



2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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Letter from the Executive Director

2018 was an amazing year of impact at Stars!

The biggest news of 2018 is that we changed our organizational name from Lake Avenue Community Foundation to Stars: Illuminate, Educate, Advocate. Why? With our previous name, people often assumed we were a charitable foundation, or Lake Avenue Church. Unfortunately, both assumptions restricted donor and grant opportunities. With our new organizational name Stars, we:

1. Continue to be a faith-based organization,
2. Continue our strong partnership with Lake Avenue Church
3. Continue our commitment to the same vision and mission
4. Are better positioned for more funding opportunities

Based on our 20+ year history with the STARS After School program, and with name recognition in the community, the name Stars is launching us well into the future, as we continue in our vision and mission of walking alongside young people.



Now, the meaning of Stars has broadened to cover ALL the work of the organization —after school programming, mentoring, summer enrichment, camps, trips, college preparation and completion support, and counseling — and partnering closely with the parents of our students to help support the whole family.

I'm thrilled to share that we have increased our focus on our college students and have been expanding our mentoring program. In 2018, Stars launched a college scholarship program with multiple levels of support, and added 13 new mentoring pairs. Our Stars after-school programming has been expanded to include kindergarten students and now serves students K - 12. We celebrated 3 college graduations, and sent 5 new college freshmen off to universities.

2018 was a reminder for me personally of the amazing mutually beneficial relationships we see developing here at Stars. Students' lives are changed, yes, but so are the mentors' and tutors' lives, as they learn and grow alongside their students. A mentor who has been sharing life with her student for 11 years recently told me "my mentoring experience has been one of the most rewarding and enlightening events in my life!"

In grateful partnership,

Nancy Stiles



283
Students
Served

202
Active
Volunteers



4.23
years
Average
length of
mentor
match



14.8
years
Longest
mentor
match

13



mentoring
matches

87%



Percentage of
elementary students
at or above grade
level in reading

At the beginning of summer SKILLZ, 70% of students did not have relationship with an adult that would support them in life's challenges.



At the end of SKILLZ, 70% reported having an adult they could depend on.



Maria Reyes, a Stars alumnus and sophomore at California State University Monterey Bay, has been accepted into the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC) Scholars program and the prestigious Ronald E. McNair Scholars program!

UROC is geared towards students who want to pursue a researched based graduate degree after graduating from CSUMB. Maria is one of fourteen new Scholars who will start their search for summer research placements over winter break. All UROC Scholars are paired with a faculty mentor, who guides them through the research process and aids in finding and applying to graduate programs. The program aims to increase the number of first-generation, low-income and/or underrepresented students in PhD programs and, eventually, to increase diversity among faculty at higher education institutions across the country!

Congratulations, Maria!

"I get to be a child again! It has been a lot of fun and it gets my creative juices going. It brings life to me. It gives me joy to spend time with her, to see her grow. It's very fulfilling and rewarding to invest in Leslie and enjoy the ride." - Mabel

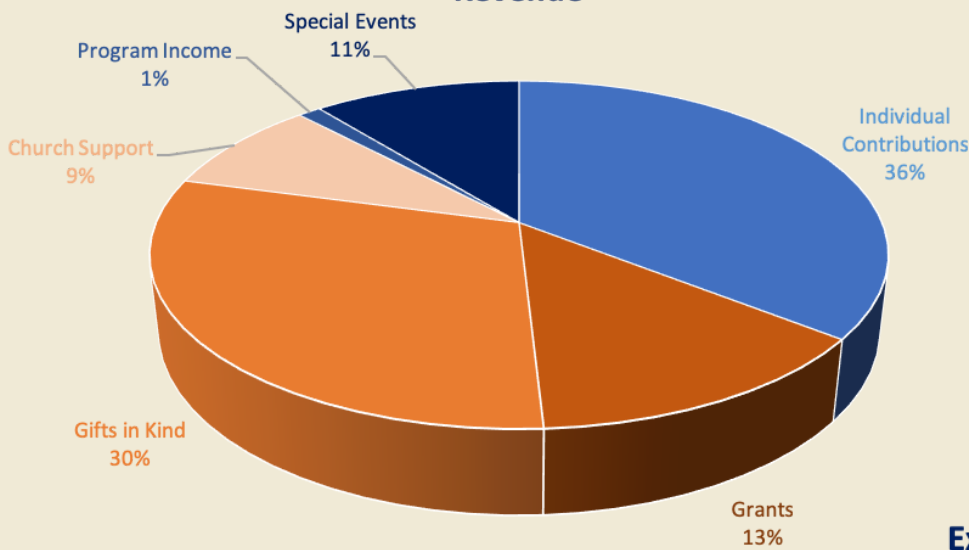
"She's a godmother to me because I get to tell her about what's going on in school. She supports me a lot on the things I want to do in life. She wants me to grow. It's another person I can trust in my life." - Leslie

Mentoring benefits both students and mentors

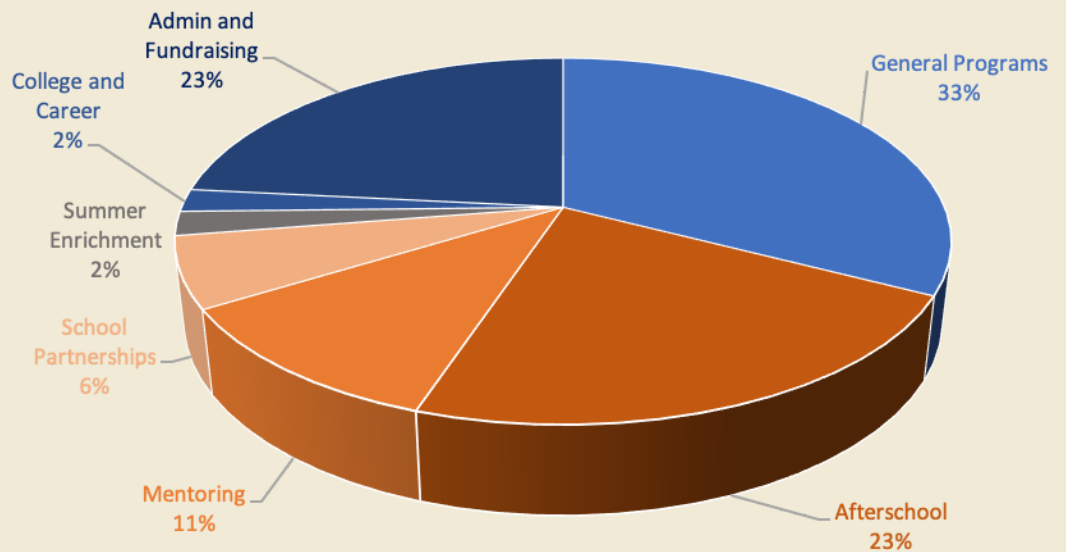


Total Income: \$1,484,131
 Total Expense: \$1,410,555

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Expenses



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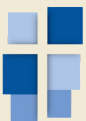
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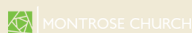
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