



Dream Big

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

Learning Bridge
Annual Impact Report
2024-2025
School Year

practice 4pm

hi



Dear Champions for Foster Youth,

This year, 102 foster and unhoused youth discovered something many had never experienced: an adult who showed up consistently, believed in their potential, and helped them succeed academically.

When we founded Learning Bridge four years ago, no organization in Central Texas focused specifically on the educational needs of foster youth, despite evidence that these students were falling behind, dropping out too frequently, and aging out of the system without the educational background to succeed. We set out to change that trajectory.

This year's results prove that our approach of offering free tutoring works. Every data point in this report represents a student whose story is shaped by instability and loss. But when a tutor keeps showing up, week after week, their story starts to change. Students pass classes they thought they'd fail. They raise their hands for the first time. They start believing they belong in their classroom. Most of our students even start liking school.

I am humbled by the dedication of our tutors, volunteers, and staff, as well as the generosity of our donors. On behalf of the board, I cannot thank you enough for believing in the potential of our students and helping them write a new story.

But our work has only begun. With over 6,000 foster system and unhoused youth in Central Texas, demand for our services continues to grow. We operate a lean organization, and demand far exceeds our capacity. We aim to serve 35+ new students next year, including many in nearby rural communities. We need your help to reach this goal.

I invite you to become a tutor for one of these new students or sponsor a student through a recurring donation. Either path makes an impact on a child's life that can change their story forever.

Thank you for being part of our expanding circle of support.

With gratitude,
Erin Hudson, Board President



Erin Hudson

Our mission is to match tutors with foster and unhoused youth to give them the educational support they need to stay in school, improve academic performance, and achieve greater success later in life.

102

students served
(+31% YoY)

2,950

volunteer
tutoring hours

100%

students said
their tutor
helped

95%

students felt
motivated by
tutorials

38%

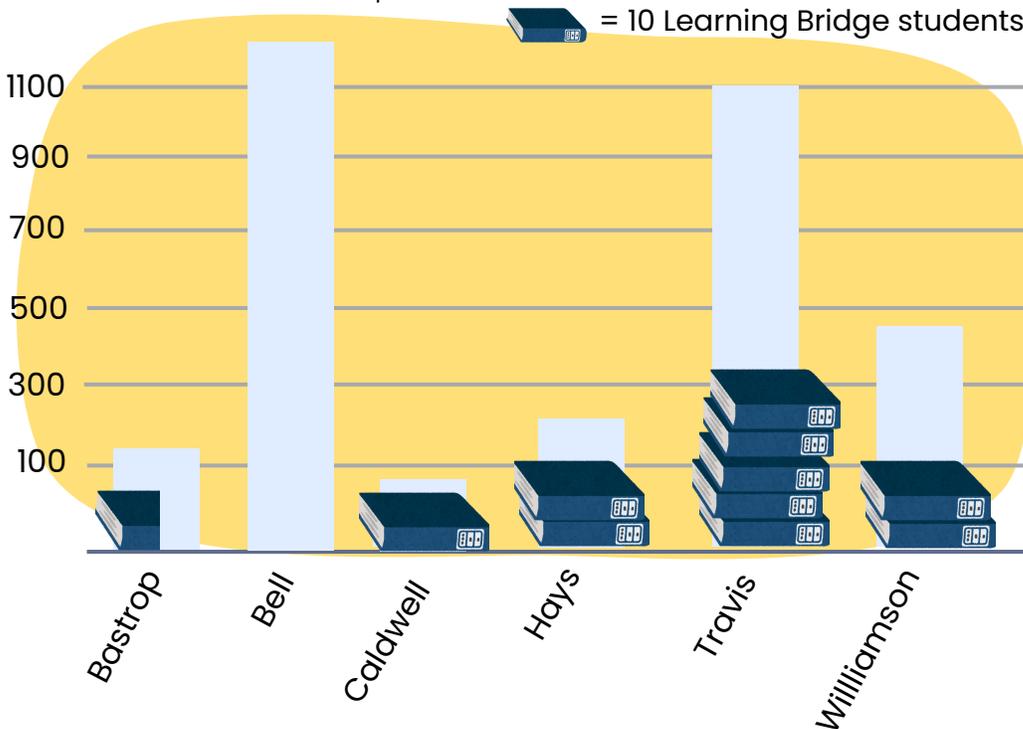
more students
achieved A/B
grades

Children who have experienced foster care carry deep burdens of trauma, instability, fear, anxiety, and sadness. Trauma impairs memory, shortens attention span, and delays academic development. Chronic stress and lack of stable support leads to disengagement from school and frequent absenteeism.

In Texas, nearly 90% of students in foster care are economically disadvantaged without resources and access to mental and academic enrichment. These vulnerable young Central Texans need Learning Bridge for a chance to break free from the cycle of hardships that foster care presents.

Learning Bridge is growing fast - averaging 23% more students each year. Yet thousands of Central Texas foster and CPS-involved youth still go without academic support. The need still vastly outpaces our reach. We have the proven model - now we need the resources to bridge this gap at scale.

Learning Bridge Students vs. Foster Care System by County (SY 2024-2025)
(Includes Foster and Kinship)

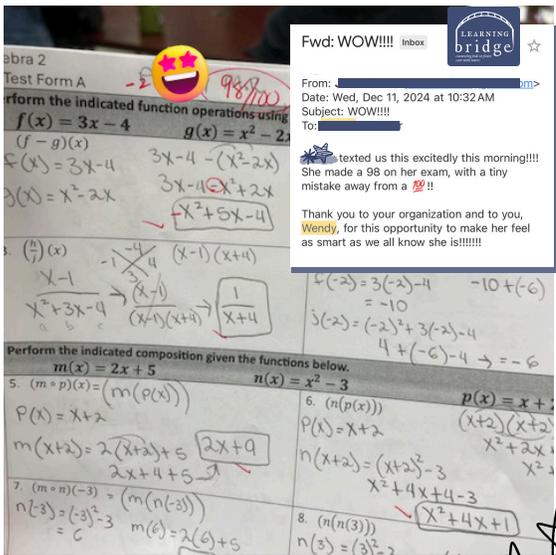
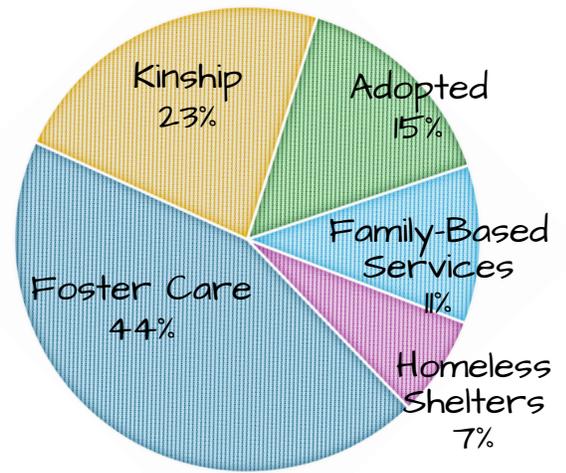


Student locations shift frequently and rural students face even fewer support options. We're reaching more students, yet many more need a caring tutor to uplift their future from hardships.



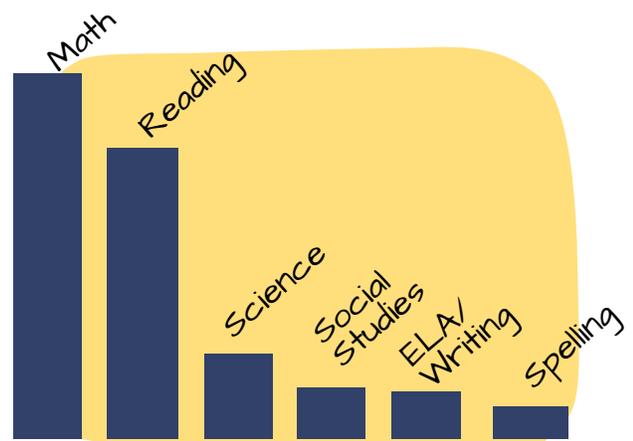
We expanded this year to serve adopted and unhoused youth - students whose educational journeys remain impacted by their foster care experiences. Through intentional outreach to adoption agencies and homeless services, we successfully grew our support for these vulnerable populations: now serving homeless students and 5x more adopted students.

Student Composition by Placement Type



- 80% are students of color
- 39% have learning disabilities
- 62% Travis, 26% Williamson, 10% Hays, 2% Caldwell + Bastrop counties
- Avg. student tenure = 14 months

- Majority of students are grade 3-8
- Math and Reading are the most supported subjects
- Avg. student wait time - improved from 80 days in fall semester to 27 days spring semester



“My sophomore year, my tutor helped me understand how to solve chemistry equations when I didn't understand them. After she taught me a new way, they became easy and I finished the semester off with a 99!” - Adopted Student, grade 11



The dedicated volunteers who make our mission possible bring diverse backgrounds and experiences, all motivated by a desire to make a lasting difference in the lives of foster youth.

- 103 tutors
- Ages 18-70+
- 55% Caucasian, 25% Asian, 17% Hispanic/Latin, 4% Black/African American
- Retired teachers, university students, and professionals representing education, engineering, healthcare, tech

“ I went through a period of homelessness as a child. I seek to help guide children that experienced situations similar to what I went through. ”

“ I am interested in this program because I believe that education is an asset that cannot be taken away from you. ”

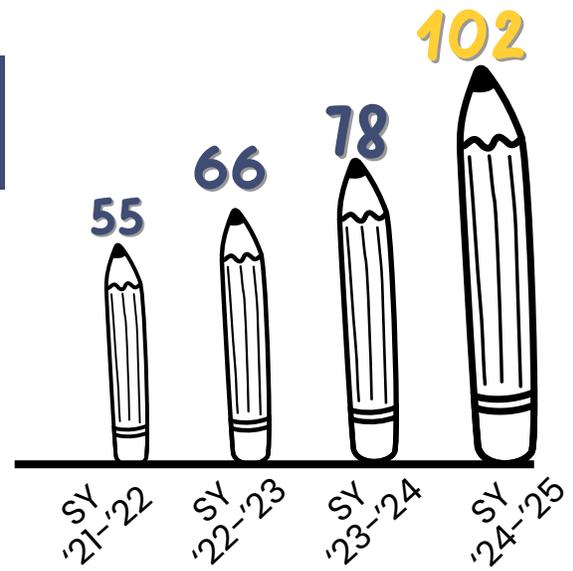
“ Tutoring is an opportunity to pay forward the support I once received. At age 12, I faced significant challenges, emotionally, academically and with family dysfunction. I struggled in school, spent time in detention, and often felt lost. It wasn't until I received guidance from caring teachers and mentors that things began to turn around for me. Their support helped me succeed academically and ultimately earn two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree. ”



1

Help More Youth

- 31% more students served
- 19 adopted students
- 65+ student referral partners
- 100% of students report their tutor helped them
- 38% more students achieved A/B grades by year's end



2

Grow Tutor Pool & Enhance Engagement

37
new tutors

73%
volunteer retention

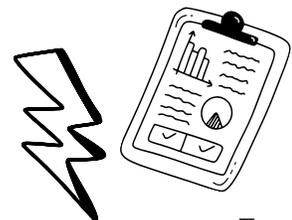
2,950
volunteer hours

- 26% volunteer referral rate
- Outreach to 20+ volunteer sources
- Enhanced tutor training resources
- Introduced Inspiration Ambassadors
- Launched a blog with resources and volunteer recognition
- Established LinkedIn presence
- Increased volunteer recruitment across university campuses (+16 volunteers)

3

Diversify Funding

- Six new funding partners across Foundations, Corporate/Business entities
- 40+ Net-new individual donors
- Doubled pace of grant applications YOY



“ I believe my tutor helped me enough for me to pass and get through school. - Foster Student, grade 6 ”

★ “ My tutor helps me by breaking down the problems in simpler steps. - Foster Student, grade 11 ”

“ Her confidence continues to grow!!!! She's gone from not thinking she was a good student to passing for sports eligibility to believing she could make good grades to taking advanced classes. She's gone from thinking she was destined for the military to thinking she might could go to college to now knowing she can & will go to college. - Foster Parent ”

“ It was one day he had finished his tutoring session. He told me he was excited that he learned a new word and remembered what it meant. Ms. Kimberly is great!! - Foster Parent ”

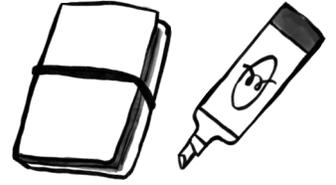
“ My student saying that me spending five minutes explaining something to her was better than all the time she had asked her teacher and never understood. - Volunteer Tutor ”

“ My proudest moment has been hearing him say 'reading is one of my favorite subjects now' and seeing him become more interested in reading. - Volunteer Tutor ”

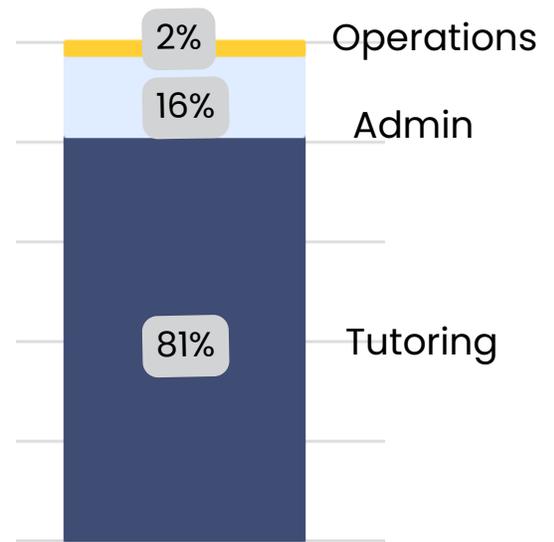


Learning Bridge maximizes impact by directing over 80% of resources to tutoring, efficiently serving 102 students this year. Our remote structure and lean staff keeps overhead minimal, but sustainable growth for these 102 students depends on continued donor support.

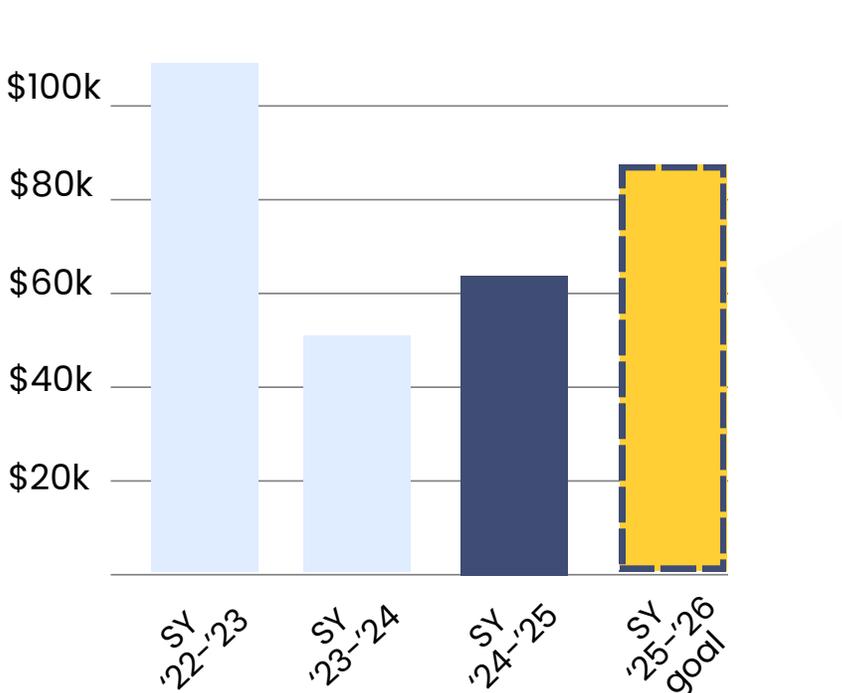
When you give to Learning Bridge, you invest in building stable paths for youth to graduate high school, building motivation and aspiration to pursue college, and building stronger Central Texas communities.



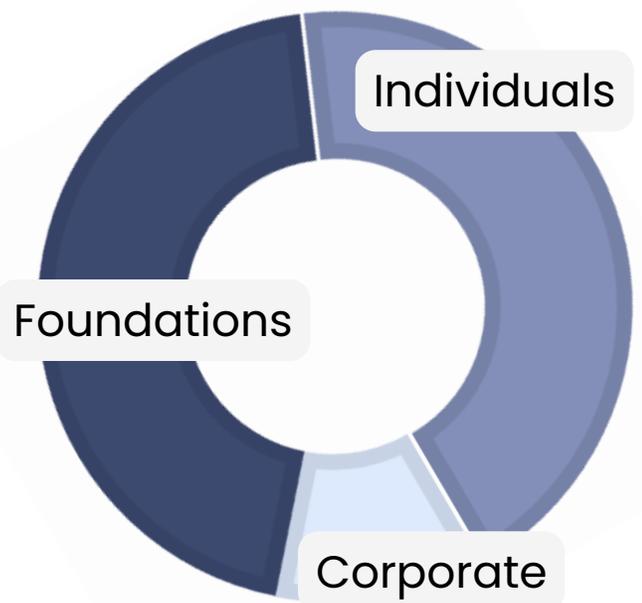
FY 2024 Expenses



Annual Income Trend



Funding Sources



In the coming school year, we'll deepen our Presence across new placement agencies, strengthen our Partnerships through enhanced volunteer training tools, and elevate our Profile by building strategic funding relationships and sharing impact stories. But to continue growing, we need more than momentum - we need sustainable support. Help us bridge the gap by sponsoring a student.

Our targets:

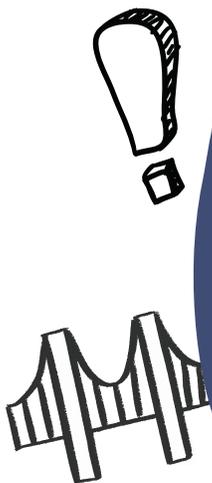
- 40+ new tutors ready to serve
- New student placement partners to expand reach
- Sustained funding from individuals and organizations

Our goal: 35+ new students supported through consistent tutoring, powerful connections, and measurable outcomes.



Will you support our students?

SHARE OUR STORY
SPONSOR A STUDENT
VOLUNTEER



Your investment empowers foster students to excel in school, discover college IS attainable, and lead thriving futures in our communities.

Foundations/Business Sponsors



Nolan Ryan Foundation



THE ROTHELL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL TEXAS



Top Individual Donors

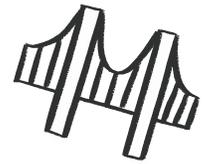
Erin Hudson
 Kim Walker
 Logan Johnson
 Scott Munro
 Abhilasha Mittal
 Jones Family
 Kristene Blackstone
 Logan Johnson
 Promod Radhakrishnan

Deborah Gonzalez
 Jesse Inmon
 Bharat Shrestha
 Colleen Reppen Shiel
 Christa Floyd
 Lad Stricker
 Sharon Vaughn
 Tina Harris
 Luke Winter

Our board represents a powerful convergence of professional expertise, drawing from social work and child protective services, technology, law, education, and accounting. We are bound by deep passion for supporting foster and unhoused youth.

Our staff combines strategic leadership and business development with frontline experience, anchored by a Program Manager who brings both a decade of AISD classroom experience and personal insights as a former foster parent-- ensuring our programs are deeply attuned to the real needs of the youth we serve.

Our Values

Erin Hudson
Board President



Promod Radhakrishnan
Board VP & Secretary



Kim Walker
Board Treasurer



Carole Wall
Board Member



Kristy Peloquin
Board Member



Camille Ip
Executive Director



Monica Wyatt
Program Manager

Stay connected with Learning Bridge throughout the year to see more student success stories, learn more about our Central Texas foster youth and see the challenges they overcome.

JOIN OUR
MAILING LIST



www.learningbridgetx.org
info@learningbridgetx.org

PO Box 160772
Austin, TX 78716
EIN: 86-2277671



 Donate

