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Read• Write• Spell (READWS) receives grant from The Winston-Salem Foundation

WINSTON-SALEM, NC- **READWS** is pleased to announce that it has received a grant to hire Site Coordinators to serve as mentors to our 150+ tutors. The award from the Winston-Salem Foundation, in the amount of \$25,000, will fund up to 8 **READWS** site coordinators. As **READWS** grows and continues its important work in the community, there is a need to ensure that we are able to maintain the quality of our volunteer tutoring program. Hiring site coordinators will provide volunteer tutors with the continued support and education that they need which will increase the overall effectiveness of our tutoring program.

Kris Cox, the Executive Director of **READWS** notes that, “Building capacity within **READWS** will strengthen everything we do in the community to help struggling readers. We are so thankful to the Winston-Salem Foundation for supporting us as we expand our staff to offer more support to our fabulous tutors as well as build relationships within the schools.”

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The Winston-Salem Foundation is a community foundation that supports charitable programs in the greater Forsyth County area. Founded in 1919 with a \$1,000 gift, it now administers over 1,450 funds and had total custodial assets of more than \$605 million at the end of 2017. In 2017, the Foundation granted \$46.3 million to charitable causes, almost \$2.9 million of which was through its Community Grants program.

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The mission of **READWS** is to reach, teach, and advocate for struggling readers by training tutors, educators, and parents to use the research-based best practices of a multisensory, structured literacy approach. We focus on students who are at an economic disadvantage. **READWS** is an outreach mission of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.