

# LRC News & Times

*The Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc. helps students maximize their learning potential by providing personalized educational programs, consultative services for parents, and programs to accommodate community needs.*

## The LRC Story Continues Because of YOU!

### LRC's Camp READY! 2018 Award-Winning Kindergarten Readiness Program



**Because of YOU...** United Way, and a GiveWell Community Foundation funder, 436 beginning or struggling Kindergartners engaged in interactive activities, increasing vocabulary development by an average of 7 months (quite a feat for a 5-year-old), social skills, listening, following directions, critical thinking, and working with others.

In 2017-2018, LRC experienced severe damage from Hurricane Irma, delayed or diminished implementation of fee-for-service contracts, and two months of lost income.

### **Because of YOU...**

- LRC was able to continue to deliver educational services to children, adults, and their families throughout Polk County;

- LRC was able to utilize insurance monies for the needed repairs and not for day-to-day operations;

- LRC was able to evaluate systems and procedures to find even more efficient, while effective, business practices;

- LRC was able to investigate and forge new partnerships in creative and innovative programs; and

- LRC was able to validate its value, need, and importance to the community through YOUR support, efforts, and help.



### LRC's Summer Success Camps 2018

**Because of YOU...** LRC Summer Success camps, partnering with Public Education Partnership, McKeel Academy, United Way, and All Saints Academy, again could offer enrichment and remediation in reading, math, and science serving more than 113 students at three sites in Winter Haven and Lakeland.



***Because of YOU...***

Another 655 students received 1-to-1 academic tutoring or small group instruction since Sept. 2017, in addition to over 850 served through various contracts.



**Match Campaign**

***Because of YOU...***

We are almost there! Two generous funders from GiveWell Community Foundation heard of LRC's brave struggle these past months and offered a challenge.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round: LRC would need to collect \$20,000 by May 31<sup>st</sup>, and a \$20,000 match would be donated.

***Because of YOU...we did it!***

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round: If LRC could collect \$40,000 by October 31<sup>st</sup>, another \$20,000 would be contributed.

***Because of YOU...we are just \$8,500 away.***

You've done so much for LRC and for our students! We asked for help—all kinds of resources: advice, referrals, ideas, contacts, and money—and you delivered in a BIG way. We have just one favor to ask you...

**Would you share our story with someone you know?**

Simply sharing our story with someone who may be able to support LRC in reaching this goal, could be the factor that ensures access to programs for our students—children and adults—for years to come.

***To help, it's EASY—just visit [LRCpolk.com/donate](http://LRCpolk.com/donate).***

**Thank You to the LRC Volunteers Who Help:**

- Answer the phones and man the reception area on busy afternoons
- Copy and collate curriculum
- Work the LRC tables at First Fridays, children's festivals, parent workshops
- Join us for PigFest and Belk Charity Sales
- Assist with pre- and post-assessments for programs and camps
- File, file, and file!



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