

## WHIZ KIDS SUCCESS STORY

Quetzalya was eight when she was matched with her Whiz Kids tutor Becky. They worked together for 6 years. By the time she finished 8th grade

Quetzalya was proficient in reading and no longer needed English Language Acquisition classes. In 9th grade Quetzalya went from being the student, to the tutor. ***“If a kid like me was struggling, and didn’t have the support they needed, I want to help that kid out.”***

### Tell me about when you first started with Whiz Kids:

My parents didn’t speak English or read English and didn’t know the homework. So I would ask neighbors, anybody, for help. I didn’t read well and felt frustrated.

### What was your relationship like?

Becky started out each week just asking me how I was. Over time I was able to share things with her – just things about my life. One time, I called Becky to tell her that I had learned how to spell “refrigerator”... She became, like, part of my family.

Becky pushed me to do things I didn’t want to do (reading and math). If I wasn’t in Whiz Kids I would still be struggling right now.

### How did Whiz Kids make a difference in your life?

I wouldn’t have been as confident and wouldn’t have cared that much about finishing school or graduating.

...When my dad was in prison, it impacted me in a way that I didn’t want to leave my room.... I felt helpless... But Becky was a support system for me. I had to begin taking care of my siblings....there was lots of pressure...I had to grow up fast. Becky was there for me when I was at my lowest. And going to Whiz Kids was like a break... it was a blessing in my life. I got the help I needed for school, but also outside of it. I am very thankful....

### What three words would you use to describe Whiz Kids?

I would say, **Hope** – because they gave me hope ...and confidence to believe in yourself. **Faith** – because my relationship with God is stronger. I mean my family doesn’t go to church, but I have a Bible that Becky gave me and now a devotion and I’ve been reading it and it helps me. And **Caring**. It’s a loving environment. You connect with the kids, and other tutors, you feel safe... You become a family.

In both her junior and senior years Quetzalya opted for dual enrollment which gave her college credit at Community College of Aurora. This fall, she will attend Metro State on a scholarship having fulfilled both the English and Math requirements for her declared major- Criminology. Her Whiz Kids student is really hoping she can still tutor!



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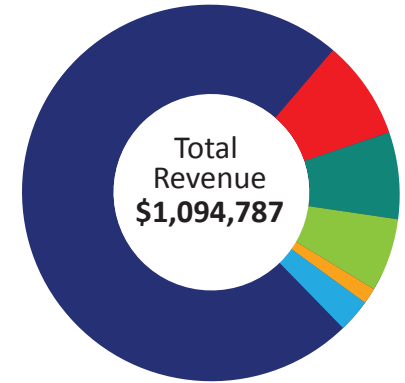
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## 2017 SUPPORT & REVENUE



■ Individual Contributions	\$804,439
■ Special Event Income	\$93,811
■ Foundations & Corporations	\$81,892
■ Government Grants/Contracts	\$69,142
■ Churches	\$15,003
■ In-Kind	\$30,500

## A NOTE FROM JEDIDAH

Dear Friends,

I'm grateful to serve as Whiz Kids' new Executive Director. Though change can be precarious, Whiz Kids has leaned on the faithful support of its committed board and staff, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors.

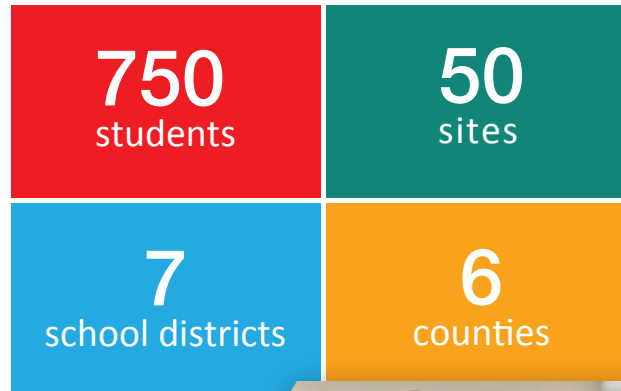
Together, Whiz Kids helps children build confidence, skills and relationships to give them a future and a hope. Thank you for being part of the success of hundreds of kids this year, and the thousands that have gone before!

With humble gratitude,

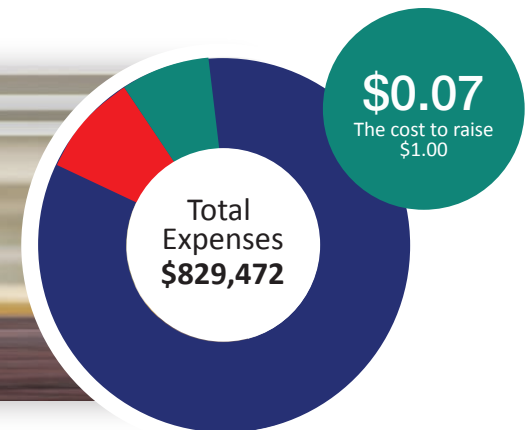
**Jedidah Frederick**  
Executive Director



## ABOUT OUR WHIZ KIDS



## 2017 OPERATING EXPENSES



## OUR PROGRAMS

- 1:1 TUTORING
- MENTORING
- SPIRITUAL NURTURE

For a detailed description of our programs visit our website:  
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■ Program Services	\$695,985
■ Support Services	
■ Management & General	\$57,111
■ Fundraising	\$76,376

