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2024 IMPACT REPORT





“Stories create *community*, enable us to see through the eyes of other people, and open us to the claims of others.”

– Peter Forbes, photographer and author

This is the story of 2023/24...

THE STORYBOARD



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Dear Supporters of Mackie's Place,

As we step into 2025, I am filled with excitement and hope for the future of Mackie's Place. This is a remarkable organization that has already touched so many lives, and I am honored to be part of its story.

What drew me to Mackie's Place is what sets it apart—its unwavering commitment to creating a safe and nurturing space where youth can grow, thrive, and realize their full potential. It is more than just the programs we offer; it is the culture of belonging and care that defines this place. From the very first moment I connected with the team, I could see the heart and dedication that drive this mission forward.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our founder, Bobbi-Rhea Mackie and her vision and passion in building such a transformative organization. Her legacy of compassion and commitment will continue to inspire us, and we wish her all the best as she embarks on her next chapter! I am also thankful to our Board of Directors for their leadership and steady guidance during this year of transition.

Since joining in October, I have been deeply inspired by the dedicated people who make Mackie's Place what it is. The staff, volunteers, and community partners bring passion, creativity, and tireless energy to everything they do. It is clear that this is an organization fueled by love

and a shared vision for a brighter future for every young person we serve.

As we begin this new year, I am looking forward with great optimism. My hope for Mackie's Place is to build on the strong foundation that has already been laid—to enhance our programs, strengthen our operations, and streamline our efforts so we can continue to grow and adapt to the needs of youth in the City of Surrey as the city itself grows. While we focus on building efficiencies today, our sights remain set on a future filled with even greater impact and transformation.

To our supporters: **your generosity and belief in our mission make everything we do possible.** You are part of the fabric of this community, and I am incredibly grateful for your ongoing commitment to Mackie's Place. **Together, we are making a difference that will ripple through generations.**

Thank you for trusting me to lead this remarkable organization. I am filled with hope and excitement for all that lies ahead, and I am thrilled to partner with each of you as we continue to create a place of belonging, growth, and hope.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tresha Iype".

Tresha Iype
Executive Director

VISION

To be a movement motivated by radical love where youth at risk have the opportunity to become healthy people with connected families in hope-filled communities.

MISSION

*Bridge diverse communities.
Break down barriers. Broaden perspectives. Build opportunities.
Find belonging.*



The Setting
OUR NEW HOME
Est. 2024

Scan here for a virtual tour



Characters



WYATT

youth story



Wyatt's primary role is in the dish pit, which nobody really loves, including Wyatt. In spite of that, he is super faithful at it. He also helps around the kitchen, chopping and learning how to contribute more with meal prep.

Wyatt has been part of our crew for a very long time and he is a staple around here. We have had the privilege of taking the front row seat in watching his growth! His team consistently reports that he is laughing, engaging with his team, and looking out for them. His shoulders are back, he is gaining confidence, and he is self aware; working on growing as a man and a staff member. The whole team is so wowed by him!

WHEN WYATT ENTERS THE HUB, *something is different*- THERE IS A SMILE; THERE IS AN INVITATION FOR CONNECTION; SOMETHING IN WYATT IS LIGHTER, AND IT INVITES YOU IN.

None of us anticipated the change we have seen. A normally very private, shy young man, who has dealt with a great deal in his life. Wyatt has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, learning struggles, diabetes, and he grew up in the foster system. What we're seeing since his employment is a playful guy; laughing and bantering with his team! Wyatt is finding that his contribution matters; to this community, this 'family,' and this world!



667

Youth Engaged

34.5% increase over last year

184

New Youth

61

Youth in Job Skills Programs

22% increase over last year

14

Job Skills alumni employed



137
volunteers
served

Scan here to learn
about volunteering



I started volunteering at Mackie's Place because I wanted to spend more of my time helping others, instead of just focusing on myself.

I was motivated by the amount of need there is. There are so many different struggles we all go through in life, and I wanted to be able to help those who are younger than I am - to find a way through it all. To be able to thrive and have joy amidst the pain and difficulty of life.

BY HANGING OUT, TALKING, AND PLAYING GAMES, IT BUILDS CONNECTION AND RELATIONSHIP; AND HOPEFULLY IT'LL HELP THEM JUST THAT LITTLE BIT MORE TO GET THROUGH THE DAY, WEEK, MONTH, AND YEAR...

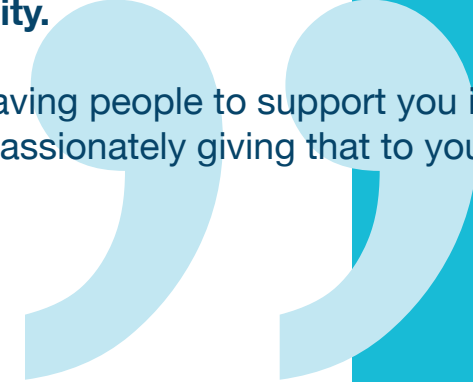
Everyone has a different upbringing and story, and many of the youth have gone through situations that I've never experienced myself... I'm so glad Mackie's Place is a safe place for them to come hangout, talk about life, have fun, grow, and be encouraged and seen as important and valuable.

- **NATHAN BATKE**, *Volunteer*

You hear about so many organizations overseas that help provide communities with the basic necessities of life: Food, shelter, water, community... But you don't always realize that **there are a lot of those same needs in our community.**

Having community is a *necessity*. Having people to support you is a *necessity*. And Mackie's Place is passionately giving that to youth every day.

- *Olivia Heinen*
BC Greenhouse Builders



I'm compelled to support Mackie's Place because **I believe in the transformative power of their work.** By addressing both the basic needs and emotional well-being of at-risk youth, they've given them the foundation to build successful, fulfilling lives.

I'm passionate about creating real, lasting change in peoples' lives, and Mackie's Place's mission aligns perfectly with that.

Supporting children in this way has a profound impact on future generations.

- *Kirk Fisher*
CEO, Lark Group

Twenty-four seven, 365 days a year, and however many years it takes.

- *Pete Schouten*
Mackie's Place Board of Directors



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Full-Time Staff

17

Part-Time Staff

Impact happens
because of people
like *you.*

438

Donors

50

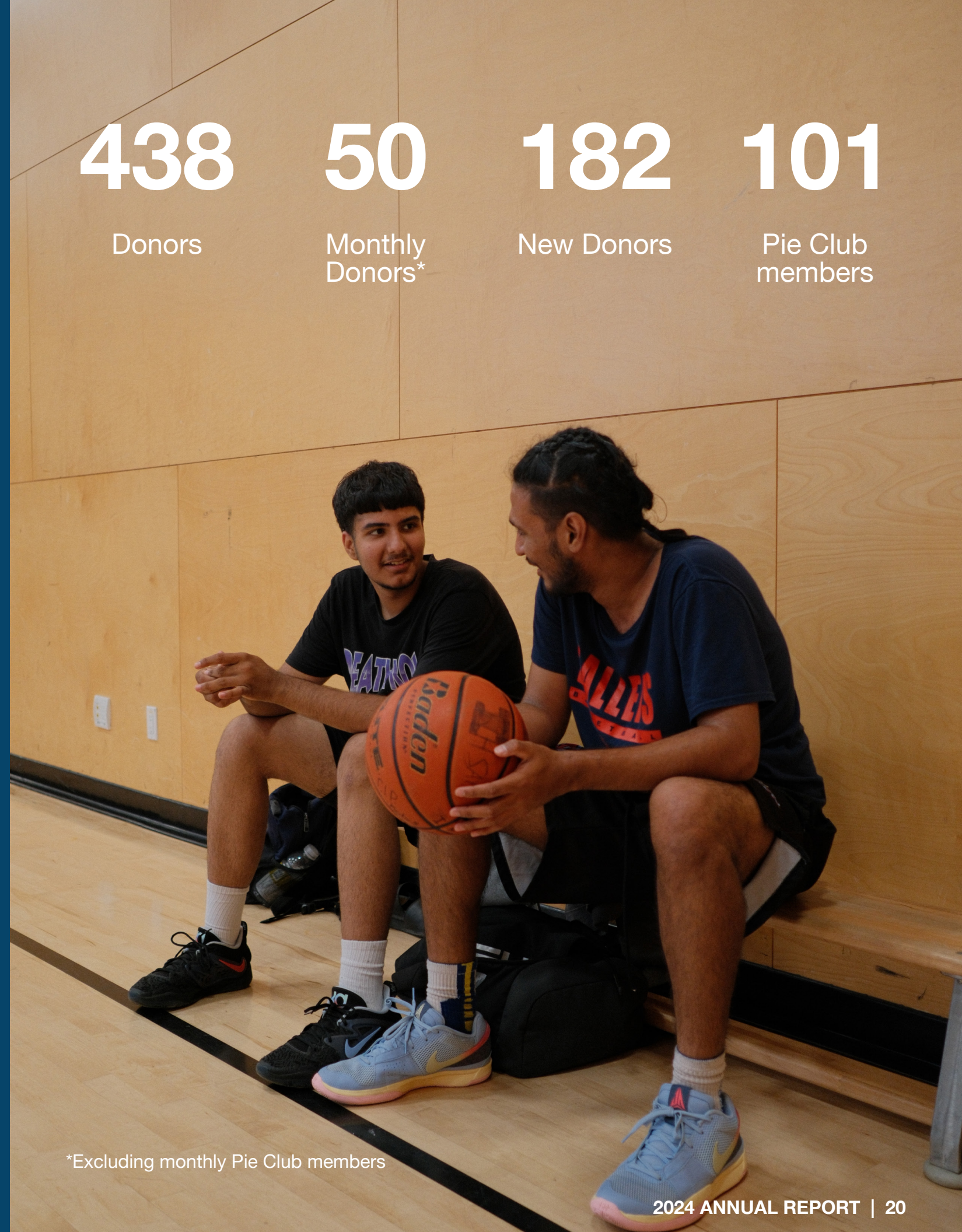
Monthly
Donors*

182

New Donors

101

Pie Club
members



*Excluding monthly Pie Club members



Linda Peters

Robin Yee

Don Konrad

Pete Schouten

Kim Franklin
Board Chair

Favian Kleine

Board of Directors

Challenge

In Canada, 70% of victims of human trafficking are **under 25 years old**, with 25% of those being under 18.



In just one month (March 2024), food banks in British Columbia saw **over 225,000 visits**. Due to inflation and growing food insecurity, food banks are reaching their limits.



Since 2022, drug overdoses have been the **leading cause of death** amongst youth ages 10-18 in British Columbia.



In Greater Vancouver, 47% of unhoused residents **first experienced homelessness as a youth** under 25 years old.



The needs in our city - especially amongst youth - are great; so,

Mackie's Place is offering a solution...



Plot

H O M E C O M M I N G





Thank you, Bobbi-Rhea

**JUNE 30, 2024 MARKED THE END OF BOBBI-RHEA
MACKIE'S TIME AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
MACKIE'S PLACE.**

Because of Bobbi-Rhea's leadership and the incredible community that gathered around her vision, Mackie's Place is making a difference in the lives of so many vulnerable and at-risk youth through our new youth-led Bistro, and through our programs that help youth build positive peer and mentor relationships, employability skills, and life skills.


As a Board of Directors, we are very grateful for the wonderful staff she has hired, the solid foundation she has built, the many organizational processes in place, and the creation of an exciting strategic plan for the next phase of our growth.

Happily, Bobbi-Rhea, will always be one of the Mackie's Place Founders, an integral part of our history, and someone who will always have Mackie's Place in her heart.

- Kimberly Franklin
Chair, Board of Directors



Scan here to view the Homecoming video



HomeCOMING

On February 7, 2024, **we welcomed our crew home** with a Homecoming Party to reveal the new space!

After more than 2 years without a permanent home base - and 18 months of fundraising, permitting, and tenant improvements - it was exceptionally special to finally share this space with our youth.

We celebrated with a red carpet entrance; charcuterie and appetizers; hand-crafted mocktails; and, of course, some delicious Mackie Pies.

It is incredible to finally be home!
What a gift this space is to our crew.

Party in the Garden

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2024, WE HOSTED THE 7TH ANNUAL PARTY IN THE GARDEN, OUR LARGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR.

With 130 guests in attendance, we enjoyed a beautiful evening in a tranquil setting surrounded by nature!

Complete with a phenomenal 4-course, Mediterranean meal prepared by Chef Colin Burslem; live music by Antonio Larosa; a spirited live auction (which included floor seat Taylor Swift tickets); hand-crafted cocktails; and, of course, a selection of fresh-baked Mackie Pies; the evening was a smashing success!

Thank you to each and every one of you who joined us in the Garden last year!





8,532
nutritious
MEALS SERVED

Winter Festival

December 11, 2023

This year, in order to accommodate our ever-growing crew of young people, we decided to pivot from our annual Youth Christmas Dinner and host an outdoor Winter Festival instead!

Together with our youth and their families, we enjoyed three delicious food and beverage trucks, a variety of carnival games, cozy fire pits, live music, and a visit from Santa! It was the best night of community building and holiday festivities.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored this event financially or volunteered their time to serve our crew and make this such a special evening!

Community Coffee

JUNE 27, 2024 WAS OUR LAST DAY OF OPERATIONS AT COMMUNITY COFFEE.

Community Coffee was our for-profit cafe operated in partnership with Relate Church. It offered an employment platform for young adults who completed our Barista Skills program and needed additional support before entering the general workforce.

Because we had opened our HQ earlier in the year, we made the decision to close Community Coffee in an effort to streamline programming and optimize our use of resources.

This space was such a wonderful gift for our crew and staff for nearly two years, and we can't thank Relate Church enough for their hospitality.



This past year has been one of significant growth and change.

In February 2024, after months of careful planning and development of systems and processes, we were able to welcome our youth to our new headquarters and youth-led bistro. **It is wonderful to see how having a home has strengthened our ability to connect with and support the many vulnerable youth who come to us regularly. Our new headquarters has enabled us to provide more quality meals, more resources, and more job skills training and more incentives.** The planning, opening and growth were managed exceptionally by our staff. They are truly an incredibly committed and talented team!

In June, we received the news that our beloved Executive Director and Founder, Bobbi-Rhea Mackie, was stepping away from her role at Mackie's Place. While saddened by this news, we remain very grateful for her vision, her inspiration and her many years of incredibly dedicated service to Mackie's Place. Her legacy was to leave us well established to sustain the work of Mackie's Place and to continue to grow.

Bobbi-Rhea's resignation led to a careful search for our next Executive Director, culminating in the joyful appointment of Tresha lype. Tresha brings significant experience in leadership and strategic planning, as well as in-depth understanding of non-profits and their importance to communities and government. She has a deep appreciation for the mission of Mackie's Place and has quickly established herself as a strong leader for our future.

Each year, as I write this letter, I am reminded again of how faithful the entire Mackie's Place Community has been. This work requires all of us – our staff, our executive team, our Board and Advisory Board, our volunteers and donors, our granting organizations and government. In my experience, people always gather around what they admire or consider valuable. It is wonderful that so many are seeing the value of Mackie's Place and are doing all they can to hold it close and ensure it can continue to make a difference in the lives of so many young people and our community.

With gratitude,

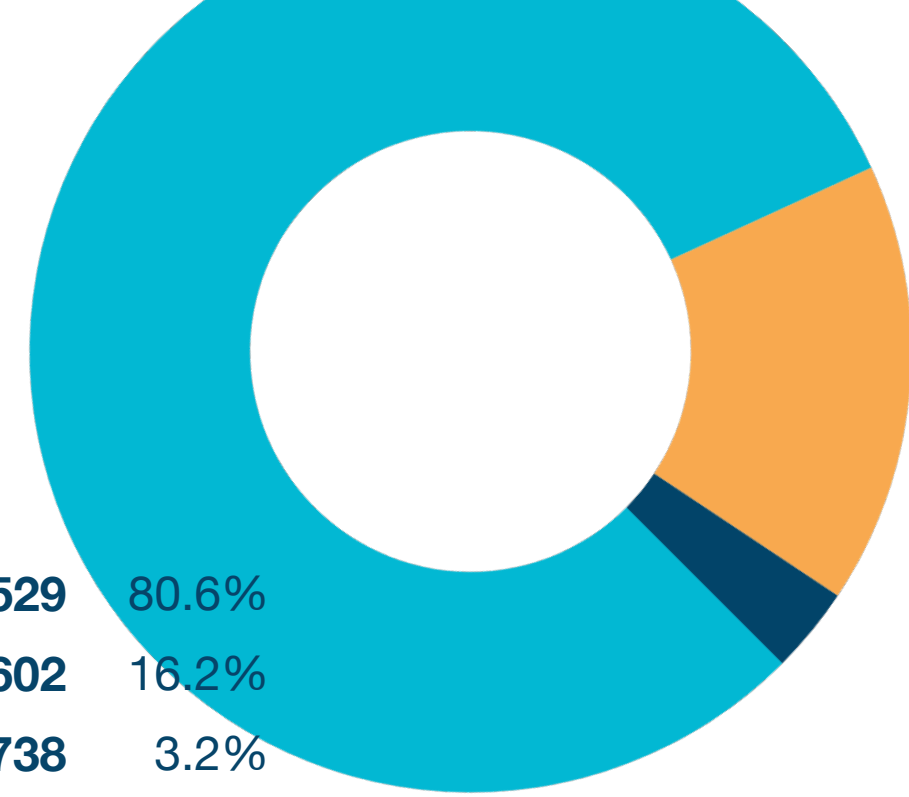
Kimberly Franklin
Chair, Board of Directors

Financials

SOURCE OF FUNDS

■ General Contributions	\$1,423,529	80.6%
■ Pie Club Revenue	\$285,602	16.2%
■ Grants	\$55,738	3.2%

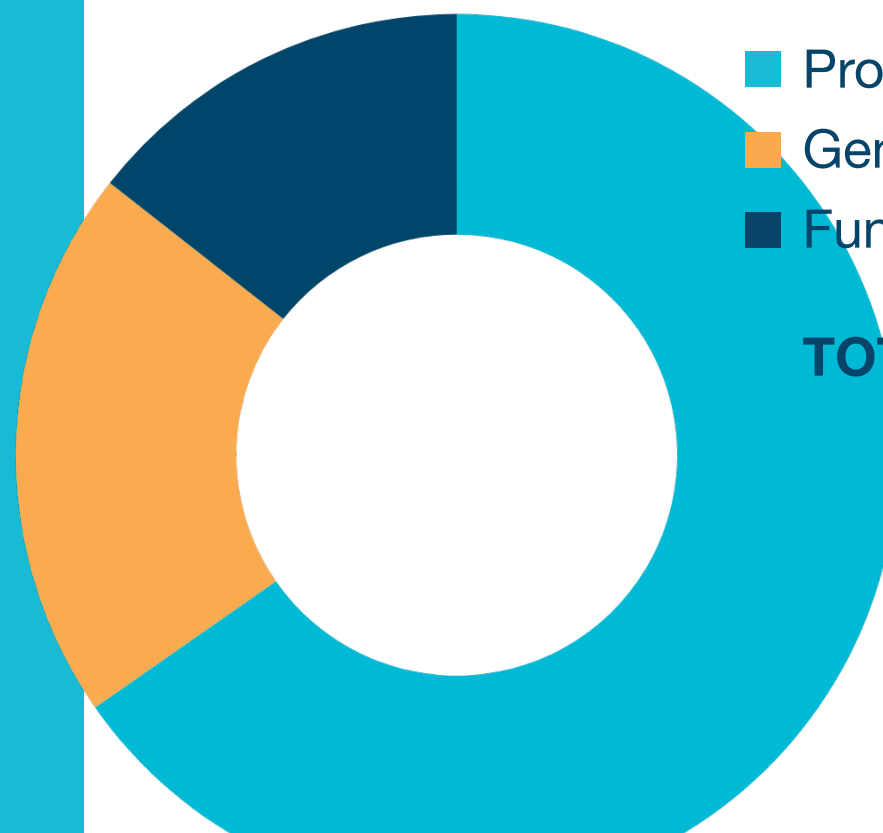
TOTAL REVENUE **\$1,764,869**



ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

■ Program	\$1,150,173	65.3%
■ General & Administration	\$356,455	20.3%
■ Fundraising	\$253,337	14.4%

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,759,965**



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ongoing support.

Have questions? Get in touch with us!

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