



Start The Adventure In Reading

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Eastport Civic Association  
PO Box 3539  
Annapolis, MD 21403  
Attn: Vic Pascoe, President

Dear Vic,

The STAIR Board of Directors and I would like to thank you and the Eastport Civic Association for your generous grant of \$760. Funds will be used to provide curriculum, site supplies, materials and books for each student at Eastport Community Center STAIR.

Start The Adventure In Reading (STAIR) – Annapolis, Inc. is a reading and mentoring program designed to provide early intervention for at-risk second grade students in Annapolis. Throughout the year, students (identified by their teachers) work with an adult tutor twice a week after school for approximately one hour on a variety of activities, all focused on increasing basic reading skills utilizing an educator-approved STAIR curriculum. The volunteer tutor and child read together, play word games, practice phonics and write stories. A bond is forged between tutor and student, and learning occurs in a safe, nurturing environment. STAIR graduated 81 students in May 2018. Of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students that participated in STAIR, only 9% came to us reading at beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level. By May, 69% of our students were reading at or above grade level. We are proud of their accomplishments.

As always, there is a lot going on at STAIR! This summer STAIR was engaged at both Eastport and Robinwood Community Centers, leading two week-long summer reader's theater camps. All volunteers had a wonderful time and I believe the 60 students that joined us did as well! This fall STAIR is tutoring at ten sites in Anne Arundel County. We will open a new site at Lothian Elementary School in January, 2019. STAIR has 180+ volunteers including tutors and site coordinators. This year we plan to tutor 90 students.

The generosity of the Eastport Civic Association helps STAIR students gain the ability to move toward strong, poverty-free lives. We would love to have you visit the Eastport Community Center STAIR site and meet our students. Please enjoy the enclosed 2018 Annual Report. Our successes are because of you and your organization. Again, please accept my thanks for this generous grant!

Warm regards,

Linda Barbour, Executive Director



Artwork by Ashley – 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Germantown

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