"A different language is a different vision of life." -Federico Fellini, Italian film director, 1920-1993 ACCESS LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2018

# our **PHILOSOPHY**

**Our Mission** 

To bridge communication gaps through high quality and innovative linguistic solutions.

**Our Vision** 

To provide exceptional interpreting and translation for service providers and their clients/patients.

**Our Values** 

Honesty • Integrity • Professionalism Problem Solving • Sense of Purpose

Our Goals

To honor our commitments

To deliver results

To be welcomed back by our clients

To empower the professional interpreter and translator

To empower the English Language Learner

# what **WE DO**

We provide professional interpreting and document translation services to previously underserved areas, primarily local non-profits and government entities.

We financially support interpreters and those interested in becoming interpreters in obtaining third-party language proficiencies, interpreter training and national certification.

# **ABOUT US**

Access Language Solutions, Inc. was founded in July of 2017 in response to the growing need for professional language services in the non-profit and local government sectors in Lexington, KY. Such entities often struggle to meet the communication needs between their providers and clients.

ALS works closely with their clients in order to provide the highest quality interpreting and translation in a cost-effective manner. The Bluegrass area has provided language services to over 180 languages since 2001. Of those 180+ languages, 115 of them have needed services in 2018.

The top 10 languages served by Fayette County Public Schools for Fall 2018 are:



ALS provides interpreters for medical, social services/community and business appointments. All interpreters who work with ALS have a minimum of 40 hours medical interpreter training and proven language proficiency. We encourage national medical certification. Our current language availability list for face-to-face and over-the-phone interpreting is as follows:

Arabic, Cantonese, French, Gujarati\*, Haitian Creole, Hindi\*, Japanese, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Mandarin Chinese, Nepali, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Ukrainian, Vietnamese \*Over-the-phone interpreting only

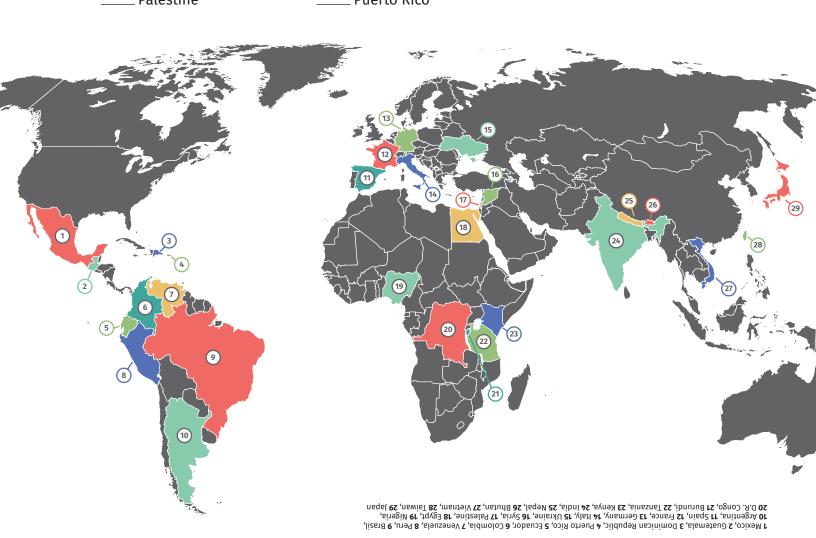
We can provide you with a professionally translated document in a wide range of languages.

# WHERE WE'VE BEEN

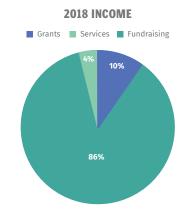
We are extremely proud of the language professionals who contract with us. They've lived and worked in all corners of the world.

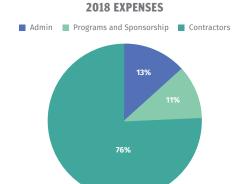
### Can you find these countries on the map?

Spain	Burundi	Egypt
Peru	Argentina	Guatemala
France	Colombia	D.R. Congo
Dominican Republic	Germany	Taiwan
Nigeria	Nepal	Italy
Bhutan	Ukraine	Venezuela
Ecuador	Mexico	Kenya
Japan	Syria	Brasil
India	Tanzania	Vietnam
Palestine	Puerto Pico	



## **FINANCIALS**





### **GRANTS**

**\$3,000** from Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky to support Surgery on Sunday language needs

### **SERVICES**

generating income for ALS: onsite interpreting, telephonic interpreting, document translation

### **FUNDRAISING**

**\$1,303.97** raised last year

### **INCOME**

onsite interpreting, telephonic interpreting, document

### **PROGRAMS**

- **\$1726.66** was spent on programs:
- **10 interpreters** were tested for language proficiency
- 1 medical interpreter candidate was given a scholarhip to take the Core Medical Interpreter Training offered by the Kentucky Interpreter and Translator Association

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM** 

### **TOYOTA**



# **CLIENTS**



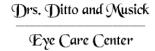






















## **PROGRAMS**

### **Language Assessments**

When an interpreter candidate does not possess pre-requisite language documentation in order to prove proficiency, ALS will pay for testing of an ILR-based language assessment.

For more information: Lynn@AccessLanguageSolutions.org

#### **Medical Interpreter Training**

KITA (Kentucky Interpreter and Translator Association) offers a 64-hour medical interpreter certificate program called Core Medical Interpreter Training (CMIT). This class is a hybrid of classes with the instructor and online modules. ALS assists well-qualified CMIT students (and especially those who speak highly desired language) with partial payment for this \$450 training.

For more information: www.kitanonprofit.org

### **National Medical Interpreter Certification**

As of March 2019, there are 31 nationally certified medical interpreters in Kentucky. This is a stat that ALS hopes to increase. ALS contractors are eligible for a reimbursement of 50% of their costs when sitting for the CHI or CMI exams.

For more information:

Certified Healthcare Interpreter (CHI): www.cchicertification.org Certified Medical Interpreter (CMI): www.certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org

# WITH WHOM WE WORK





# **BOARD MEMBERS**



### **Linda Connolly, Chair**

Linda is a transplant to Kentucky by way of Massachusetts. She earned a Ed.M from Harvard University Graduate School of Education in 1997. She has extensive experience with teaching, curriculum development and organizational management. Linda lives in Lexington with her husband, Lee, and their dog, Sally.



### **Nathalie Dietrich, Treasurer**

Nathalie is trilingual (English, Spanish, German). She is a nationally certified medical interpreter and a DOJ-Accredited Representative/ CLINIC Immigration Fellow. She currently works at Maxwell Street Legal Clinic. She lives in Lexington with her two daughters.



**Elizabeth Harned, Secretary** 

Elizabeth is a French speaker having gotten her undergraduate degree from Middlebury College in Vermont. Her studies included living in Paris, France. She has taught at Sayre School and is currently studying nursing at Midway University. She lives in Lexington with her husband, their two children and three rescue dogs.



**Chris Stanley, Member at Large** 

Chris lives in The Villages, FL where she stays busy with various political activities. She has worked as a paralegal and started her own consultant company in 2007, R & C Associates. She is sought out for her skills of strategic planning, team building and new business development. She is mom to one adult son, Rory.



Lynn Fors, MA, Certified Healthcare Interpreter (TM)
Executive Director

Lynn learned Spanish as a young adult and later combined her medical and Spanish studies to become the first full-time Spanish medical interpreter to be hired in Lexington, KY. She has been awarded the Rachel Cashman Language Access Award by the International Medical Interpreter Association and the Friend of Languages Award by the Kentucky World Language Association. Lynn and her husband, Everardo (Lalo) are parents to a teenage son, Danny.

