

The Hill School of Wilmington



2018 - 2019

Annual Report

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On Thursday, August 16, 2018, as the sounds of shuffling shoes mixed with the chatter of eager students, the doors opened to the first morning session of The Hill School's 2018-19 school year. The excitement surged as students marveled at the new 3800 square foot space located at 3333 Jaeckle Drive. Students and parents were fascinated by the larger classrooms, multi-purpose room, staff work room, and additional office spaces. The relocation to Jaeckle brought familiar faces, as well as new ones, by allowing the school to grow to serve 52 students from 40 last year.

As the next group made its way through the front doors, their same energy and excitement filled the air as they quickly made their way to the bright, beautiful classrooms, and teachers waiting eagerly to greet them.

That first day set the tone for the remainder of the school year, which brought a multitude of new opportunities and exciting events, including on-site parent/teacher workshops, a new tutoring program, and a beautifully executed spring fundraiser, A Walk in Their Shoes.





The Hill School of Wilmington's TUTORING PROGRAM

The Hill School of Wilmington began its first School Day Tutoring Program. Underwritten this year by a generous donor for startup costs, the program was met with great success. Two sessions were held each day, one morning and one afternoon, in the Dr. Dawn M. Hodges classroom, and served nine students. The program offered science and social studies tutoring to Hill students who were

being homeschooled.

This program was accompanied by new after-school and summer tutoring programs. Both of these programs were put in place to support not only Hill students, but students throughout the community as well.

For more information on any of our outreach programs, please visit the Outreach Programs page on our website.

The Dr. Dawn M. Hodges Outreach Program Workshop Series for parents & educators

presented by The Hill School of Wilmington



The Hill School Board of Directors voted unanimously this year to name the outreach program after our Founding Director, Dr. Dawn Hodges, who led the school from its inception in 2009 until 2016. One of Dr. Hodges guiding principles was to grow the knowledge of parents and educators in support of students with learning issues. Her early vision for the school inspired the drive to provide outreach activities such as parent and teacher workshops.

The program, which offered four workshops during the school year, was met with unexpected success. Workshops offered were:

- *Homework Hassles - Strategies and Q&A*

- *F.A.T. City - A documentary screening,*
- *Executive Function - Organization & Regulation*
- *Food for Thought - Nutrition for Growing Minds*

Each workshop, led by Hill School trained staff members, provided parents and teachers with up-to-date information on technology, learning tools and strategies to support their different learners.

2019-20 workshops will include, *What Does a Learning Difference Look Like?*, *Developing Growth Mindset*, *Food for Thought*, and *Preparing for College*. For more information, visit the news and events page on our website.

A Walk in their Shoes

The presentation was followed by two powerfully emotional speeches by current parent, Nicole Miller, and former parent and current board member, Linda Smits. Fighting back tears, both mothers described

the challenges their children faced, as well as the difference The Hill School has made on their children's lives through specific instruction in reading, writing, and math. The multisensory instruction provided by Hill School staff empowers students

to learn in a way suited to their individual needs, granting them the ability to learn in a way that encourages not only academic but emotional growth as well.

The fundraiser, which raised over \$35,000, ended with a call to action by board member Amy Brown North who encouraged those in attendance to continue to support The Hill School which fills a void in our area. Reiterating a sentiment by Ms. Harrell presented earlier in the program, "The Hill School is the only school of its kind in southeastern North Carolina and has served students from Columbus, Pender, Brunswick and New Hanover counties."

"One thing our students sometimes tell us is that words in a text seem to have letters that are jumping around," said Susan Harrell, Director of the The Hill School of Wilmington. As she continued, she presented visual examples and a simulation of the challenges students with learning and attention issues face. Ms. Harrell's presentation, which included compelling statistics as well as a beautifully executed video, was part of the 2019 Hill School of Wilmington fundraiser, A Walk in their Shoes, which was held on Thursday, May 2, at The Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington.



The crowd looks on as Linda Smits describes what it's like to parent a child with Dyslexia.



2018 Summer Session Another Success!

The Hill School served 32 students during the 2018 Summer Program.



Thank you to our 2018-2019 supporters!

We are so grateful to our 2018-19 Fiscal Year donors whose generosity and passion allows us to bring our mission to life.



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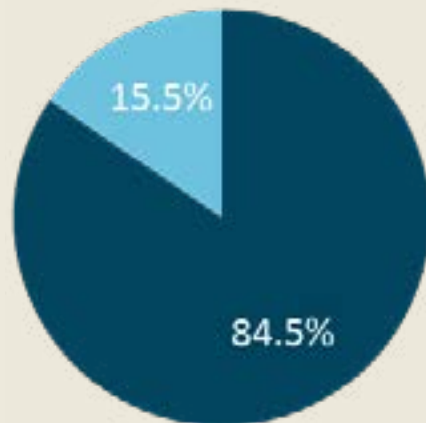
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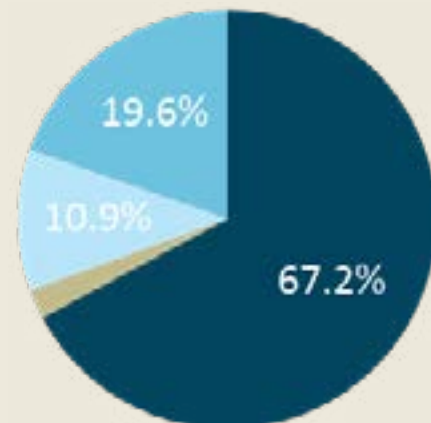
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TOTAL REVENUE \$795,000



● Tuition & Fees - \$672,000.00
● Grants & Donations - \$123,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$795,000



● Salaries & Benefits - \$534,000.00
● Instructional Program - \$18,000.00
● Facilities & Operations - \$87,000.00
● Scholarships & Capital Reserves - \$156,000.00



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Empowering children who have learning differences to become confident, independent learners.



At The Hill School of Wilmington, we're working hard to help struggling students with learning and attention issues find the support they need. Your contribution makes this possible!

With your continued support, we have:

- Increased enrollment from 6 to 52!
- Moved twice to accommodate expanding program and student needs.
- Developed a vibrant summer program.
- Provided 45 scholarships to qualified students.
- Offered valuable community teacher and parent workshops.
- Incorporated new school-day and after-school tutoring programs.
- Implemented technology tools to enhance instruction.

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