

EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2015-2016**



**ON COVER:** Sophia M. (left), REACH Prep Cohort 22, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich '23 and Mumbi J. (right), REACH Prep Cohort 22, Horace Mann School '23

**THIS PAGE:** Joshua Auguste, REACH Prep Cohort 15, St. Luke's School '16, Drexel University '20

## DEAR FRIENDS,

We celebrate REACH Prep's 22nd year not as a major milestone, but rather as a collection of transformational moments woven together reflecting our Scholars' 12-year journey to academic and college success. It was the moment when a fifth grade student learned to write computer code for the first time at Prep Academy or when a parent felt overwhelmed with excitement and joy because their child had just been accepted into a partner independent school. It was the moment when eleventh grade Scholars huddled together on a bus comparing impressions about colleges during our multi-day spring trip or the congratulatory embrace between students as they revealed their college decisions. It was also the moment when the class of 2016 college graduates officially became **REACH Prep Alumni, now more than 100 strong.**

All of us at REACH Prep invite you to enjoy this year's annual report that highlights the voices of our Scholars, who share their perspectives on the organization's deep and long-term impact on their lives. **We extend our deepest thanks** to our donors whose generosity allows us to provide robust academic preparation, comprehensive support, and leadership opportunities for our students. We remain grateful for the commitment by our partner schools who offer unmatched educational experiences and financial aid. It is because of this ongoing investment in our mission that our Scholars can achieve college success at unparalleled rates and emerge as future leaders positioned to create positive change in their communities.



We are proud that investments in REACH Prep yield the following outcomes:

- 100% of REACH Prep students graduate from high school.
- 100% of REACH Prep students are accepted into a college or university.
- Over 90% of REACH Prep students graduate from college in 4 to 6 years.



These incredible results would not be possible without the hard work of the REACH Prep staff and faculty and stewardship of our Board of Directors. We extend a special thanks to Joan Duncan for her dedication and leadership during her term as Board Chair, and we appreciate her service over many years. It is our hope that you will continue with us on this journey and be a vital part of the REACH Prep family.

With gratitude,

**Keith D. Grossman**  
*Chair of the Board of Directors*

**Gina Lucas**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



ENROLLING IN REACH PREP IS NO SMALL COMMITMENT. WHEN A STUDENT WALKS THROUGH THE DOOR THAT FIRST DAY, HE OR SHE EMBARKS ON A **TWELVE-YEAR JOURNEY** OF LEARNING AND GROWTH, SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP, CHALLENGE AND UNIMAGINABLE REWARD.

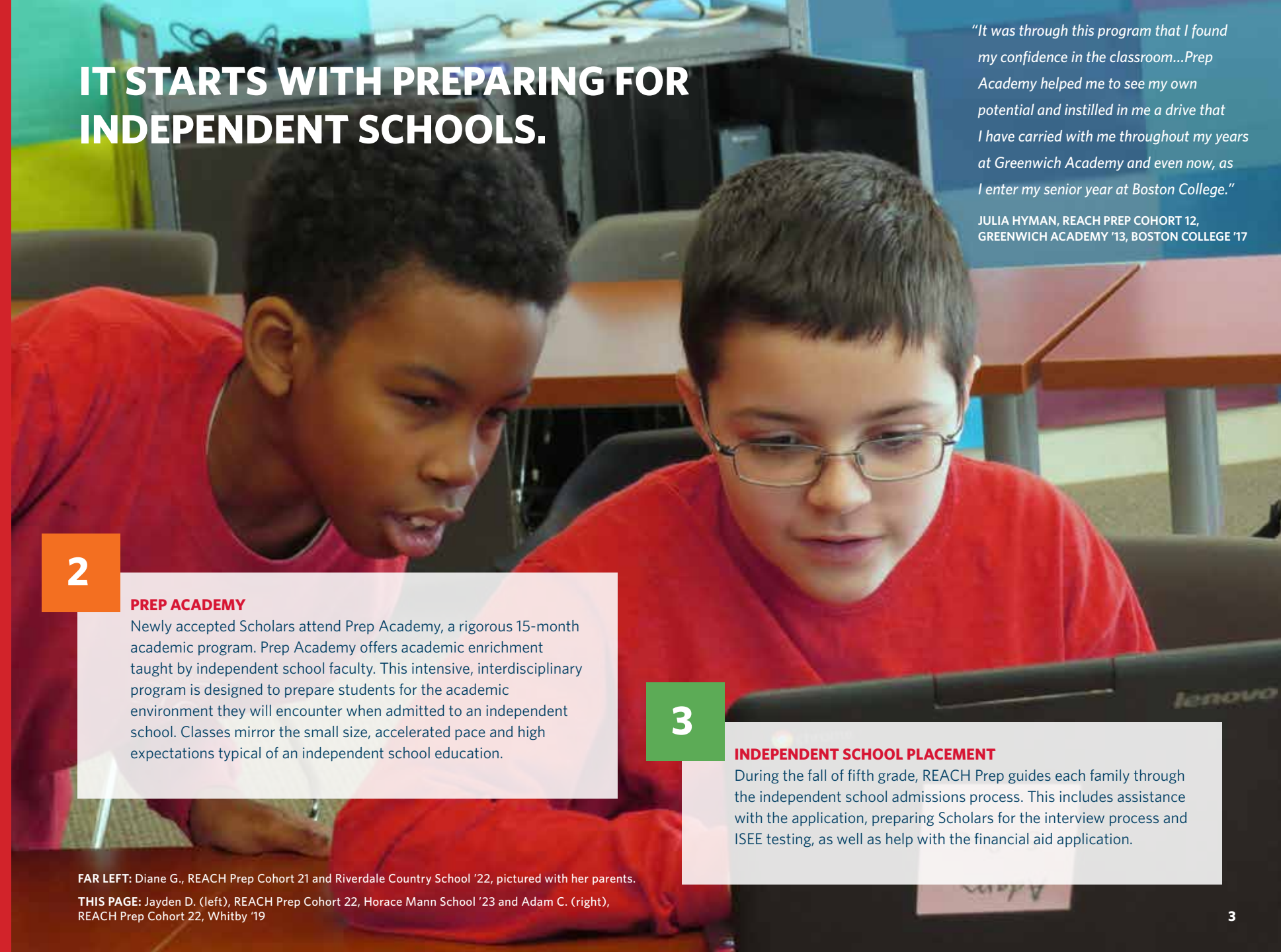


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**ADMISSION**

REACH PREP identifies high-achieving, motivated Black and Latino fourth grade students from underserved communities in Fairfield and Westchester counties and the Bronx. The admissions process is rigorous and selective. Each year, approximately 20 students are accepted to REACH Prep and begin their 12-year journey through our program.

IT STARTS WITH PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS.



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**PREP ACADEMY**

Newly accepted Scholars attend Prep Academy, a rigorous 15-month academic program. Prep Academy offers academic enrichment taught by independent school faculty. This intensive, interdisciplinary program is designed to prepare students for the academic environment they will encounter when admitted to an independent school. Classes mirror the small size, accelerated pace and high expectations typical of an independent school education.

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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL PLACEMENT**

During the fall of fifth grade, REACH Prep guides each family through the independent school admissions process. This includes assistance with the application, preparing Scholars for the interview process and ISEE testing, as well as help with the financial aid application.

*"It was through this program that I found my confidence in the classroom...Prep Academy helped me to see my own potential and instilled in me a drive that I have carried with me throughout my years at Greenwich Academy and even now, as I enter my senior year at Boston College."*

JULIA HYMAN, REACH PREP COHORT 12, GREENWICH ACADEMY '13, BOSTON COLLEGE '17

FAR LEFT: Diane G., REACH Prep Cohort 21 and Riverdale Country School '22, pictured with her parents.

THIS PAGE: Jayden D. (left), REACH Prep Cohort 22, Horace Mann School '23 and Adam C. (right), REACH Prep Cohort 22, Whitby '19



# REACH PREP SUPPORTS SCHOLARS THROUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL...

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## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

A Scholar's academic progress is closely monitored and nurtured through personalized contact, school visits and grade level-specific programming. REACH Prep staff support each Scholar from middle school through high school, identifying areas in which REACH can provide individualized guidance and academic support such as tutoring, test preparation and other critical support that promotes success.

*"When I was introduced to REACH Prep, I was also being introduced to a new life trajectory. A trajectory defined by superior educational opportunities and one that seemed boundless, where the only limiting factors were your work ethic and motivation."*

DAVID JARAMILLO, REACH PREP COHORT 10, BRUNSWICK SCHOOL '11, HARVARD UNIVERSITY '15, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY PHD CANDIDATE

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## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

REACH Prep strives to provide a constructive and enriching summer experience for Scholars. Through REACH Prep facilitated programs and summer opportunities offered by generous partners, our goal is to provide transformative, and otherwise unobtainable, experiences for personal growth, early career exploration, and academic enrichment.

FAR LEFT: Arielle Guillod, REACH Prep Cohort 14, Rye Country Day School '15, Cornell University '19

THIS PAGE: Ian Parnell, REACH Prep Cohort 11, Hackley School '13, University of Pennsylvania '17 with members of Cohort 22

## PARTNER SCHOOLS

Brunswick School  
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 Fairfield College Preparatory School  
 Fairfield Country Day School  
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 Greens Farms Academy  
 Greenwich Academy  
 The Greenwich Country Day School  
 Hackley School  
 Hamden Hall Country Day School  
 The Harvey School  
 Hopkins School  
 The Hotchkiss School  
 Horace Mann School  
 King School  
 Loomis Chaffee School  
 The Masters School  
 The Montessori School  
 New Canaan Country School  
 Pierrepont School  
 The Rectory School  
 Ridgefield Academy  
 Rippowam Cisca School  
 Riverdale Country School  
 Rumsey Hall School  
 Rye Country Day School  
 St. Luke's School  
 School of the Holy Child  
 Soundview Preparatory School  
 The Stanwich School  
 The Stony Brook School  
 The Taft School  
 Whitby  
 Wooster School

Each year independent schools generously award more than **\$4.5 million** in financial aid to REACH Prep Scholars.



# ...AND ULTIMATELY ENSURES SUCCESS IN COLLEGE AND BEYOND.

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## COLLEGE GUIDANCE

As part of our mission, we seek to ensure our Scholars succeed and graduate from college. REACH Prep provides supplementary and complimentary college guidance to enhance the excellent college guidance Scholars receive from their independent schools.

REACH Prep is committed to make certain each of our Scholars have the best college options so that the goal of college completion will be met. Scholars receive individualized and family support including assistance with the application process, SAT/ACT test and interview preparation, college campus tours, navigating the financial aid process, and ultimately making the optimal college choice.

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## COLLEGE AND ALUMNI SUPPORT

REACH Prep's goal is to provide ongoing guidance for college students to maximize their success in their academic and professional pursuits. During college, REACH Prep assists Scholars with resume preparation, career counseling, navigating academic resources, referrals, and professional internships. REACH Prep college students are also invited to return as interns in our office or as Prep Academy Summer Advisors. REACH Prep Scholars become alumni of the program upon graduation from college and join more than 110 engaged young leaders who are exceptionally prepared and positioned to make a significant difference in their communities.

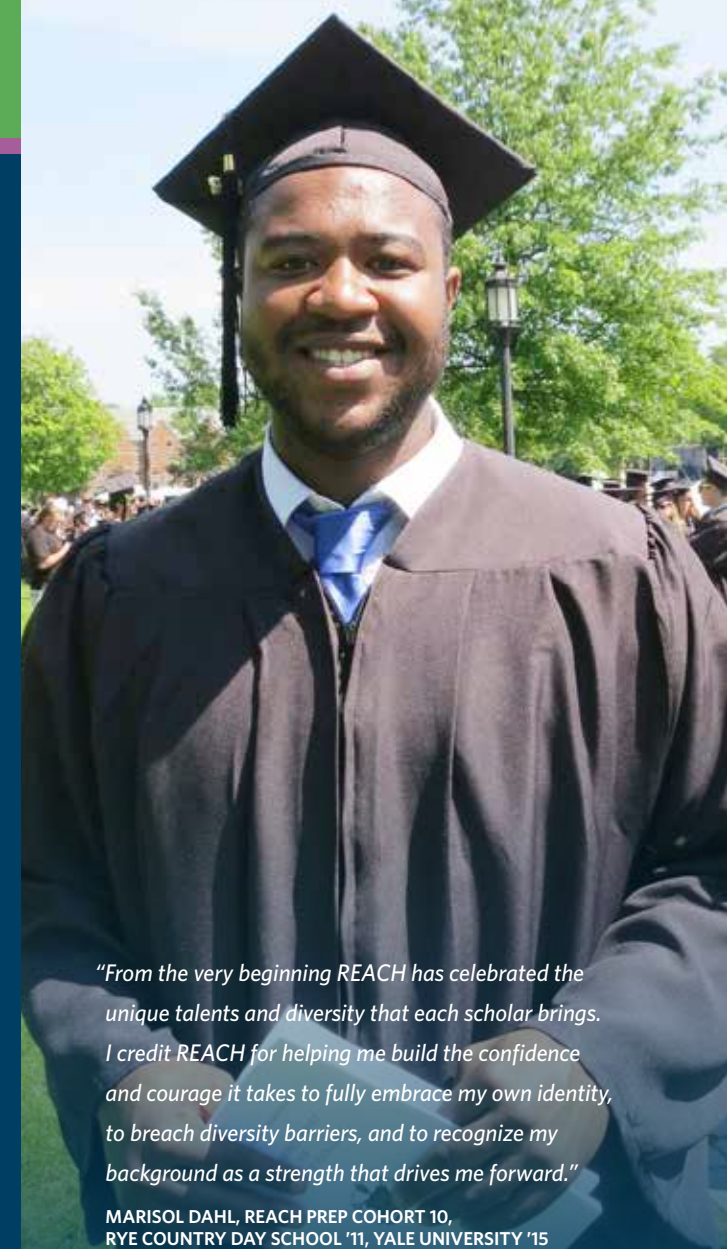
## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

100% of our 12th grade students are accepted to a four-year college or university. Since 2011 Scholars have been admitted to the following institutions:

Allegheny College	George Washington University (6)	St. Lawrence University
American University (3)	Georgetown University (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology
Amherst College (3)	Gettysburg College (4)	Stony Brook University / SUNY (6)
Babson College	Goucher College (3)	SUNY College at Geneseo (3)
Barnard College (2)	Hamilton College	Swarthmore College
Bates College (3)	Harvard University (3)	Syracuse University (10)
Bentley University (3)	Hobart and William Smith College (5)	Temple University (5)
Binghamton University / SUNY (8)	Hofstra University (4)	The New School Parsons School of Design
Boston College (6)	Indiana University Bloomington (3)	Trinity College
Boston University (10)	Ithaca College (5)	Tufts University (4)
Bowdoin College	Johns Hopkins University (2)	Union College (4)
Brown University (2)	Kenyon College	Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain
Bryn Mawr College (2)	Lafayette College (3)	University of California, Santa Barbara
Bucknell University	Lehigh University (5)	University of Chicago (2)
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola University Chicago	University of Colorado, Boulder (3)
Catholic University of America (2)	Loyola University Maryland (4)	University of Connecticut (22)
Claremont McKenna College	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Delaware
Colgate University (4)	Manhattan College (4)	University of Denver
College at Brockport / SUNY	Manhattanville College (2)	University of Massachusetts Amherst (3)
College of Charleston	Marymount Manhattan College (2)	University of Miami (2)
College of William and Mary	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Columbia University (2)	Miami University	University of Michigan / Ann Arbor (4)
Concordia College	Middlebury College (2)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3)
Cornell University (6)	Mount Holyoke College (2)	University of Pennsylvania (6)
Dartmouth College (3)	Muhlenberg College	University of Rochester
Davidson College (5)	New York University (4)	University of San Francisco
Denison University	Northeastern University (4)	University of Tampa / St. Petersburg (3)
DePaul University	Northwestern University (2)	University of Vermont (8)
Dickinson College (4)	Oberlin College	University of Virginia (2)
Drew University (3)	Pace University (4)	University of Wisconsin (2)
Drexel University (6)	Penn State University/University Park (6)	Vanderbilt University (2)
Duke University (3)	Princeton University (3)	Villanova University (7)
Elizabethtown College	Providence College	Wake Forest University
Elon University (2)	Quinnipiac University (5)	Washington and Lee University
Emerson College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Washington University in St. Louis (3)
Emory University (2)	Rice University	Wesleyan University (5)
Fairfield University (6)	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	Wheaton College (3)
Fordham University (12)	Rollins College (2)	Williams College
Franklin and Marshall College (5)	Sacred Heart University (3)	Wittenberg University
Furman University	Salve Regina University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
George Mason University	Spelman College (3)	Yale University (3)

FAR LEFT: Class of 2016 high school graduates

THIS PAGE: David Menard, REACH Prep Cohort 7, Avon Old Farms '08, Trinity College '12



*"From the very beginning REACH has celebrated the unique talents and diversity that each scholar brings. I credit REACH for helping me build the confidence and courage it takes to fully embrace my own identity, to breach diversity barriers, and to recognize my background as a strength that drives me forward."*

MARISOL DAHL, REACH PREP COHORT 10, RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL '11, YALE UNIVERSITY '15



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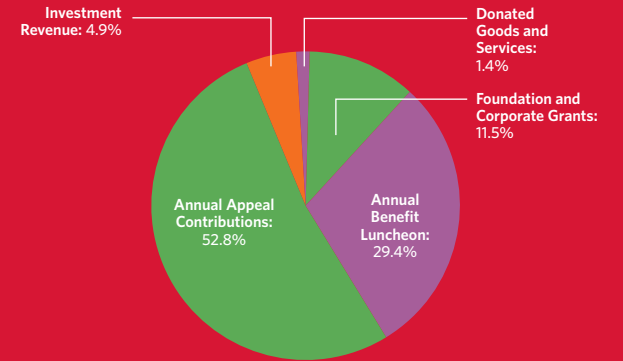
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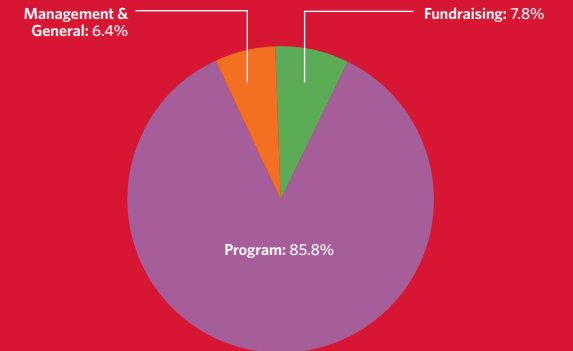
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