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# Impact Report 2019

## **Our Mission:**

NEST exists to address academic & non-academic barriers to education for children living in poverty in the suburbs. NEST provides NUTRITION & EDUCATION

in a SAFE environment to TRANSFORM outcomes for children living in suburban poverty.

## **Our History:**

NEST was founded in 2016 with 9 volunteers, 2 tents, a car full of books, play equipment, sandwiches and a mission to serve children living in poverty.

68 children participated that first summer.

NEST has been expanding ever since!



# **2019**

**7,139 Lunches Served**



**4 Vehicles**



**200+ Children Impacted!**



## Early Learner Program

**NEST's Early Learner Program (ELP)** traveled weekly (Monday thru Thursday) in its mobile "Study Bus" to 2 low-income suburban communities to deliver healthy snacks, 4 to 8 extra hours of critical literacy (working one on one) and school readiness skills for 3-5 year-olds.

During the 2018-19 school year, the ELP program operated in 2 sites and served 10 children ages 3-5. Children who attended the program increased their letter recognition skills, learned to write their names, learned to count and many other vital Kindergarten readiness skills.



*"My little guy has made so much progress since he started coming to NEST. He is really trying so much & I am trying with him. Thank you!"*

-Mom of a 4-year-old that had a serious speech delay



# Homework Help Program

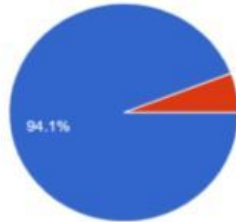


NEST's Homework Help program provides healthy snacks; access to educational tools; computers; wifi and assistance with homework surrounded by a caring, consistent, supportive NEST team to build and strengthen skills that children need to be successful in life.



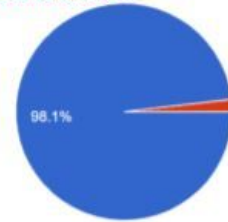
*At the beginning of the year, Kate often would quickly say she couldn't do something and wouldn't even try. Her work ethic has completely changed as has her confidence in her ability.*  
*LES, 3rd Grade Teacher*

94% of students report that attending NEST helped them in their hardest subject.



**75% of teachers report that NEST has had a positive impact.**

98% of students report that NEST has helped them do better in school.



# Building Our NEST,

**A note from the Executive Director, Evangeline DeVol:**

***Wow, what a year 2019 has been for NEST! Grants! Awards! Hugely successful events, AND planning an expansion into the Clermont Northeastern School District starting the summer of 2020! |***

***I am so very grateful for all our donors, volunteers and part-time staff. It is YOU, YOUR time, and YOUR support and encouragement that made this "little idea" of a non-profit grow to be such an impactful program in just over 3 years. Thank you for your HUGE part in NEST CLC's journey.***

***Helen Keller once wrote: "There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark." Thank you for your "SIGHT" in truly seeing at-risk kids in our community and for "GIVING A HELPING HAND" to so many of them that often struggle "IN THE DARK" that poverty creates.***

***Thanking God for you!***





# Lunch Learn & Play Program

## NEST's Summer Program

- Served 7,139 meals
- Partnered with Loveland Primary School to help kids retain reading skills over the summer and hundreds of book give-a-ways.
- In addition to working with local youth, local adult volunteers and local church youth groups, NEST was fortunate to partner with the Week of Hope Organization that arranged for 9 different youth groups representing 12 different churches from 15 different states including Michigan, Indiana, South Carolina, Texas and South Dakota.
- Partnering with a half dozen area High School Seniors and the Capstone projects they designed, the NEST kids had the opportunity to do fun science experiments, build robotic models, create unique art projects and tons of other "out of the box" and "hands-on" learning activities.
- AND of course, lots of water games and challenges as well as Kona Ice treats and ice cream!



Funding Sources



■ Cash Donations ■ Fundraising Events ■ Grants

**NEST's volunteer grant writing team spent hundreds of hours writing grants, and the fundraising team worked hard to create fun, new events, however, the MAJORITY of funding for NEST comes from individual cash and in-kind donations from community members.**

**NEST had 4 paid staff members to drive the mobile class-rooms and provide consistent relationships for the children NEST serves, but the MAJORITY of activities for NEST is lead by volunteers!**

Who Keeps NEST Running?



■ Volunteers ■ Paid Staff