

2024 Impact Report



Dear EDGE Nebraska City Supporter

As I write this on November 15, 2024, the outside temperature is 65°. It seems appropriate to write about a record setting year on a day when the temps are close to record setting. It also seems appropriate to write about things that surprise us on a day when the temperature seems out of sync with the calendar. If you would have told me in February that I would write the year end letter on such a warm, sunny day I wouldn't have believed it. And if you told me in November of 2016 that a little idea called EDGE was going to give away 20,000 books in less than 8 years, I would have told you if any community can make that happen, it's the 68410.

The world looks very different than it did in 2016. When EDGE was first forming, we were focused on helping kids and families break the poverty cycle, and that goal has not changed. But what has changed is the urgency of this vision. We know we can reach this goal through the strategy of literacy and community engagement. Access to books, exposure to community service, and the role of caring adults across the community are what we believe create the best off-ramp for families to leave poverty. Something so simple might seem out of sync with what society says needs to happen, but often it's the simple that makes the complex possible.

We hope you enjoy this report and learn how EDGE is setting records, creating environments for more records to be broken and basking in the warmth of incredible community support. Thank you for being the ray of hope we need to keep this mission alive.

Stacie Higgins
Founder, EDGE Nebraska City

2024 Milestones

20,000

A major milestone was reached when we distributed our 20,000th book

Website

Generous donations allowed us to launch our new website, click [here](#) to visit

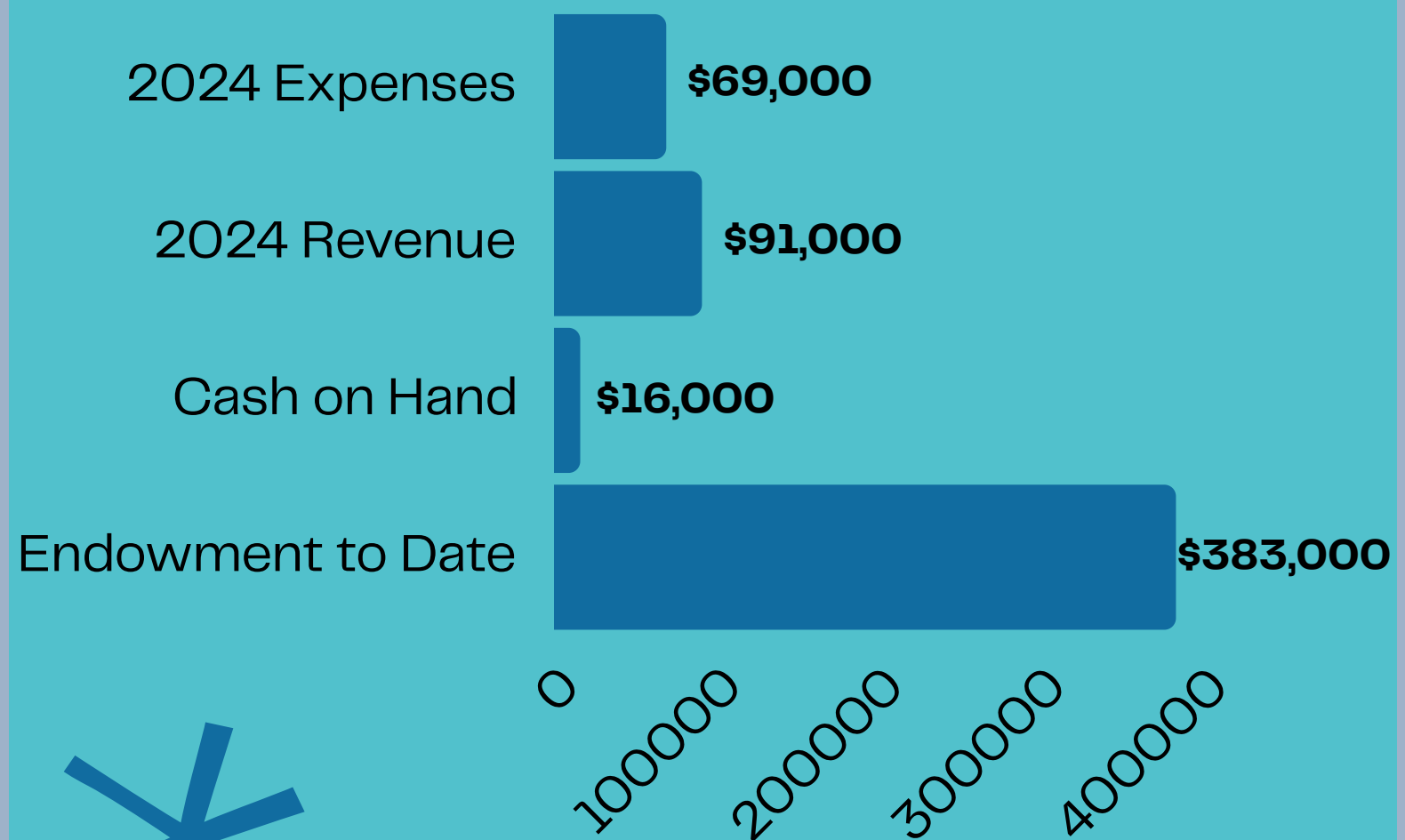
Sampling in the City

This annual fundraising event, which celebrates our community, raised a record amount, allowing EDGE to continue to provide quality programming

Nebraska Book Wagon Launch

Our Super Citizen program now includes books by Nebraska authors and about Nebraska events, allowing each fourth grader to select a book from the Nebraska Book Wagon once a quarter

Financials



804

Students Served Quarterly



22,086

Books Distributed since April 2017



76

Volunteers deliver EDGE programming



622

Early EDGE books distributed at Well Baby Checks

