

2021 Annual Report

Inspiring a Lifetime Ethic of Service



Mission Statement

We engage youth in team-based service experiences that build life and work skills while inspiring a lifetime ethic of service.

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Youth Advisory Board

Members of YVCHR's Youth Advisory Board represent schools across Hampton Roads and meet monthly to share ideas, work on special projects, advance the mission of YVC, provide youth perspective to YVCHR staff, and grow as leaders in their communities!

- Akilah Frye
- Brianna Anderson
- Finn Traner
- Vishayla Beauchan*
- Eliza Baddar*
- Max Bell
- Addison Lowe*
- Jordon Mills
- Jaden Moore
- Silin Yi*

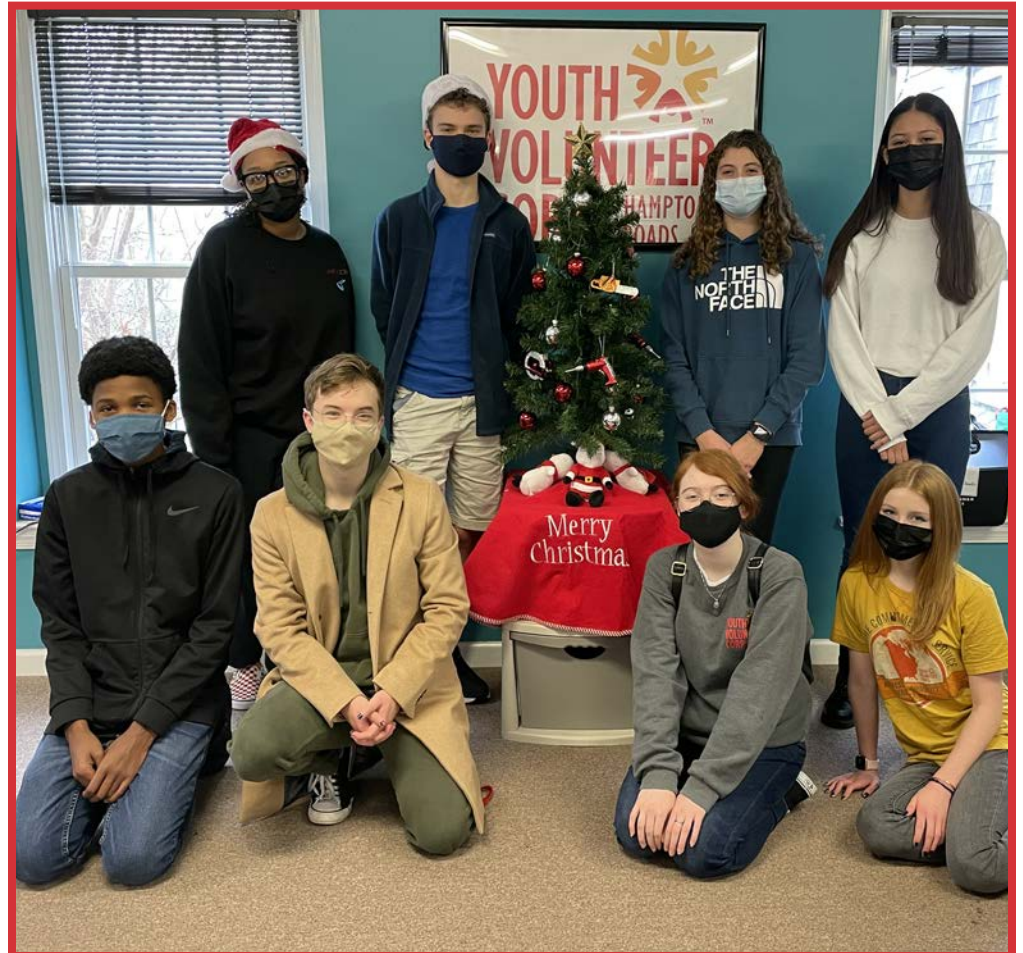
June 2021 Graduates:

Tyler Arnold, Hanna Epley, Briana Langford, Chase Morgan, William Robertson, Elena Stevens

*new members as of August 2021

International Youth Advisory Board:

- Brianna Anderson
- Akilah Frye



Our Team

Executive Director: Katie Morgan

Program Director: Kimberly Moore

Southside Program Coordinator: Carrie Lyon

Team Leaders: YVCHR's Team Leaders are undergraduate students from Christopher Newport University in the Bonner Service Scholars Program. All staff members undergo formal training in order to lead and facilitate our service projects. We also conduct background checks and ensure all staff understand and agree to YVC's Youth Protection Policy.

- Nicole Bell*
- Michael Bush
- Brandon Davis
- Noah Haney
- Avery Naparala*
- Josh Stokes
- Katherine Paulikonis
- Annie Eng

*2021 Graduates

School Clubs & Canstructure Teams

High School:

- Heritage High School (Newport News)* +
- Menchville High School (Newport News)*
- Point Option High School (Newport News)*
- York High School (Yorktown)* +

Middle School:

- Hampton Roads Academy (Newport News)*
- Hines Middle (Newport News)*
- Yorktown Middle School (Yorktown)* +

Elementary School:

- Newsome Park Elementary (Newport News)*
- Riverside Elementary (Newport News)*
- Saunders Elementary (Newport News)*
- Sedgefield Elementary (Newport News)*

Church Group:

- Francis Asbury United Methodist Church Youth Group*

+School Clubs

*Canstructure Teams



Volunteer Stats

2021 Volunteer Stats (January 1 -December 31)

- o Unduplicated Number of Youth Volunteers: 502
- o Number of Hours Served: 5,259
- o Number of Project Days: 246
- o Number of Agencies Served: 27

Big Build Projects

Construction Project of the Year:

Goat City at Bluebird Gap Farm

Construction projects are a big emphasis in YVC programs! Since 2017, we have prioritized hands-on STEM experiences that expose youth to trade skills and STEM careers. By partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Newport News Public Schools and Bluebird Gap Farms, youth volunteers have constructed beds for local children in need, renovated two courtyards at Newsome Park Elementary School, and built over a dozen benches to enhance and expand outdoor learning spaces. Not only do youth volunteers gain experience with a range of power tools and apply classroom concepts in real-world settings, but they also learn problem-solving skills, construction safety, teamwork and effective communication. There is a sense of pride when youth volunteers see the results of their work being utilized by community members—even the four-legged variety! YVCHR was recognized at the 2021 YVC Summit with the Construction Project of the Year Award for the Goat City we constructed at Bluebird Gap Farm!

YVCHR Cumulative Stats

(October 2009 - December 2021)

- o Unduplicated Number of Youth Volunteers: 2,934
- o Number of Hours Served: 72,763
- o Number of Project Days: 1,849
- o Number of Agencies Served: 74

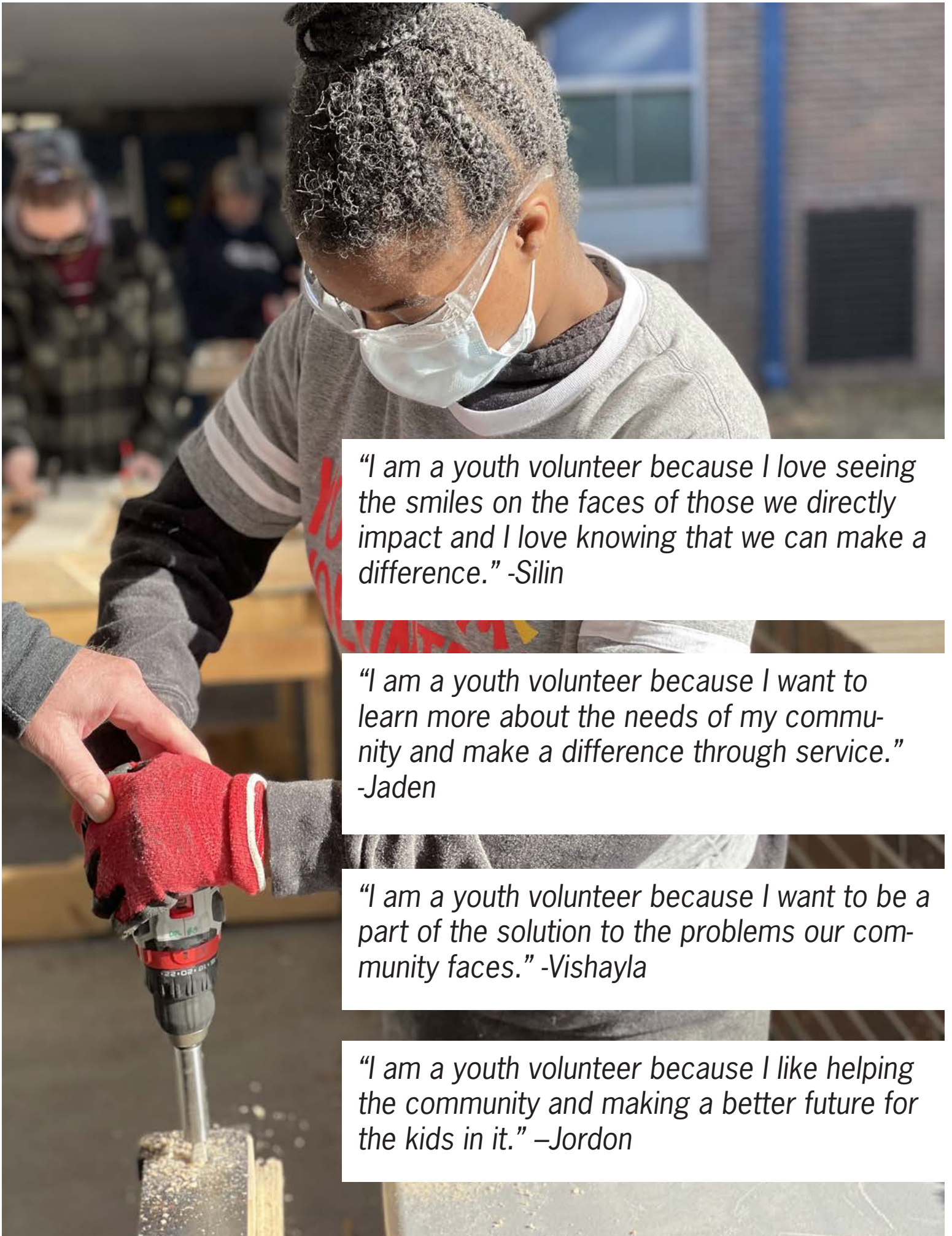


2021 Summer of Service Impact Numbers



Summer of Service

YVCHR's Summer of Service program is a more intensive experience for youth volunteers. Following a day camp format, participants in each session meet Monday-Thursday to volunteer at a different host site each day (with the exception of our BIG BUILD session). This allows a deeper dive into team-building and service-learning activities. This year's program consisted of 6 camp sessions, with the final week devoted to the renovation of 2 courtyards at Newsome Park Elementary School.



"I am a youth volunteer because I love seeing the smiles on the faces of those we directly impact and I love knowing that we can make a difference." -Silin

"I am a youth volunteer because I want to learn more about the needs of my community and make a difference through service." -Jaden

"I am a youth volunteer because I want to be a part of the solution to the problems our community faces." -Vishayla

"I am a youth volunteer because I like helping the community and making a better future for the kids in it." -Jordon

Special Events

Topgolf Tournament

We hosted our inaugural Topgolf Tournament on Sunday, October 17th in Virginia Beach! As we work to establish a stronger presence beyond the Peninsula, this family-friendly event served as a kickoff to our program expansion into South Hampton Roads. With the tagline “Back in the Swing of Things,” it also symbolized a return to something close to normal after a year of canceled events. Golfers of all experience levels enjoyed fun, fellowship, food, and some great prizes! And we are already looking forward to our next Topgolf Tournament on November 6, 2022!



Virtual Canstructure Competition

The Virtual CANstructure Competition allowed YVCHR to safely and effectively activate students in a service project to help combat hunger in Hampton Roads. Teams utilized STEM concepts to design a CANstructure consisting entirely of canned foods, all of which were donated to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank after the event. Teams chose from two options: a fully virtual “design-and-donate” challenge or an in-person “build-where-you-are” challenge. The “build-where-you-are” option allowed small teams to build a CANstructure at their location of choice and was ideal for schools that had in-person instruction. The “design-and-donate” challenge was ideal for teams that preferred collaborating virtually to brainstorm and draft a digital 3-D render of their CANstructure using CAD drafting software; they had to donate the number of cans it would take to build their design in real space. All pre-sentations were submitted electronically and evaluated by our judging panel, who convened via Zoom to determine this year’s winners.

Total donations: 10,946 pounds of food and \$789.15 in funds collectively donated to the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank



- Winners:
- Build-Where-You-Are Challenge:
 - 1st Place: Heritage High School
 - 2nd Place: Point Option High School
 - 3rd Place: Yorktown Middle School
 - Design-and-Donate Challenge:
 - 1st Place: Riverside Elementary School
 - 2nd Place: Menchville High School
 - Most Food Collected: Heritage High School
 - Best Fundraiser: Sedgefield Elementary



The Awards Ceremony is available @ www.yvchr.org/canstructure-2021.

Response to COVID

At Youth Volunteer Corps, we take the health, welfare, and safety of all of our staff, volunteers, and community partners seriously. YVCHR is continually monitoring updates from the CDC and other government entities to help guide us through this ever-evolving pandemic.

Hats from the Heart, Community Conversations for Change and Mental Health Mondays were three virtual/hybrid projects that engaged youth volunteers through Zoom as an alternative to in-person projects. Knitting sessions were facilitated over several consecutive weeks, allowing youth to learn how to “knit in the round,” ultimately creating hats for guests at So All May Eat (S.A.M.E.), an organization that helps those facing food insecurity and homelessness. Community Conversations for Change provided a platform to discuss social justice issues and facilitate dialogue around racial equity; YVCHR partnered with YVC S.T.A.R. (Stand Together Against Racism) in Reading, Pennsylvania, for this 6-week series. Mental Health Mondays provided an opportunity for participants to learn tips and strategies to support their own mental wellness while helping others; they collected donations and wrote notes of gratitude and encouragement that were carefully packaged and delivered



to healthcare heroes at 12 different units between Riverside Regional Medical Center and The Gardens at Warwick Forest (see photo collage).



[Maya then (above) and now (below).]



“I have been grateful for all of the memorable experiences YVC has given me, especially when we volunteered at the C. Waldo Scott Center for HOPE, which later turned into an opportunity for me to become a program assistant there. I became familiar with the Scott Center because it was one of the volunteer sites for YVCHR’s Summer of Service camp program when I was in high school. Years later, as a rising senior in college, I chose to work at the Scott Center because of my familiarity with the organization and because I wanted to further support their mission! Being part of an impactful organization such as YVC has allowed me to better understand and recognize my passions and goals and has provided a path to get there; with the help of the Scott Center, I realized that I am very passionate about youth education and how I can work to advocate for underrepresented groups through local community work and/or policy development and implementation.”

Maya Patel, Youth Volunteer, 2012-2018

Technology

Zoom

YVCHR persevered through the pandemic with the help of technology. Weekly staff meetings, monthly Youth Advisory Board meetings, bi-monthly Board of Directors meetings and several service projects were conducted via Zoom!



Virtual Service Projects:

- Community Conversations for Change
- Mental Health Mondays
- Hats from the Heart

Mobile App

YVCHR launched the YVC Hampton Roads mobile app to provide access to “everything YVC” with the touch of a button. The app was developed in 2020 and the first iteration was piloted throughout the 2020-2021 program year. This was a great way to increase connectivity with school clubs and youth volunteers, as well as provide resources, club meeting reminders, and access to service-learning curricula. The app is available in the App Store and Google Play.



Community Partners

- 4-H Schoolyard Habitats Outreach
- Bluebird Gap Farm
- Commonwealth Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement
- Colonial CASA
- Dream Catchers Therapeutic Horse Center
- Elf Patrol
- First Landing State Park
- Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula
- The Gardens at Warwick Forest (Convalescent Care & Assisted Living)
- Hope House Foundation
- Lasagna Love
- Mariners Museum & Noland Trail
- Newport News Public Schools
- Parkview Community Garden
- Peninsula Automobile Dealer’s Association (Annual Children’s Christmas Party)
- Peninsula Rescue Mission
- Pleasant Shade Historic Cemetery
- Poquoson Animal Welfare Sanctuary (PAWS)
- Salvation Army (Hampton/Newport News)
- Serve the City
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- So All May Eat (SAME)
- Soundscapes
- Special Olympics Bowling (Area 33)
- Virginia Living Museum
- York County Parks, Recreation & Tourism
- Youth Volunteer Corps (virtual regional project)



Halloween at Special Olympics Bowling



“A couple years ago, I was looking for volunteer opportunities for my son and ran across the YVCHR organization. My son, T.J., was excited to jump in and try various opportunities they offered. Since then, he has gained valuable experience. He has learned that in his very own community, there are a lot of people who need help. He could not have imagined kids that didn’t have beds to sleep in, elders who were isolated and lonely, people without regular access to food, and even goats in need of enrichment activities. One of the most valuable lessons he has learned is that youth can be instrumental in helping their communities. I love to hear him ask every week, “Do I have a [service] project this week?” He has truly been able to find meaning and value through YVCHR.”

--Parent



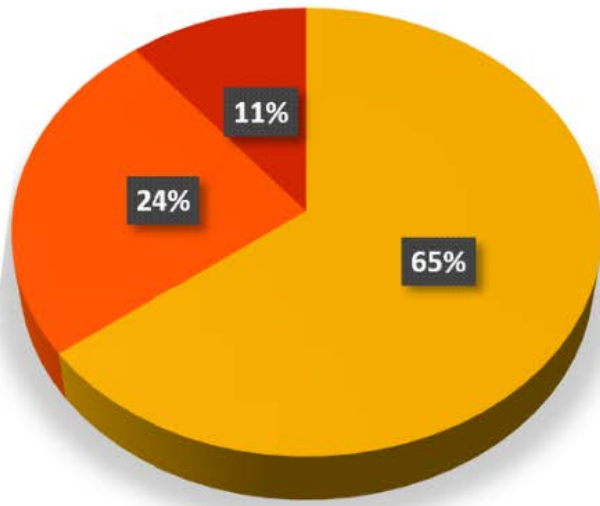
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Net Assets:

Ending Balances for FY21

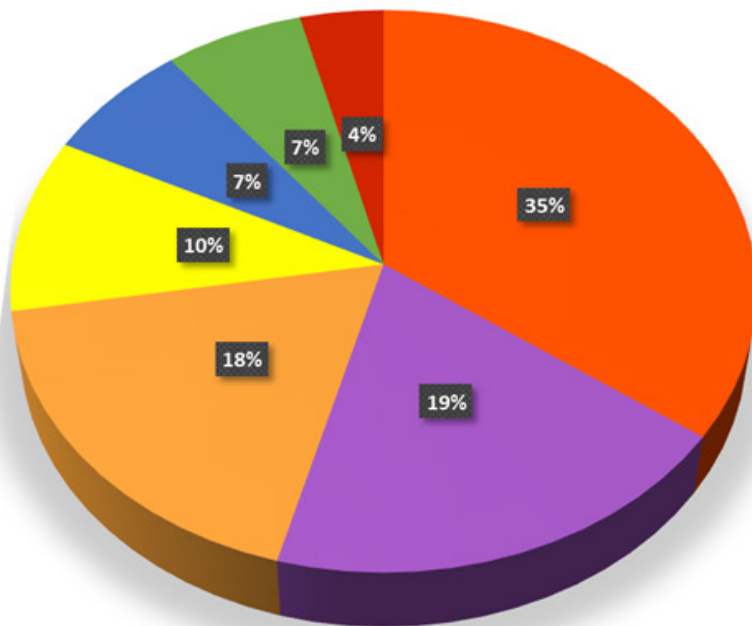
- Cash: \$39,990
- Endowed Funds: \$68,460

FY21 Operating Expenses



- Programming
- Management and General Operating
- Fundraising

FY21 Revenue



- Grants (Corporate/Foundation/Trust/Nonprofit Org)
- Government Grants
- Fundraising (Special Events)
- Business/Corporate Contributions
- In-Kind Donations
- Individual Donations
- Program Fees

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