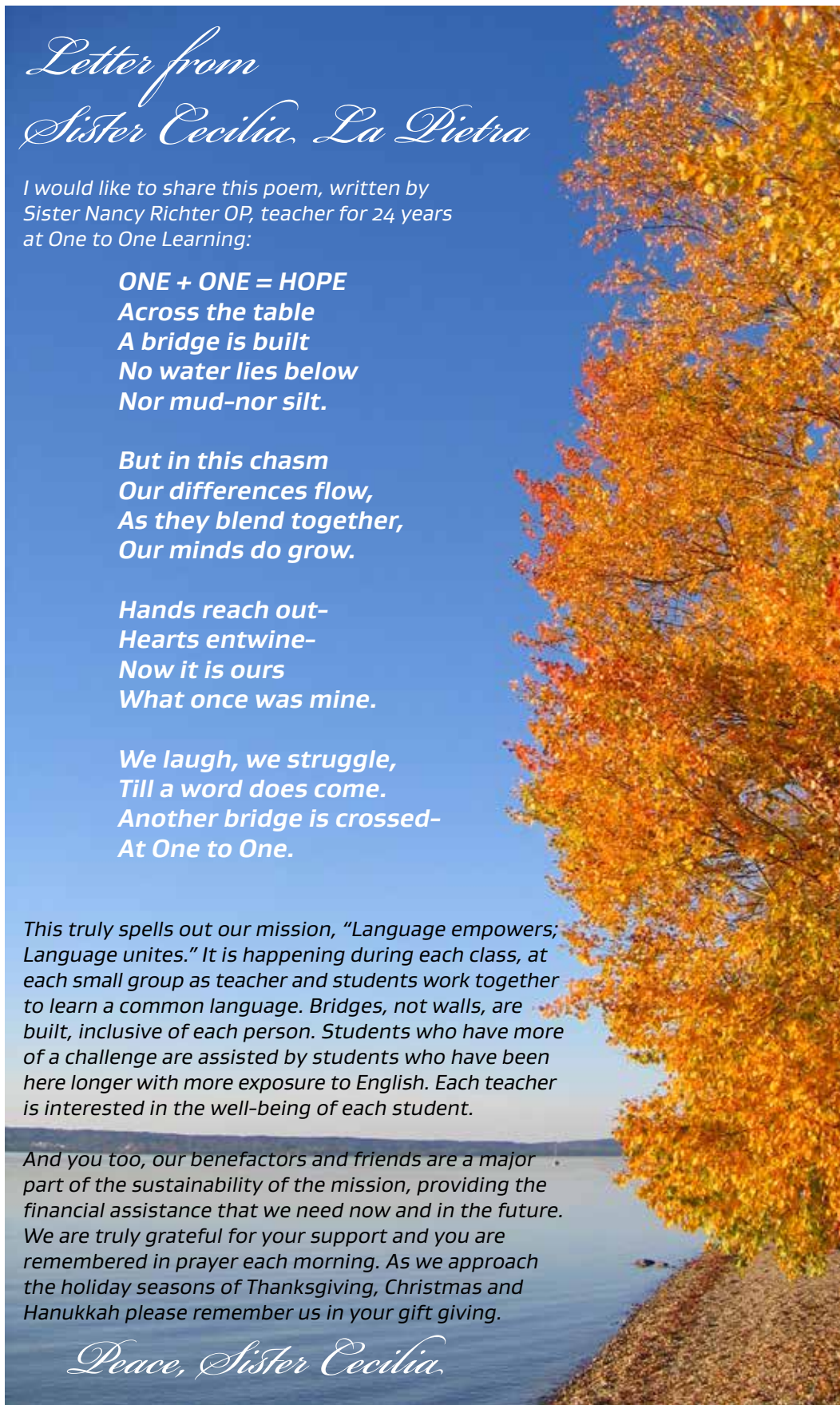
Hands reach out-
Hearts entwine-
Now it is ours
What once was mine.

We laugh, we struggle,
Till a word does come.
Another bridge is crossed-
At One to One.

This truly spells out our mission, "Language empowers; Language unites." It is happening during each class, at each small group as teacher and students work together to learn a common language. Bridges, not walls, are built, inclusive of each person. Students who have more of a challenge are assisted by students who have been here longer with more exposure to English. Each teacher is interested in the well-being of each student.

And you too, our benefactors and friends are a major part of the sustainability of the mission, providing the financial assistance that we need now and in the future. We are truly grateful for your support 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.

Peace, Sister Cecilia.



PROGRAM

We provide ongoing registration and are aware of life situations of our students. Some 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 according to their level, since there are several groups on the same level.

In June of 2018 thirty-three learning groups were in process:

- 1 Advanced Literacy
- 2 Citizenship
- 2 Higher Level English
- 1 Pre-Literacy
- 2 Advanced English
- 5 Advanced Intermediate
- 14 Intermediate
- 4 Beginner Book Level
- 2 Basic Beginner



THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING CERTIFICATES

127 STUDENTS

HONORS	94
MERIT	20
PARTICIPATION	13

A SUMMARY OF THESE STUDENTS ACCORDING TO TIME ATTENDED:

TIME ATTENDED	NO. OF STUDENTS
8 Years	1
7 Years	1
6 Years	1
5 Years	2
4 Years	3
3 Years	9
2 Years	13
1 Year	44
TOTAL	74
4-8 Months	63
2-3 Months	76
One Month or Less	142
TOTAL ON REGISTER	355
DAYTIME STUDENTS	
1 Student	3 Years
2 Students	1 Year
3 Students	5-8 Months
1 Student	2 Months

ANNUAL REPORT

SEPT. 1, 2017 – AUG. 31, 2018

INCOME

Grants	\$39,100.00
Donations	54,870.00
Memorials	21,415.00
Fund Raising	59,449.00
Student Fund Raising	13,099.00
Book Sales	2,165.00
Interest/Dividends	1,197.00
I.D. Card Payments	373.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$191,668.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$74,550.00
Insurance	5,600.00
Utilities	8,368.00
Office Expense	5,826.00
Equipment/Maintenance	1,646.00
Van Expense	414.00
Fund Raising Expenses	22,967.00
Membership, Board, Gifts	2,288.00
Student Books	4,141.00
Cleaning	350.00
Financial Management	1,000.00
Newsletter	5,038.00
Fire Alarms	2,353.00
Children's Program	0.00
Bank Fees	280.00
Rent	6,000.00
Capital Improvements	5,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$146,321.00
NET INCOME	\$45,347.00



program/teachers

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The children love coming to school with their parents. For the little ones this is their first experience of school. It is not so scary because they know that their parents are in another building close by. Older students know that they can bring their homework for assistance. **Janet Fenton**, program coordinator, maintains a fun but managed atmosphere with the assistance of **Patti Crowley**. There is quiet time for homework help and reading to the little ones. This is followed by craft and game time and ended with a snack. Two student volunteers from **Albertus Magnus High School**, **Caitlin Crowley** and **Quinn Coughlin** received service awards at the **2018 Hands of Hope Gala**. Other volunteers were from **Tappan Zee** and **Queen of Angels High Schools** and some 7th and 8th graders from local elementary schools.



TEACHERS

We ended the school year with 62 teachers who were very proud of the progress that their students made. They received candles symbolizing the light of learning that they share with their students. Students find in their teachers, professional persons who provide a safe and secure space for learning. The small groups provide an opportunity for practicing speaking as well as building bridges of understanding. Our mission, "Language empowers; Language unites" happens through our small group learning.

In-kind donations from our 62 volunteer teachers at 3 hours/person=186 hrs/week X \$18/hr. (rate for volunteers) = \$3,348/week for 40 weeks = \$133,920/year. We are grateful to our teachers for their dedication, time and energy. Adding up years of service from our present teachers would equal 190 total years of service.

Irene Hwang wrote about her experience:



*I am a high school student and have joined **One to One Learning** two years ago. During this time, I've learned so much about the efforts that my students have put in, in order to facilitate their lives here in the States. I*

*also learned the tremendous support that their teachers and the director, **Sister Cecilia** have given to not only teach them English but also to provide them with advice or ways to access full citizenship, etc.*

My students have come from all over Central and South America, and I've gotten to know their personalities and see their potential. The environment was always so friendly and lively while everyone was so devoted to learn and this made my work all the more enjoyable.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Many of our students come as couples and their children attend their own program. This is such a great benefit since so many could not come because of the need for child care. **The Palma family** has been attending for three years with their three children. **Zoila**, the oldest is now a volunteer in the children's room. **Mrs. Fenton** attests that **Zoila** could run the program. Leadership in the making!



ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Our dedicated **Alumni** have again come through with raising \$13,099 running two soccer tournaments and a Valentine Party for the support of One to One Learning.



These events are not only fund raisers but they are community builders and awareness activities for the English classes. Alumni also got involved in activities of **Projecto Faro**, from **Stony Point Center (2018 Advocate Award at Hands of**

Hope Gala), working on advocacy for immigrant needs in Rockland, helping with **DACA** clinics, and supporting quiet hospitality. They also have been brought to an awareness of their need to be involved in succession planning of **One to One Learning** in the areas of staff, teachers and board members. Training in these areas will follow.



SERVICES

"Know Your Rights" Workshop and updated information on **DACA** and Designation of Parental Responsibilities on March 19, 2018 given by **Attorneys Prathiba Desai** of the **Empire Justice Center** and **Elizabeth Mastropolo** of **Neighbor's Link**. There was opportunity for consultation.

Parenting classes provided by the **Mental Health Association** with **Rosa Liyim** coordinating and translating for **Dr. Najafi RCPC** who has written a book on the subject. Six sessions from February through March with interactions with **Dr. Najafi** on situations with their children.

Hudson River Health Care provided blood pressure and diabetes screening for our students during class. If there was a warning sign, an appointment was made for the student to go to one of the clinics in Nyack, Spring Valley or Haverstraw.

One to One Learning picture I D cards were provided to students for their safety and security.

GRANTS AND INSTITUTIONAL DONATIONS – 2017-2018

New York State Department of State Education
\$10,000

Dominican Sisters of Sparkill Special Project Grant
\$8,950

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York
\$5,000 Cardinal's Luncheon
\$2,000 Prompt form return

Orange and Rockland
\$3,000

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Tea Party
\$4,028

Quality Graphics Tristate, Inc.
\$550

Network for Good
\$400



STAR-FEST IX

The hills came alive again as **Rita Harvey** began the ninth annual **Star-Fest** program with her rendition of *"The Sound of Music"* on September 16, 2018. Her voice as clear as a bell vibrated through nature. Another highlight was **Patti Koontz** joining with **Rita Harvey** singing *"Friendship"*, the soul touching song from *"Wicked"*, reminding us how life is so much more when compassion and understanding are present in relationship. **Patti Koontz** touched all of us when she sang, from the heart, her life experience through *"Red"*. **JP Schutz and Patti Koontz** sang the most favorite song from *"1776"*, Abigail's and John's correspondence, each declaring what is really important, *"Saltpeter or Pins"*. **JP Schutz** sang his all-time favorite, *"Christmas Truce"* to remind us that Peace on Earth is possible. Readings of quotes from wise women, **Suzanne Du Charme and Sue Matzuki** gave the audience much to ponder during these times of *"nonsense"*.

Sue Matzuki was her inevitable self with renditions of *"Is You Is or Is You Ain't my Baby"* (apology to the English language students), *"Cry Me a River"*, and *"Breakfast Blues"*. **Richard Skipper**, new to **Star-Fest** and a great addition, had fun involving the audience and singing *"Broadway Baby"* and *"Before the Parade Passes Me by"*, very invigorating songs.

Never to be missed were **Tommy and Jan Lynch** with their Irish and 50's and 60's songs that had us all clapping, singing and dancing. Of course we truly missed **Robert Mattern** and his clear strong voice. We wish him well as he heals.



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 \$6,550. You are remembered in prayer each day.



Gerrienne Downs Delaney
In Honor of Sisters Maureen and
Pat Conway
John and Eileen Lawler



Marc and Mary Ann Aaron
David and Judy Englander
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Leela Menon
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Patience Morgan-Irigoyen
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Catherine Jennings
(Memory of Robert Giacobbe)
Barbara La Pietra
Suzanne Reynolds
Anna Roppolo
Mary Anne Sgroi
Peter and Maryann Turrise
Marc and Dana Vanderheyden



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Dolores Fontana
Sisters Peggy Hartling, Katie McKillup
Sister Peggy McGirl
John and Lynn Scileppi
Sister Jeanne Stoltz
Sister Barbara Paul



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Cheryl Burton
Sister Paricia Connolly
Sister Jeanne Deas
Jean Looney
Diana Mena
Sister Pat Niblock
Mildred Oslica
Sister Rose Patrice Sasso



GRANTS FOR 2018-2019

\$5,000

Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice
Leadership Development for Alumni and Students
for Community Outreach

\$11,114

Catholic Charities "Creating Hope through Work"
in celebration of Centennial Anniversary of
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York
Focus on work preparation for our students

STAR-FEST IX DONATIONS

We received many donations. We include here donations that were listed in the journal as well as those that arrived later:



Greg and Patti Koontz
Jeanmarie Grahm (donated part
of her raffle winnings)
Sr. Nancy Richter
Jackie Springs
Sr. Joan Beairsto
Sabrina Greco



Sr. Ann Eigenbauer
Executive Team
Sr. Margaret Flaherty
(Memory of Sr. Margaret Murphy)
Sisters Peggy Gannon, Joan O'Leary
Diane Gotsulias
Sr. Grace Hogan
Ira and Jill Lipson
Sr. Peggy McGirl
Gwendoline Merolle
Sr. Mary Rose Mullervy
Sr. Jeanine Nolan
Loretta Tito
Irene Schutz
Denise and Bill Oswald



Mary Clifford
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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5, 12, 14, 26
BP and Diabetes Screening
Hudson River Health Care

NOVEMBER 7
Flu Clinic
RC Health Department

NOVEMBER 19
Distribution of
Thanksgiving Baskets

DECEMBER 19
Teacher Christmas
Party

JANUARY 7, 2019
Fiesta de los Reyes
Magnos

FEBRUARY 9, 2019
Valentine Dinner

MAY 3, 2019
Hands of Hope Gala

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**We need all levels of teaching.
Knowledge of phonics would help.**

**We also need young people
ages 12 and up to volunteer
in the Children's Program**

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