



Volunteers in Education

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Annual Report

Volunteers in Education engages the community in educating its students, supporting their growth, and preparing them for productive citizenship.

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Program Overview

Volunteers in Education (VinE) is a 501,c3 nonprofit organization that supports local public schools by pairing trained tutors with students needing additional academic support. The VinE tutoring program was largely dormant for three years between 2019/20 – 2021/22. During that time, VinE contended with program closure due to Covid-19 and the loss of two executive directors. In January 2023, Teresa de Venecia was hired as the executive director. VinE’s strategic plan guided the Board of Directors during the non-operational years. During this time, the Board demonstrated strong leadership and continuous commitment to helping students succeed in school. The Board made thoughtful decisions that strongly positioned the program to relaunch in April 2023.

The goals driving the Board are:

1. VinE is guided by a representative Board of Directors.
2. VinE is a model program for helping students succeed.
3. VinE builds strong school-community connections to support student success.

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Operating Highlights

When Teresa de Venecia, Executive Director, joined VinE in January 2023, the goal was to relaunch the volunteer tutoring program in April 2023. VinE immediately began recruiting community volunteer tutors and school site coordinators. We reached out to five schools (North Woods-Cook/Orr, Northeast Range-Babbitt, Tower/Soudan-Tower, Mt. Iron/Buhl-Mt. Iron, and Cherry School-Cherry), and teachers enthusiastically embraced the prospect of VinE's return. The tutoring program was relaunched in early April 2023 and operated in April and May. During the short time the program ran, the level of participation was impressive. Across the five VinE schools, 13 community members volunteered to tutor, teachers made 43 tutor requests, 58 students received tutoring services, five site coordinators stepped forward to coordinate the tutors/teachers/students, and students received 75 hours of tutoring.

This work was made possible by the United Way of NE Minnesota, the Eveleth Area Community Foundation, the Endeavor Foundation, the BE HERE Family Foundation, and many private donations. Grantors and donors like these allowed VinE to support local public school students in the 2022-2023 school year.

Looking Ahead

The 2022-2023 VinE school year was compressed into a short time frame, with the tutor program operating for only two months. The learning curve has been steep with a new executive director, new board members, teachers, site coordinators, and volunteer tutors. VinE is excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year with many return participants and newly recruited teachers, tutors, and site coordinators, all to help students succeed. The new year includes a newly hired program director to support the executive director, site coordinators, teachers, and tutors. The 2023-2024 VinE program will see modifications to the background check and tutor training processes. VinE will increase its school presence, update data management, and increase fundraising. VinE hopes to add new schools to the program as soon as financially possible. VinE begins the 2023-2024 school year with strong momentum and is excited to engage community members in support of local public school students again.

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Financial Summary

The chart below summarizes VinE’s 2022-2023 Budget. The data represents financial information through June 14, 2023.

Volunteers in Education 2022-2023 Projected vs. Actual Budget

		2022-2023 Projected Budget	2022-2023 Actual Budget
Income			
	Corporate/Foundations	\$31,000	\$20,600
	Private Donations	\$1,440	\$3,046
	Fundraiser	\$900	\$0
	Total Revenue	\$33,340	\$23,646
Expense	Program Expenses	\$34,200	\$15,386
	-Wages		
	-Mileage		
	-Site Expenses		
	Operating Expense	\$6,450	\$5,996
	Total Expense	\$40,650	\$21,382

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position:

- Assets as of June 30, 2023: \$22,491.50
- Bank Account Balance as of June 14, 2023: \$24,514.23

Statement of Comprehensive Income:

- Income July 1, 2022 – June 14, 2023: \$23,645.62
- Expenses July 1, 2022 – June 14, 2023: \$21,382.03

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Financial Highlights

VinE generated \$22,330.00 in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, most of which was granted from foundations, but private donations were also important. These grants and donations, plus the Board's careful stewardship of funds, supported VinE's 2022-2023 program expenses and the relaunch of the tutoring program in April 2023. VinE also received in-kind contributions from Independent School Districts #712 and #2142, school staff, VinE Board Directors, and VinE staff. While these contributions are difficult to tabulate, they help lower VinE's expenses and financially support VinE.

VinE earned \$2,264 more than the program spent in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Expenses for the year were half of what was projected in the annual budget. This difference was due in part to the inactivity of the program until the last quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. There was time between executive directors, which also created expense savings. The relaunch of the tutoring program required spending on promotional work to recruit volunteers and spread the word about VinE's return to schools. The program now has a roster of volunteers and site coordinators from which to draw for the 2023-2024 school (and fiscal) year. Given the healthy bank balance going into the 2022-2023 fiscal year and again in 2023-2024, VinE is in good financial shape.



Endeavor Foundation

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