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Your Impact

Thanks to the support of donors like you, students got back into school, stayed in school and found success, despite harsh discipline, mental health challenges and more.

Hear about your impact directly from an 11th grader, who shares the most significant change they experienced by working with the Student Advocacy Center.



When I first got into (SAC's mentoring) program, I didn't want to ... I thought it would be useless. But as I went through it, I started learning about seeing life differently. And I recognized that I am the youngest in my family but I got brothers and sisters looking up to me, so I got a lot of responsibility.

Patience is significant because I'm a fast-paced kind of guy, and I need to see results right away, and when I don't see immediate results I bail. But the mentorship introduced me to different things and encouraged me to slow down and take the environment in more.

By helping me to know that it's ok to seek help and ask for help. A lot of Black men and boys have this thing that's like it's not ok to seek help. And we're taught to always think that I can do this by myself mentality. But it's all right to ask for help. Sometimes you might need it.

Most definitely, about my family. I decided that I wanted to make a change after recognizing that my actions in the past hurt my family, and me being the youngest and most outgoing in my family, I have to be more responsible. I have seen a lot of things change. My dad has been more open and more outgoing. **I can see a light shining through my family now; it's like we have this new aura.**



You Helped

You helped students graduate! These young people worked so hard, and we are thrilled to celebrate this milestone!



Quawn

Quawn had so much to overcome to walk the graduation stage. He was harshly expelled in middle school and forced into virtual school.

He experienced multiple deaths in his family.

But with your help and the support of SAC, he persevered. He came to our offices multiple times a week, and everyone got to know this wonderful young person.

Congrats to Quawn! We are so proud of you!

Serenity

Serenity has shown so much resilience in her journey to graduation.

She experienced multiple placement changes that resulted in school changes. She struggled to make progress when the pandemic happened and classes shifted to virtual.

But she continued to work hard with the support of her SAC advocate and supporters like you.

Congrats to Serenity on your graduation!



Watch their stories on SAC's [YouTube channel](#).

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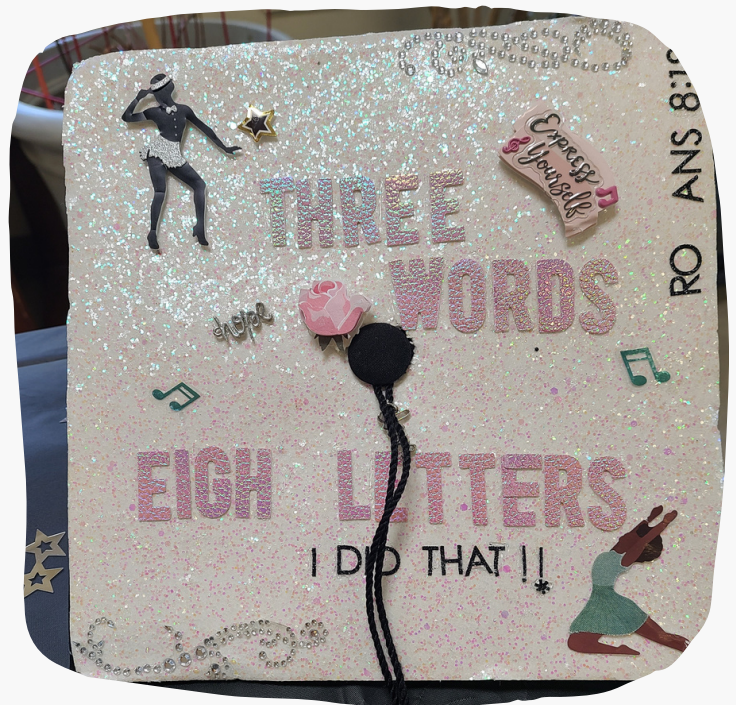


Shaniya

SAC met Shaniya when she was in middle school, and we have been honored to walk beside her the past few years on her journey to graduation.

Through COVID, online schooling and many other challenges, Shaniya persisted. She is now independent, thanks to major support systems, she says.

Congrats to Shaniya! We are so proud of you!



SAC Executive Director Peri Stone-Palmquist was honored to attend Shaniya's recent graduation party. Her decorated graduation cap (missing a few letters now) notes her perseverance.

You Worked for Change



Former State Rep. Alma Wheeler Smith, whose parents helped to found SAC, pauses during Juneteenth at Wheeler Park. The event was sponsored by Ann Arbor NAACP.

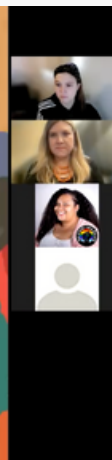
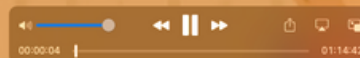


You joined us to work for change, and we are so grateful! Lots of community building happened this year:


- We worked to get legislation introduced that gives students and families more protections before they are disciplined! Many of you demanded a hearing. We are still working and won't give up!
- We collaborated with U-M Poverty Solutions on [research](#) showing that students experiencing homelessness were disciplined at higher rates. We developed recommendations, conducted training and wrote letters to school districts asking for change.
- We participated in Juneteenth events in Jackson, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.
- We attended our first Mackinac Policy Conference.



School Discipline & Homelessness: Education Justice Advocate Training



Your Reach

| Helpline <i>phone support</i> | Education Advocacy <i>1-on-1 support</i> | Check & Connect <i>mentoring</i> | Youth Action <i>organizing</i> |
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| 595 | 191 | 98 | 47 |
|  Short-term  State-Wide | 4 months - 1 year Washtenaw, Wayne, Jackson and SE MI | Long-term, 2+ years Detroit, Ypsilanti | Year-Round Detroit, Ypsilanti |

Cases Served

927 cases
 801 individual students
 >50% increase from last year
 This is a historic record.

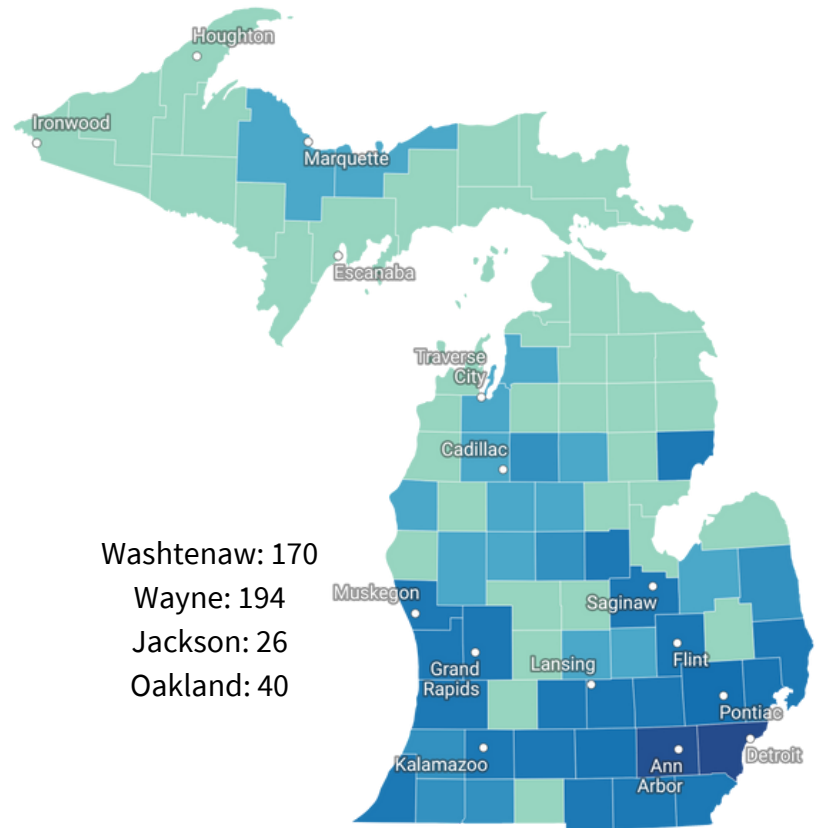
Goals Met

93% of advocacy cases
 accomplished goal by case end

Attendance

65% of cases improved or
 maintained attendance
 (Last year, average attendance rates
 dropped in Michigan.)

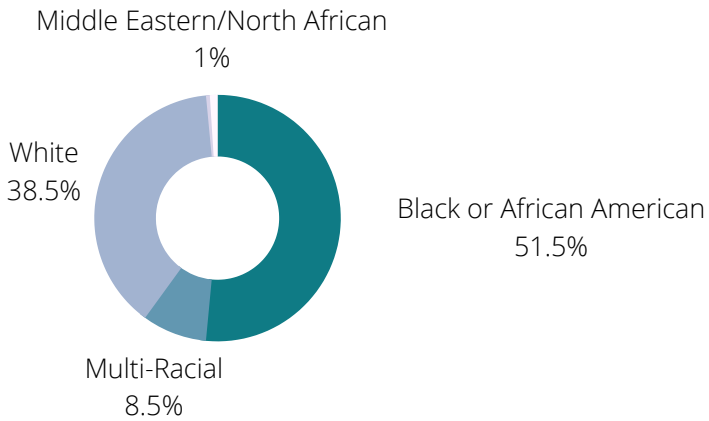
By County



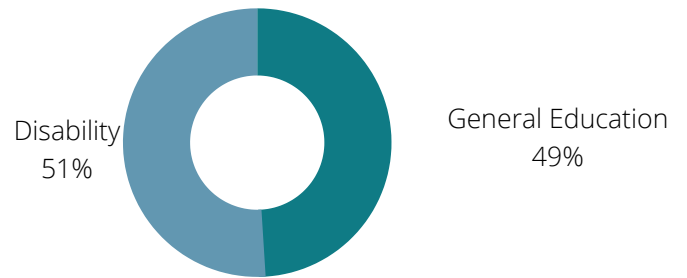
Learn more [here](#).

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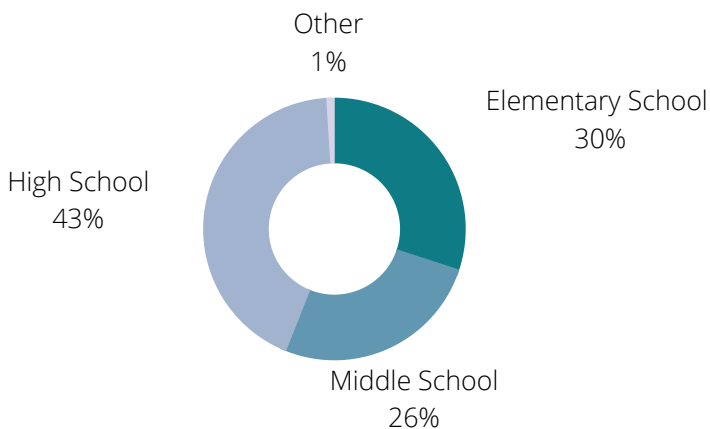
By Race



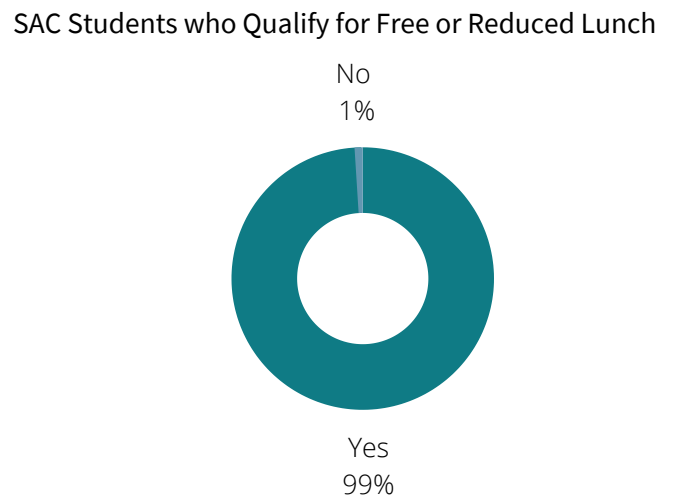
By Education Status



By Grade



By Income



Court-Involved

21%

Female-Headed

45% of households

The Team

2021-2022 STAFF

Peri Stone-Palmquist | Executive Director
Anell Eccleston | Director of Care & Sustainability
Danielle Flint | Assistant Director*
Tina Jurries | Programs Manager
Amy Wilhelm | Programs Manager
Shakel Raiford | Lead Advocate

Kimberly Brown | Advocate*
Jacorey Brown | Mentor
Angelina Camilleri | Advocate
Larry Cantlin | Advocate
Al Correa | Mentor
Julia Gilbert | Accountant*
LaKeya Martin | Advocate
Tom McMillen-Oakley | Advocate
Myron Michael | Mentor
Ben Murphy-Smith | Advocate
Melanie Odom | Fund Development Director*
Andre Parker | Community Organizer
Jenna Pickman | Advocate
Brianna Slavens | Administrative Coordinator*
Prestine Spratt | Youth Organizer
Shamayime Starr | Mentor
Andrea Watts | Mentor*
London Williams | Mentor
Alicia Williams | Finance Manager

* no longer at SAC

2021-2022 BOARD

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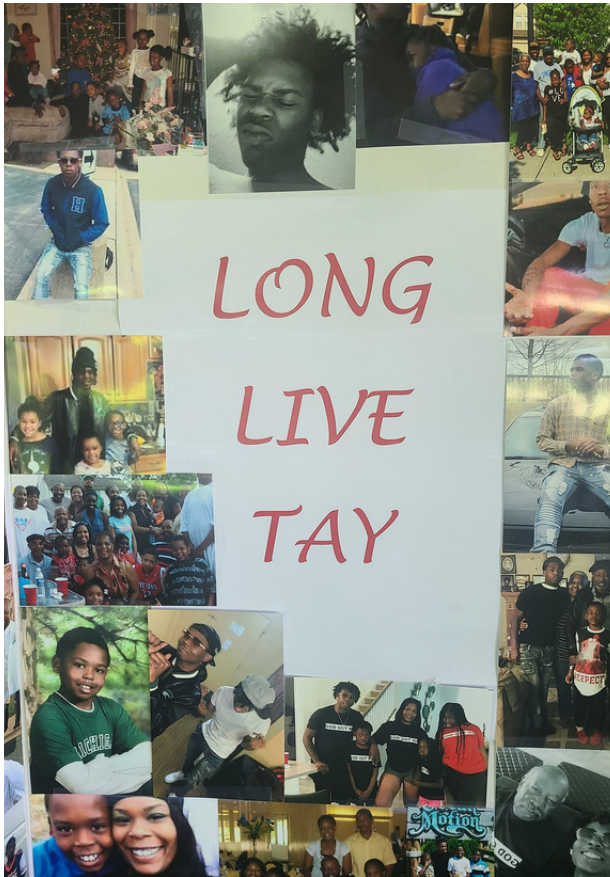
Board Member Emeritus

James Hawkins
Calvin Williams
Ruth Zweifler (Founding Executive Director)

VOLUNTEER HOURS + VALUE

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| INTERNS | 5,824 HRS | \$144,700 |
| VOLUNTEER ADVOCATES | 189 HRS | \$47,250 |
| LEGAL PRO BONO | 294 HRS | \$91,689 |

Our SAC Family



I AM NOT A TREE, BUT IF I WERE...
I'D STAY STRONG BY GOING OR
GROWING STRAIGHT UP,
WIND CAN'T PHASE ME,
SUNLIGHT RAISED ME,
I'M THE LARGEST ALL AROUND,
FALLEN LEAVES NEED RAKING,
CATCHING EVERY CLOUD,
MOTHER NATURE I'M FACING!
THOUGHT IT WAS A DROUGHT, BUT...
THE RAIN JUST SAVED ME.

SAC was heartbroken when one of our students, LaRonte Benion-Phillips, was shot and killed in his senior year. We had supported LaRonte, his grandma, Ms. Mary (below) and other family for years.

We will never forget LaRonte's wisdom, sense of humor and perseverance (see his poem above).

We are beyond humbled and grateful for the many gifts to SAC in his honor and will never stop fighting for all students to be loved, cherished and supported on their path to graduation.

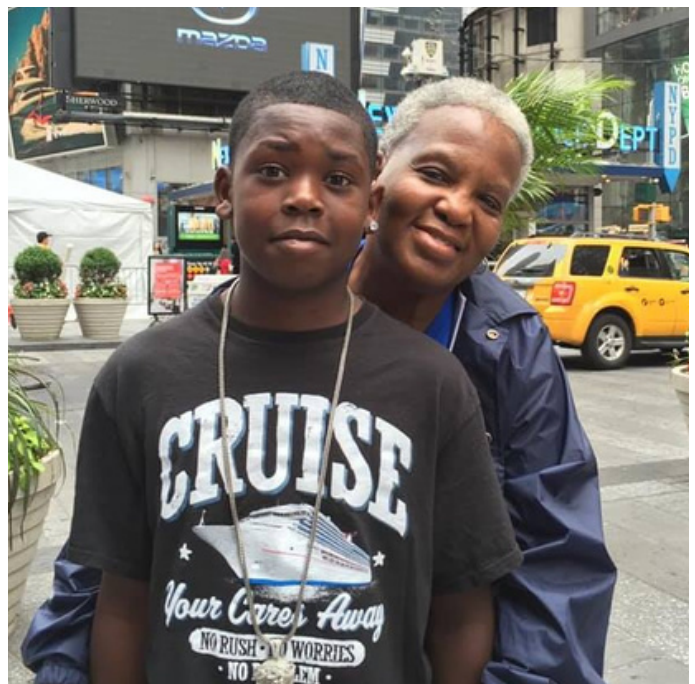
A CHILD'S WORLD LEARNING CENTER



Why does your business keep supporting SAC? Why do you think our work matters?

Without SAC working behind the scenes, a lot of less fortunate kids would be continuously left out in the cold because the administration and other powers that be just don't understand them. SAC is a voice for these kids."

Ms. Mary Smith
Owner



Our SAC Family

MICHIGAN AEROSPACE



Jacq and Sydney Tchoryk lead a reading of "I Am Jazz" and share their own stories at the Dexter Library. Book readings like this are a powerful way to share LGBTQ experiences with our communities.

“ Why does your business keep supporting SAC?

Michigan Aerospace is a proud supporter of the Student Advocacy Center. Through our Springmatter Fund (springmatter.org), we select community organizations who share our vision of providing equitable learning and employment opportunities for vulnerable youth. We share SAC's belief that the best way to open hearts and minds is through the power of storytelling and hope to continue our partnership to amplify student voices into the future."

Peter Tchoryk
CEO

Funders 2021-2022

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Our SAC Family

Monthly Givers

A special thank you to our monthly donors who committed to regular and ongoing support last year:

Richard King and Faye Askew-King, Paul Alexander and Rachel Blistein, Robyn Cook, Sofia Dietrich, Jordan and Nick Else, Mike and Kathy Gibson, David and Jennifer Haines, Carrie and Gregg Hammerman, Katie L Hoener, Tom Jurries, Marjorie Kauth-Karjala, Jeralyn Lowe, Anna Monkmeyer, Jonathan Rand, Wendy Reinhardt, James and Sally Roach, Sara Saylor, Michael Steinberg, Peri and Matt Stone-Palmquist, Jon Swanson, Mary J. Towler, Anna Weaver, Gail Wolkoff

Legacy Society

We are thankful for our Legacy Society who include SAC in their Will or Charitable Trust!

Peri and Matt Stone-Palmquist

Telling Tales 2022 Sponsors

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Salutatorian

Kris and Dave Denzin
Katherine Constantinides

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Anonymous, Alicia Davis, Michigan Medicine, Nancy Wheeler

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Graduate

A Child's World Learning Center, Ally Financial, The Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP, Arbor Teas, Dr. Percy Bates, B&B Payee Services, Joan Binkow, Keisha & Ron Blevins, Bredernitz, Wagner & Co., P.C., Doug & Barbara Cecil, Tonya Kneff-Chang and Rich Chang, Annette & Kerwin Charles, Sean Duval and Alina Verdiyan, Dykema, Linda Edwards-Brown, Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, Gillian Ream Gainsley (YCS Board), Jeff Irwin & Kathryn Loomis, Ruth Kraut and Michael Appel, Washtenaw County Commissioner Andy LaBarre, Geoff and Kristen Larcom, State Rep. Donna Lasinski, The Hill/Montoya Family, NachtLaw, PC, Marianne Udow-Phillips and Bill Phillips, Noetic Search, Pott Farms, L3C, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Price, Francisco Sanchez, Eli Savit (Prosecuting Attorney, Washtenaw County), Maria Sheler-Edwards (Real Estate One), Amanda and Riley Smith, Harvey and Janya Somers, Helen Starman, Michael J. Steinberg (Director of the Civil Right Litigation Initiative at MLaw), Rich Tolman and Naomi Woloshin, Wessinger Properties

Our SAC Family

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Special Thanks:

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Special Thanks to YOU!

You are part of our SAC family, and we could not do this work without each of you.

Note:

While we don't list every single supporter, please know we appreciate each and every gift. We have done our best to acknowledge sponsors, monthly supporters and other significant gifts. Please contact us if your name has been inadvertently overlooked.

You Invested

You invested in SAC, and we are so grateful. We never take that investment for granted and work carefully to be thoughtful stewards of resources. We strive to provide quality, responsive support to families in crisis, while also taking care of our team.

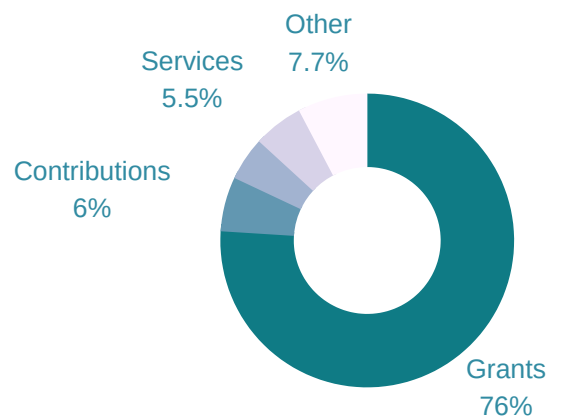
We are thrilled to share that support for SAC continues to increase, allowing us to deepen our work in the community. But demand also continues to rise, and at times we have to tell a desperate parent or under-resourced school partner that we have no case openings. Your support always matters.

Please let us know if you have questions about anything in this report. If you'd like to contextualize the numbers on this page, check out Charity Navigator. GuideStar provides a deep dive into nonprofit data as well.

REVENUE

| | |
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| GRANTS | \$1,435,191 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | \$117,546 |
| SPECIAL EVENTS | \$90,216 |
| DONATED GOODS/SERVICES | \$103,299 |
| OTHER REVENUE* | \$147,204 |
| TOTAL | \$1,893,456 |

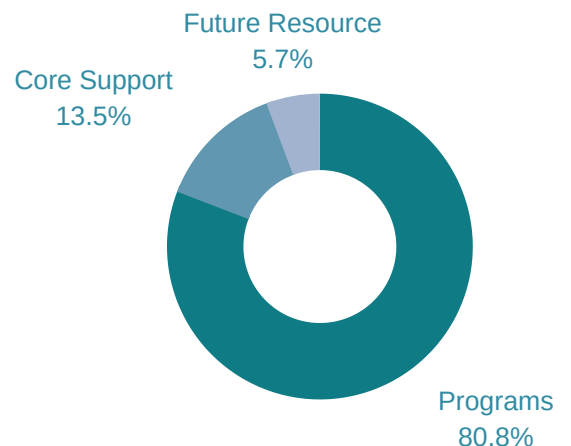
* Includes PPP loan



EXPENSES

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| PROGRAMS | \$1,119,445 |
| CORE SUPPORT* | \$186,403 |
| FUTURE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT | \$79,342 |
| TOTAL | \$1,385,190 |

*includes accounting, staff work with board, insurance and other functions that support all programs and make us more effective



Note: The difference between revenue and expenses is due to the timing of grants received and PPP loan proceeds.