

2014 & 2015

ANNUAL REPORT



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Greetings

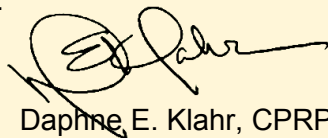
Historically, “City Rec” has meant different things to different people — from the City Lantern Parade marching down Penn Street, to basketball leagues that included players from across the city, to the playground programs that only closed when the streetlights came on—“City Rec” has been synonymous with FUN since the 1920’s.

In 2012, the Reading Recreation Commission (RRC) became the public-designated service agency for recreation in the City of Reading and reenergized “City Rec”. Created as a partnership between the City of Reading and the Reading School District, the RRC provides quality programs and facilities to the residents of Reading with an emphasis on youth programs.

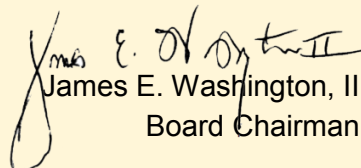
The RRC has grown remarkably over the past four years, expanding programming and increasing the number of playground locations from zero to eight. Our award-winning programs— Girls Leadership, Chef Sprout, COR Tennis and summer collaborations with the Reading Public Museum—continue to expand and thrive. Our food service program serves over 15,000 home-style meals and snacks annually to at-risk youth. We have been the recipient of numerous awards and grants—a testament to the recognition in the community and beyond of the great work that we accomplish on a daily basis.

We hope that as you read through this annual report, and look at the photos from programs and events throughout the year, you will get a sense of what we do, what we’re about, and why we matter. Positive recreation experiences help to build stronger communities and improve people’s lives.

Of course, we cannot be successful without the dedication of our board and staff and MANY, MANY supporters. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us along the way.



Daphne E. Klahr, CPRP, CPSI
Executive Director



James E. Washington, II
Board Chairman





About Us

The Reading Recreation Commission is a community partnership between the City of Reading and the Reading School District, funded in part by tax dollars, that provides quality programs and facilities to the residents of Reading, PA. The partnership between the two entities allows us to provide better recreation services in a more cost-effective way. We provide neighborhood-based recreation and learning opportunities for all ages—with an emphasis on affordable programs for children—at schools, parks, playgrounds, and at our two recreation centers.

Our award-winning programs include leadership development, youth and adult instructional sports programs and leagues, fitness classes, summer playgrounds, club activities, cultural arts programs, afterschool programs, and community special events.

Our recreation services bring people together and make our community stronger. Our staff serve as mentors to youth, providing them with opportunities to learn, feel cared for, and engage in sports and activities. Positive recreation experiences help to build stronger communities and improve people's lives.

Our Mission: To provide quality recreation programs and facilities for the residents of Reading with a primary focus on youth programs.

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Awards & Honors

2014

*Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award**

Egyptian Art and Culture Program

*co-recipient with Reading Public Museum

Presented by Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS)

Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award

Girls Leadership Program
Presented by PRPS

USTA 18U Berks & District Champion, Section Runner-up
COR Tennis

Presented by United States Tennis Association (USTA)

USTA EPD Pro of the Year
Larry Zerbe

Presented by USTA

Berks County Swimming Coach of the Year

Matthew A. Lubas

Presented by Reading Eagle

2015

*Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award**

The Wright Build

*co-recipient with Reading Public Museum

Presented by PRPS

Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award

Chef Sprout

Presented by PRPS

USTA 14U Berks Champion, District Runner-up

COR Tennis

Presented by United States Tennis Association (USTA)

USTA 18U Berks & District Champion, Section Runner-up

COR Tennis

Presented by United States Tennis Association (USTA)

USTA EPD Media Award

Tyler Washington

Presented by USTA

USTA Middle States Premier Provider—CTA

COR Tennis

Presented by United States Tennis Association (USTA)

Certificate of Recognition for Service to the Community

Daphne E. Klahr

Presented by Reading SCORE Chapter 008

Rising Star of Berks County

Daphne E. Klahr

Presented by Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Berks County Swimming Coach of the Year

Matthew A. Lubas

Presented by Reading Eagle

Facilities

Field Houses

Throughout the year, residents are able to rent our beautiful field houses for parties, reunions, and meetings. The field houses vary in capacity from 40—80 people, and offer many convenient amenities including kitchenettes, tables and chairs.

Field House Locations

Keffer Park
Pendora Park
Schlegel Park

Pavilions

The RRC rents out large and small pavilions throughout the City of Reading which provide a convenient place to hold picnics and reunions within our beautiful City parks.

Pavilion Locations

Baer Park
Egelman's Park
Pendora Park
Schlegel Park
Schlegel Park Pool
2nd & Oley
3rd & Spruce Recreation Area

Rental Attendants

Wendy Collado
Adonis Fleming
Quennel Johnson
Yanyzel Torres



Tennis Courts

Programming for our award-winning COR Tennis program takes place on tennis courts located throughout Reading.

Tennis Court Locations

Angelica Park
Baer Park
City Park
Hampden Park
West Reading Playground

Ballfields

From March through November, our fields are used for a variety of purposes including soccer, football, rugby, kickball, softball, and baseball. The fields are maintained by employees of the Reading Recreation Commission (RRC) and the City of Reading Public Works Department.

Field Locations

Angelica Park
Baer Park
Brookline Playground
Egelman's Park
E.J. Dives Playground
Hillside Playground
Keffer Park
Neversink Playground
Northmont Playground
Pendora Park
Reading Iron Playground
Schlegel Park
3rd & Spring Playground
3rd & Spruce Recreation Area
6th & Amity Playground
10th & South Playground
11th & Pike Playground





3rd & Spruce Recreation Center

320 S. 3rd St. | Serves youth in grades 1—12
 Open September—May, M-F, 3:00pm—8:00pm
 Open June—August, M-F, 12:30pm—5:00pm

The 3rd & Spruce Recreation Center (Spruce) provides safe and fun recreation activities to city youth. Open all year-long, Spruce hosts afterschool and playground programs. In addition, many adult sports leagues (including basketball and volleyball) use the center. Spruce has a full-sized gymnasium, game room, homework room, and cafeteria. During the school year, daily activities include arts and crafts, board games, sports, tutoring, career development workshops and clubs; some of the most popular clubs include Art, Dance, Chess, Tennis, Little Girls/Boys Clubs, and the Girls Leadership Program.

Our most popular special events are holiday dances, basketball workshops, science demonstrations, career nights, and our year-end Talent and Art Show.

Spruce serves as a “home away from home” to many kids. They are provided home-style meals every day, receive homework help and valuable mentoring time with our qualified staff.

Average Attendance: 80—150 per day
#Spruceset

11th & Pike Recreation Center

1185 Pike St. | Serves youth in grades 1—5
 Open September—May, M-F, 3:00pm—7:30pm
 Open June—August, M-F, 12:30pm—5:00pm

The 11th & Pike Recreation Center (Pike) provides safe and fun recreation activities to city youth all year-round. During the school year, Pike hosts an afterschool program and in the summer hosts a playground program.

Pike has an elementary-sized gymnasium, game room, homework room, and cafeteria. During the year, daily activities include arts and crafts, board games, sports activities, tutoring, career development workshops and clubs. Some of the most popular clubs include Art and Dance.

Pike was host to several special events in 2014 and 2015 including our Easter Celebration and Chess Tournament.

Serving younger kids than our Spruce location, Pike provides extensive homework help to English Language Learner students, daily meals and snacks, and encourages active outdoor play in one of the busiest parks in the city.

Average Attendance: 40-80 per day
#Pikenation



Did you know...?

In 2014 and 2015, our Food Service Program served 37,473 home-style meals and snacks to over 1,500 Reading city youth. Prepared onsite at 3rd & Spruce and 11th & Pike Recreation Centers, all meals follow Department of Education guidelines for health and nutrition.

Youth Program Highlights

Girls Leadership

In 2013, the Reading Recreation Commission (RRC) implemented an urban-focused Girls Leadership Program at 3rd & Spruce Recreation Center. This award-winning, evidenced-based program empowers young women in urban environments to be leaders, visionaries, and gives them tools to be healthy, successful, and contributing members of society.

The success of the program can be measured in real terms. Comparison of the participants' self-assessments from the beginning to the end of program saw marked improvements in self-esteem, community awareness, and better development of future education and career goals.

In 2014 and 2015, the Girls Leadership Program expanded to Southern and Northwest Middle Schools in the Reading School District. Currently serving almost 90 girls a year, the program will expand to include an additional school location in the 2016-17 school-year.

Program Leaders: Heather M. Boyer, Sarah Hoffman, Daphne E. Klahr, Maritza Loaiza, Jude Thompson

#futureleaders



"I like how the program helps me to make better decisions. I have become more confident and positive about myself."
-Ashanti, Age 14
Future Lawyer



Youth Program Highlights

Chef Sprout

Chef Sprout is an award-winning cooking program that teaches at-risk urban youth (10+) how to prepare healthy meals using limited resources available to them from local, corner grocery stores. In Reading, transportation and access to grocery stores and Farmer's Markets can be limited. As a result, approximately 66% of city residents report buying the bulk of their groceries at local corner stores where many of the offerings are processed foods. In addition, due to budget constraints, all middle-school Home Economics classes in the Reading School District were eliminated, leaving a huge void in student life skills education.



The curriculum for this program uses only readily-available ingredients for participants to prepare delicious and nutritious meals. Areas of focus for the 6-week programs include how to choose healthy ingredients, food safety, food preparation techniques, cooking techniques, plating and presentation.

Each Chef Sprout class accommodates between 15—25 students. In 2014 and 2015, over 150 students completed the program, which has added locations including the 11th & Pike Recreation Center, YMCA of Reading, and Northwest Middle School.

Leader: Chef Antonio Lavigna

Summer Playground

June 16th—August 8th, 2014

June 15th—August 7th, 2015

3rd & Spruce Recreation Center | 11th & Pike Recreation Center | Pendora Park | Hillside Playground
Keffer Park | Schlegel Park | Jamestown Village (2014)
City Park (2015)

The award-winning Reading Recreation Commission's Summer Playground Program operated at seven city locations in 2014 and 2015.

Partnerships with Jamestown Village

and the Reading School District allowed us to keep more kids happy and active in locations throughout the city. Activities included weekly trips to Schlegel Pool, daily arts and crafts, games and sports, field trips, and workshops. Nutritious lunches, prepared onsite at 3rd & Spruce Recreation Center, were served to all children participating in the program. Highlights of the summer included our extensive arts program, a visit from the West Reading Basketball League, and trips to the Reading Public Museum to learn about Egyptian Art and Culture and Frank Lloyd Wright.



The penultimate celebration was the Lantern Parade where the kids made homemade lanterns out of Papier-mâché, cans, or milk cartons and marched through City Park and across the bandshell stage to celebrate the end of playground.



Participation: 325—400 children annually

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Youth Program Highlights



Framed: Step Into Art

The Framed: Step Into Art Design Competition encouraged summer playground participants to design original, interactive artwork inspired by a famous painting of their choice.

All playground participants visited the Reading Public Museum (RPM) before starting their design projects to view interactive paintings and learn about visual thinking strategies. The program taught students about iconic and contemporary art, encouraged creativity, enhanced learning, and taught design concepts in a team environment.

A reception displaying the artwork was attended by parents and children who were invited to "Step into Art" and pose with props that the children had collected or made; over 200 kids and their parents attended. Guest judges included RPM staff, local artist Karen Lesniak, and Art Educator Amanda Sweitzer.

The winning design, an interpretation of Georges Seurat's "Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" was displayed at the RPM and the winning participants were awarded a trip to Philadelphia Museum of Art.



Youth Program Highlights

The Wright Build

The Wright Build Design Competition encouraged summer playground participants to design and build a house or structure that could fit on a 36" x 36" board comprised of at least 75% recyclable materials including at least one signature Frank Lloyd Wright design element. Participants learned about the life and work of Frank Lloyd Wright by visiting the Reading Public Museum before starting their design projects.

This unique program encouraged creativity, enhanced learning, and taught design and architectural concepts in a team environment. The program brought students together from 11 county playgrounds including seven from the City of Reading, four from Exeter Township, and West Reading Borough at a final reception held at the Reading Public Museum. Guest judges included renowned architect Lee Olsen, and staff and directors of the Reading Public Museum.

The winning design, a replica of the Guggenheim Museum, was displayed at the Reading Public Museum and the winning participants were awarded a trip to Fallingwater, courtesy of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.





Schlegel Park Pool

Fun in the Sun

The Schlegel Park Pool (Schlegel) provides cool “Fun in the Sun” for all ages from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, annually. The city’s only public pool, Schlegel hosts special events throughout the summer including the 4th of July Celebration and Moonlight Swims. Qualified pool staff provide swimming lessons for kids and adults of all ability levels and long-course training time is available in the summer.

In 2014, the pool opening was delayed due to ADA upgrades and improvements.

2014 Seasonal Attendance

Daily (4 & over)	5,855
Daily (3 & under)	315
Family Membership	8
Youth Membership	38
Adult Membership	3

2015 Seasonal Attendance

Daily (4 & over)	13,562
Daily (3 & under)	1,367
Family Membership	14
Youth Membership	52
Adult Membership	4

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Aquatic Safety

A Lesson for Life

One of the Reading Recreation Commission’s top priorities is to ensure that children in the City of Reading learn water-safety skills. The numbers are staggering—one of every five people who die from drowning is a child 14 and younger. Understanding the dangers in the water, and how to behave in the water, are skills we teach in our programs. Swimming lessons are offered for all ages at the Schlegel Park Pool in the summer, and at Reading School District facilities (Geigle Complex and City Line Avenue) in the fall and spring.

Swimming is a great and fun recreational activity and a skill utilized throughout a person’s lifetime. Learning to swim is truly a **Lesson for Life!**

In 2014 and 2015, we taught over 300 kids how to enjoy the water safely.

2014 Lifeguard Certification:	10
2015 Lifeguard Certification:	9
2014 Lifeguard Recertification:	7
2015 Lifeguard Recertification:	24

Sports Program Highlights



Basketball

The Reading Recreation Commission coordinates basketball programs for athletes of all ages at 3rd & Spruce Recreation Center, 11th & Pike Recreation Center, and Southwest Middle School. Additionally, there are two traveling teams—18U and 16U—that play in tournaments throughout the Middle States region.

Each year, 3rd & Spruce and 11th & Pike Recreation Centers offer informal programs that teach kids fundamental basketball skills in a relaxed and fun environment. Youth ages 9-12 engage in more formal team play and compete against teams from each recreation center throughout the season.

In partnership with the YMCA of Reading and Bethany Children's Home, we offered a co-ed intramural league for ages 13 & over with the goal of expanding playing opportunities for youth in the city. The league was successful with four teams competing.

Tryouts are held each winter for our two traveling teams—18U and 16U. This higher level of play offered, March—June of each year, provides opportunities for participants to play on college campuses and sports complexes throughout the Middle States region. The travel teams competed in 8 tournaments in 2014 and 2015 seasons.

Our eight-week summer league at 11th & Pike Recreation Center had over 50 participants.

Coordinator: Matt Lubas
Coaches: Elvin Rodriguez, Quennel Johnson

Shine Bright Softball League

The Shine Bright Girls Softball League, for girls ages 13-18, was a great success in its first year. 39 girls signed up for the program which included one travel team and three intramural teams. In



addition to playing softball, the girls were invited to participate in free softball clinics in winter and spring, field trips to local universities, and information sessions about post-secondary education.

Coordinators: Matt Lubas, Kevin Devera

Youth Soccer Academy

In 2015, the Reading Recreation Commission started a global Youth Soccer Academy at Egelman's Park and the Reading School District's 14th and Greenwich field. More than 40 kids participated in the inaugural 6-week program that included physical training, soccer drills, and games.

The Reading United Soccer players joined in on the fun and played alongside the kids for a few practices throughout the season. Friendly matches against teams from Wyomissing helped to round out the season. The soccer program is now year-round and serves over 60 kids every 8-week session.



Instructor: Kevin Devera

COR Tennis

The Reading Recreation Commission's (RRC) City of Reading (COR) Tennis Program is a nationally acclaimed program which serves over 3,000 students and adults annually, combining physical activity, healthy eating, homework assistance, and at-risk youth supervision.



What began as an eight-week summer program has evolved into a year-round tennis program at the forefront of United States Tennis Association (USTA) national initiatives. COR Tennis utilizes the progressive development model of the USTA.

The program operates in ten city parks, two recreation centers, six schools, and two tennis clubs throughout the year for the benefit of Reading School District (RSD) students and Berks County adults. Along with the RRC and the RSD, the program is supported by Fromuth Tennis, Tennis Fund of the Berks County Community Foundation, community volunteers, and student athletes from three local universities.

Participation Numbers

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Play Date Events	21	23
Friday Night Lights	3	5
Tennis Club Members	281	387
Tennis Academy Members	61	67
Tennis & Education	23	81
PE Classes	1200	2100
Adults	18	29
Special Events	1500+	1600+

COR Staff

Larry Zerbe	Tennis Director
Ben Daubenspeck	Head Pro
Lou Lepore, Jr.	Junior Development
Russ Moore	Coach
Tadd Ritter	Junior Development
Brian Wardhammer	Junior Development

#tns4all





COR Tennis

When I was introduced to tennis 40 years ago, I could never imagine how big a role the sport would play in my life. I went from a



junior tennis brat (whiny racquet tosser) to a mediocre college player (Notre Dame, when wood racquets were still high tech) to owning Fromuth Tennis with my wife, Meg. There are 25 players in my extended family, and my 78-year old Dad and I have been fortunate to play National Father/Son Tournaments for many years. But nothing in my tennis life gives me greater satisfaction than seeing the good work of a program we support called COR Tennis. This Reading Recreation Commission tennis program, led by the super-talented Larry Zerbe, is so much more than a tennis clinic for kids. Through tennis, we bring kids together and give them diversity, community, family, fitness, goals, camaraderie, competition, motivation, and most of all, FUN. We are headquartered in Hampden Park right behind Reading High. On any summer night, you will see 30-40 kids training, sweating, laughing, belonging...to a tight knit group called COR.

Patrick J. Shields

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President, Fromuth Tennis

Chairman, COR Tennis Fundraising Committee

Serve it up for OUR CITY

COR Tennis Fundraiser

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Abraham Lincoln Hotel

Funds raised: \$35,000+

On Thursday, September 17, 2015, the 1st annual COR Tennis fundraiser was held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. The event showcased the great work that the COR tennis program does on a daily basis for thousands of kids and adults in facilities and programs throughout the city.

The guest speaker was Katrina M. Adams, president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA), who told the attendees, "You [COR Tennis] are what we are all about at the USTA." Commenting that she canceled plans (to travel to Uzbekistan) to attend the COR event she said, "This is a greater use of my time than being on the other side of the world."

The 2nd annual COR event will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel, Reading, PA.



Special Events

Easter Celebration

11th & Pike Recreation Center
Saturday, Saturday, April 5, 2014
Saturday, March 28, 2015

Each year, the 11th & Pike Recreation Center gymnasium becomes the scene for Easter joy as hundred of kids and their parents enjoy great food, face painting, games, prizes, and a chance to visit with the Easter Bunny.

2014 attendance: 350 children
2015 attendance: 400 children

Light Up the Lantern

3rd & Spruce Recreation Center
Thursday, April 21, 2015

The Reading Recreation Commission (RRC) held its first Light Up the Lantern event at the 3rd & Spruce Recreation Center. Over 180 people attended the event celebrating the achievements of youth enrolled in the RRC's programs.

An art show, a talent show, and food prepared by Chef Antonio Lavigna helped make the night, which raised over \$6,000, extra special for attendees. Awards for Boy and Girl of the Year, Sports, and Art were awarded to deserving youth.

Paying homage to the RRC's logo and the historical Lantern Parade (held each August for city playgrounds) the event served to shine the light brightly on the RRC and the youth we serve.



Lantern Parade

City Park Bandshell
Wednesday, August 6, 2014
Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Historically, the Lantern Parade (held on Penn Street) involved hundreds of kids from throughout Reading carrying lanterns made out of ice cream containers and cellophane, with real candles to illuminate them. Although our current lanterns (made out of coffee cans, Papier-mâché, and milk cartons) use glow sticks, the excitement of celebrating the end of summer with other kids was just as high as it had always been in the past. All seven of our playground programs participated in the event held at City Park. The night ended with dancing, food, and tons of fun.

#summerfun

Pine Car Derby

3rd & Spruce Recreation Center
Friday, November 13, 2015

About 30 members from the Boys Adventure Club, participated in the Pine Car Derby. In partnership with the Blue Mountain Region Sports Club Car of America, the Pine Car Derby race utilized a 22.5 foot raceway in the 3rd & Spruce gym. Alfred Clark, Diony Deleon, and and Javier Mayan, all of Reading, took home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places respectively.



Special Events



Halloween Hayride

Schlegel Park

October 16th—17th, 2014

October 24th—25th, 2015

Every October, we welcome children and their families to enjoy a hayride through beautiful Schlegel Park. Illuminated by candlelight, the ride features breathtaking views of Reading along with great Halloween displays. Saturday night was “scary” night and was not for the faint of heart! Every rider got to sit around the campfire and roast a s’more and visit with the Reading Fire Department to learn about fire safety. Other activities included face painting, crafts, and games.

2014 participation: 450 people

2015 participation: 900 people

Cookies with Santa

Pendora Park

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Every year, on the first Saturday in December, Santa and Mrs. Claus make a special trip into Reading to visit with hundreds of Reading children. All kids get a chance to eat homemade cookies with Santa, make a holiday craft, and visit with Santa’s elves.



2014 participation: 300 children

2015 participation: 360 children

Community



Back to School Bonanza

3rd & Spruce Recreation Center

August 23, 2014

August 29, 2015

Each year, the Reading Recreation Commission (RRC) collects backpacks, school supplies, and school uniforms to distribute to kids in the local community. The event also provides \$5 haircuts, manicures, food, fun and music to help get kids off to a good start for the school year. The RRC gives away over 100 filled backpacks a year at the event.

Total attendance: 200+

Community

We Keep Reading Clean!

Community Cleanups

A continued focus of the RRC is to upgrade, repair, and clean the facilities and parks in which we operate programs and events. Over the course of the past two years, we welcomed over 800 students from Alvernia University and Albright College, and another 150+ from local community organizations who cleaned buildings, painted, picked up trash, landscaped, and more. We received strong support from the City of Reading Public Works Department and the Reading School District who supplied equipment, trash

bags and gloves, paint, tools, mulch and much more. Thank you to everyone who helped our efforts in the past two years—we couldn't have done it without you!

Did you know...?

Since 2012, we have cleaned, painted, and helped to renovate over 20 parks and 6 buildings with over 10,000 volunteer hours.

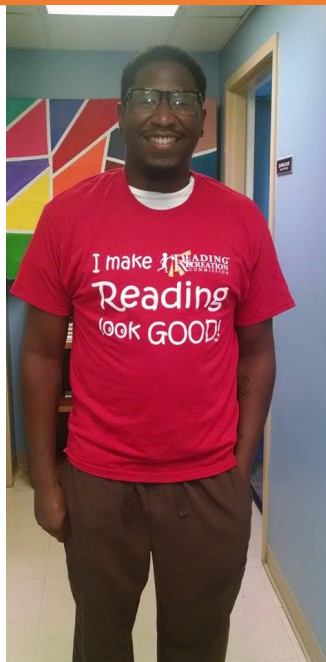
Special thanks to the City of Reading Public Works Department who has been a great partner - helping us to keep Reading looking good one paint stroke and trash bag at a time!

Total Volunteer Hours: 3,000+
Total Parks and Schools Cleaned: 10
Total Number of Buildings Renovated: 2

#wemakeReadinglookgood



Those who helped us Make Reading Look Good!



Kendall Thomas, Reading resident and former city recreation member, raised money to sponsor 12 city youth to attend the afterschool program!

#givingback

Diamond

(Gift of \$10,000 and above)

Altria Companies
Berks County Community Foundation
Fromuth Tennis
Power of the Purse
in Berks County Fund
USTA Foundation Inc.

Platinum

(Gift of \$5,000 and above)

Law Foundation of Berks County
Marlin Miller Jr. Family Foundation
Penn State Health St. Joseph Foundation

Gold

(Gift of \$2,500 and above)

Berks Community Action Program
Freedom Toyota
Performance Toyota
Stevens & Lee
The Wyomissing Foundation
USTA Middle States Section, Inc.

Silver

(Gift of \$1,000 and above)

Baseballtown Charities
Berks Arts Council
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.
Connors Investor Services, Inc.
EnerSys Inc.
Financial Planning Advisors
Jack Horrigan
John and Ann Broadbent
Lords & Ladies Salon Medical Spa
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Paul and Karen Oxholm
PA Council on the Arts

Robert and Judy Pollack

Salon Lara
Scott and Michelle Davis
Scott and Angel Helm
T. Jerome and Carolyn Holleran
USTA – Eastern Penn District

Bronze

(Gift of \$500 and above)

Andrew and Kathy Weidman
Brentwood Industries
Customers Bank
David and Barbara Thun
Dodson Dietrich
East Penn Manufacturing
Fulton Bank
Irving and Lois Cohen
Jan and Carol Sockel
Jim Fromuth
Richard and Anne Schreck
Steven and Loni Pottierger
Thomas and Nancy Schreck
William and Ginger Miller

Those who helped us Make Reading Look Good!

Friends of the RRC

(Gift of \$200 and above) | In-kind contributions | Volunteers)

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Alvernia University Women's Basketball

American Barber Academy

Anastasia Stahley

Andre Davis

Ann Toole

ATV Bakery

Auntie Anne's

Babolat

BAMBA

Baseballtown Charities

BCIU

BCTV

Benjamin and Priscilla Zintak

Berks County 4-H

Berks County Community Service

Berks County Tennis Association

Berks Packing

Berks Women in Crisis

Bill Palmertree

Bistro 24

Blue Mountain Region SCCA

Bob Sebelist

Borelli Family

Bosco's

Brenda Marks

Brett Fegely

Bruce Monteiro

Bruce Ream

Bryant Ferris

Bud Bucheit

Caitlin Degler

Camille Stock

Carey Babczak

Carl Geffken

Carlos Torres

Cathy Hoffman

Chik-Fil-A

Chris Celmer

Chris Daubert

Christian and Jennifer Sockel

Christine Anderton

Christine Gilfillan

Chris Zale

Chuck Domino

Cifredo's Barber Salon

Cindy Castner

Cindy DeGroote

City of Reading

City of Reading Fire Department

City of Reading IT Department

City of Reading Police Department

City of Reading Public Works Department

CJ Vazquez

Clover Farms

Council on Chemical Abuse

County of Berks Parks & Recreation

Covely Family

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Cynthia Dunlap

CWTA

DCNR

D&D Screen Printing

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Damond Kloc

Dan Douglas

Danielle Antos

Dave Emkey

David Cituk

David Mekeel

David MCCoy

David Ruyak

David and Barbara Thun

Dennis Brophy

Diane Kripas

Dodson Dietrich

Donald Taddei

Donna Reed

DoubleTree Hotel

Dustin Klopp

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Eric Rodriguez

Erin Brown

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Fourteenth Ward Republican Association

Frank Denbowski

Gallen Family

Gary O'Brien

Gary Walkowski

Gasser's Golf

George and Stephanie Connerton

Giant Food Stores

Gladys Rentschler

Godiva Chocolatier

Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry

GTS Wellco

Hartman

Heather Phillips

Heck Bros Florist

Henry Tangredi

Hiesters Lanes

Hillcrest Racquet Club

Interstate Container

Irving Gonzalez

J. Russell Hoke

Jacquelyn Accetta

James Washington

Jay Worrall

Jeff Darlington

Jeff Fick

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Jen Habecker

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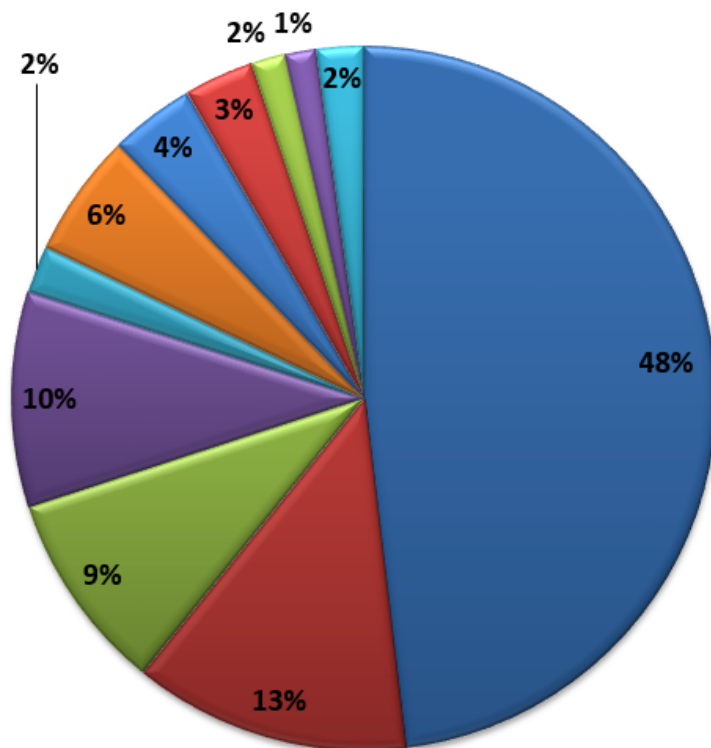
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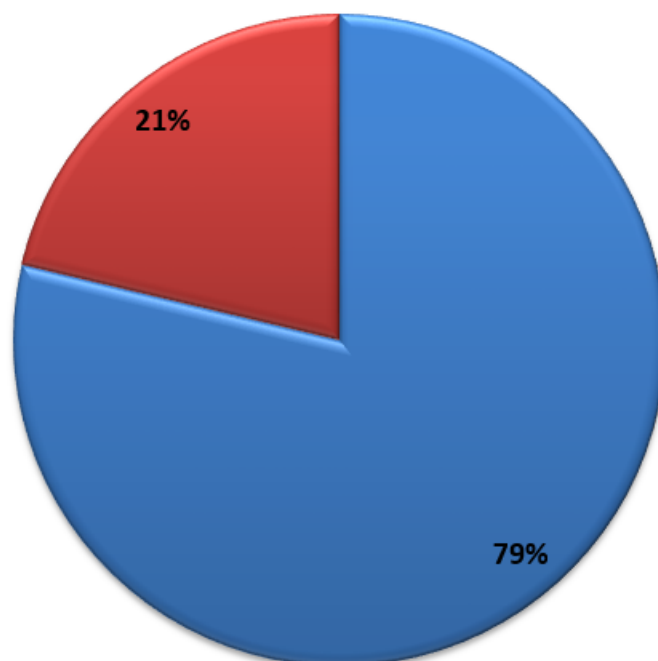
2014 REVENUE

- Local Public Funds - City of Reading [\$488,000]
- Local Public Funds - Reading School District [\$128,468]
- In-kind & Other - [\$93,469]
- Grants - [\$100,095]
- Program Fees - Tennis [\$21,963]
- Pool - [\$57,704]
- Rental Fees - [\$39,384]
- Food Service Program - [\$32,319]
- Program Fees - Playground/Afterschool [\$16,293]
- Program Fees - Sports [\$14,321]
- Special Event/Other Income - [\$22,006]



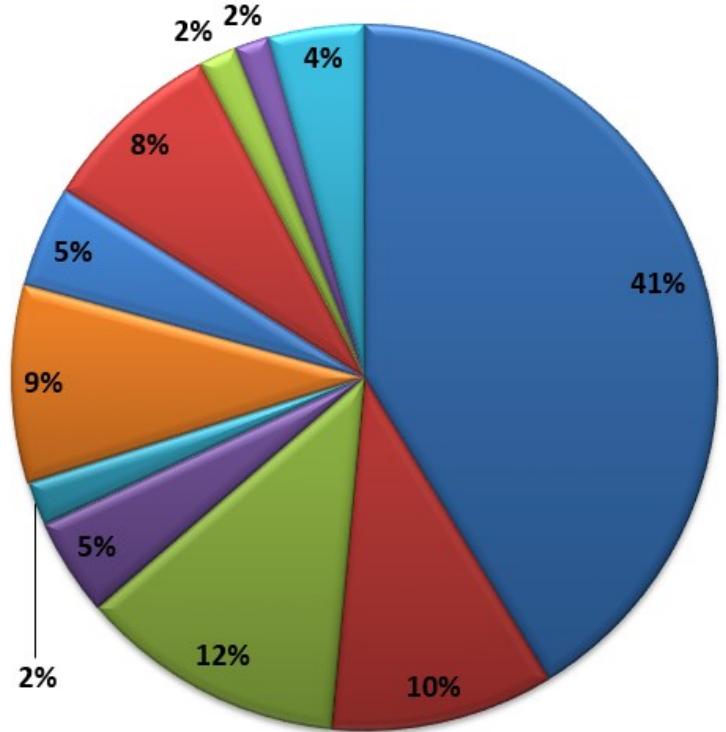
2014 EXPENSES

- Programs [\$719,507]
- Administrative [\$194,504]



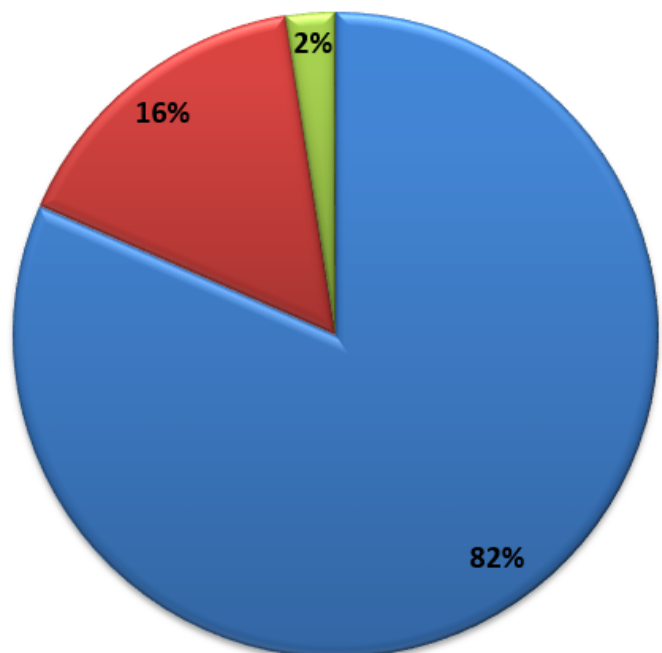
2015 REVENUE

- Local Public Funds - City of Reading [\$488,000]
- Local Public Funds - Reading School District [\$121,222]
- In-Kind & Other - [\$144,136]
- Grants - [\$52,830]
- Program Fees - Tennis [\$23,824]
- Pool - [\$107,056]
- Rental Fees - [\$54,990]
- Food Service Program - [\$99,700]
- Program Fees - Playground/Afterschool [\$20,410]
- Program Fees - Sports [\$18,743]
- Special Event/Other Income - [\$51,907]



2015 EXPENSES

- Programs [\$1,042,434]
- Administrative [\$204,444]
- Fundraising [\$31,593]



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