



WORLD SPEAKS



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Reflecting On 2022

In 2022, World Speaks saw a year of incredible growth and intentionality. The organization entered into 2022 as a one staff team and ended it with 2 staff, 20+ contractors, and 17 languages that we used to connect the Omaha Community.

We had our first in person class in 3 years on historic north 24th street.

We added an additional board member, voted in our new bylaws, completed our first action plan, and gained additional sources of revenue and made relationships with Foundations that we hadn't before.

- Leah Whitney Chavez
Executive Director

Who Are We?

Mission: To address socio economic gaps and injustices through cultural education, inclusion initiatives, and advocacy services.

Vision: World Speaks envisions a world where the voiceless are heard, the marginalized are included, & the vulnerable are safe.

Our Staff



Leah Whitney Chavez
Executive Director &
Founder

Volunteers: 10



Paulina Campos Guzman
Programs Manager

Contractors: 24

Our Board

President - Melanie Bloom
Treasurer - Maggie Wood
Secretary - Michelle Duggar
Director - Candy Zollicoffer

Director - Jasmine Elmore
Director - Lubna Albadawi



Programs

Performed in 17 languages

Accessibility

Interpreting and Translation Services

Community

Community language courses

Tutoring

Justice Speaks

Cultural awareness Training

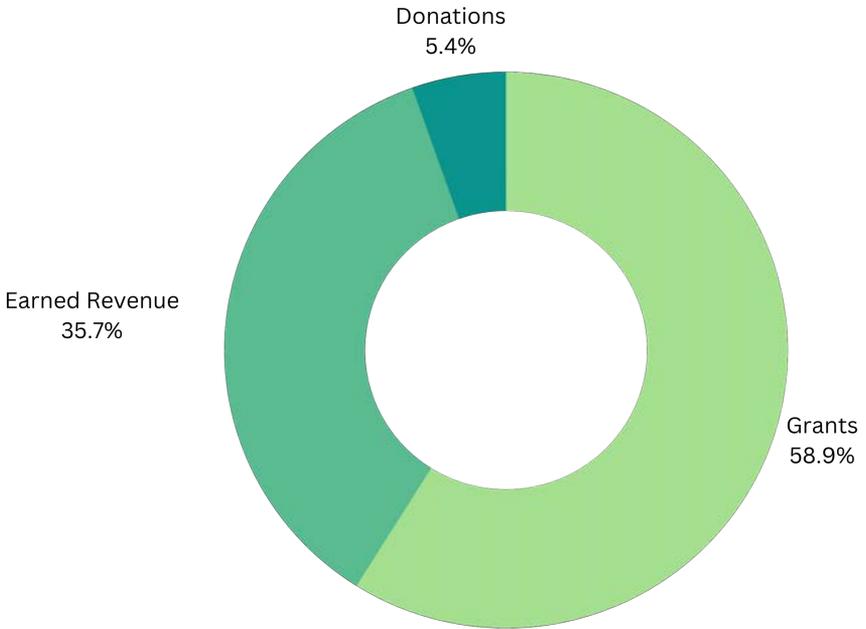
The Next Generation

Tutoring for children

Workshops and School programs



Budget \$144,430*

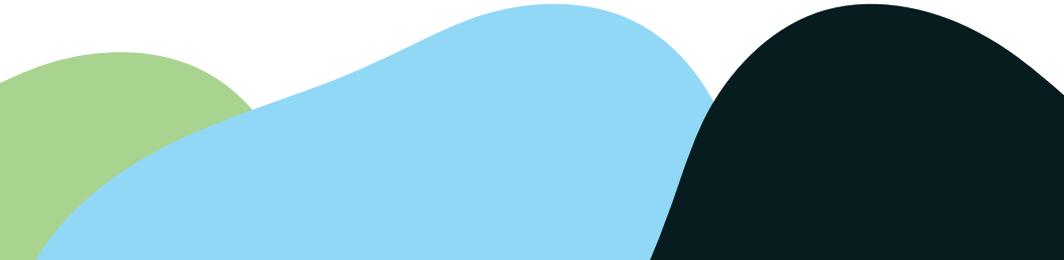


How We Made A Difference!

- 90+ hours of Interpreting
- 60+ translation projects
- 6 Community Classes
- Shared 4 impactful stories through Justice speaks
- 2 Community Events
- 1 Action plan meeting

* Unaudited number

Highlights Of 2022 Impact

- Added 6 languages and grew to house 17 languages
 - Partnered with over 20 organizations, including but not limited to, the ACLU of Nebraska, The Wellbeing Partners, The City of Omaha Planning Department, The University of Omaha Service Learning Academy, No More Empty Pots, Category One, E-creative, and more
 - Through our partnership with Inclusive Communities 15 Omaha Table Talks were available in the Spanish language via simultaneous interpretation.
 - Partnered with the Fabric Lab to bring language education to historical North 24th street.
 - Reached over 10,000 individuals with our messaging of inclusion, language accessibility, and cultural awareness
 - Over 342 engagements with our tutoring students
105+ hours of instruction and 530+ engagements with community course students
 - Successfully created and executed our 2022 Action plan
 - Hired our Executive Director fulltime and our Programs Manager part time
 - Voted in an additional board member
 - Established World Speaks headquarters
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What Our Students & Partners Have To Say

“World Speaks cares about the needs of their students.”

- Myhiah, Tutoring Student

“Richard (Karen interpreter) also explained different cultural barriers to our team to help us understand (the Karen community) better.”

- Project Harmony

“Please keep doing what you are doing. It is making a huge difference and I appreciate this organization for giving me this opportunity!”

- Community Course Student

“Really appreciated working with you all. Would love to continue to explore ways in which we might work with you all to improve our engagement in Omaha.”

- City of Omaha Planning Department

“You have been great to work for, really happy to be part of your team.”

- Mo, Interpreter/Translator

Thank You!

- The Weitz Family Foundation
- The Sherwood Foundation
- The Mutual of Omaha Foundation
- The University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Farm Credit Services of America
- An anonymous donor

Additionally, we have to thank our volunteers, board, Programs Manager, Partners, and Funders for helping us achieve major milestones.

In 2023, we have hopes of expanding our team and growing in our space that we call our own. Thank you for all who have believed in this vision and continue to support and understand that language accessibility is equity.

– **Leah Whitney Chavez**
Executive Director & Founder



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