

ANNUAL REPORT

2019



**Shining
Stars**
FOUNDATION

ABOUT SHINING STARS

Our mission is to transform lives through year-round recreational and social programs for children and their families challenged with pediatric cancer or another life-threatening illness. Our goal is to improve quality of life for the patient and their family, while helping to meet their basic needs for emotional and social health.

The Shining Stars Foundation is currently one of few nonprofits nationally providing long-term, year-round care for children and their families through recreational programming at any stage in their cancer battle, including treatment, relapse, or remission.

OUR SERVICES

- **Family Services:** We provide single day events and overnight programs throughout the year, for children battling a life-threatening illness and their entire immediate family.
- **Child Services:** We provide two, week-long adventure camps just for the child battling cancer or another life-threatening illness.
- **Awareness and Educational Services:** We educate the public about challenges faced by children battling cancer through regular presentations at community events. This includes presentations at local schools to help students understand the challenges some of their peers are facing and to promote acceptance.
- **Young Adult Services:** We provide a year-round mentor program and 2 retreats for young adults ages 18+ who are survivors of pediatric cancer and struggling to transition to adulthood.



2019 BY THE NUMBERS

95%

of clients agree that Shining Stars meets needs for them that no other program has before

85%

of clients cite making new friends as the greatest impact of a Shining Stars Program

95%

of clients agree Shining Stars has improved their long-term quality of life

15,845

VOLUNTEER HOURS

provided by 388 volunteers in 2019

\$0

FAMILIES PAY NOTHING

to attend our programs and events

5,000+

PEOPLE REACHED

through programs and community outreach events in 2019

67

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

provided or participated in during 2019



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“Shining Stars has brought me together with the most amazing lifelong friends. The programs I have attended have changed my life, allowed me to talk about my depression, made me immensely joyful, and given me memories and friends for a lifetime. This program saved my life.”

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– Allison, Leukemia



EVAN'S STORY

One evening my support group was hosting a night where nonprofits come and you can sign up for programs. I was back in the far corner in my wheelchair with my father. I thought to myself there was no way any camp would pick me because I was so sick. I had been turned down by camps many times before. But the members of the Shining Stars Foundation saw how lonely, sad and depressed I was. They realized that I needed some serious TLC. I couldn't believe it when they came over and talked to me. I knew I was too old, and probably too sick, but they asked if I would like to go skiing. They made an exception for ME!

In the past I had been told I was hopeless. I was dying. I wanted it to be over. However, Shining Stars showed me there was hope. I went skiing with them and met many other kids just like me - something I had never dreamed was possible. Because of that week, my life has been changed. I have hope and that makes a huge difference in how I feel when I wake up each morning. Now I want to live all day, every day.

I have lived three years longer than any of my doctors thought was possible. Now they're saying I might even outlive them. To anyone else who feels the way I did, you need to understand that hope is truly a precious thing and it was a gift to me.

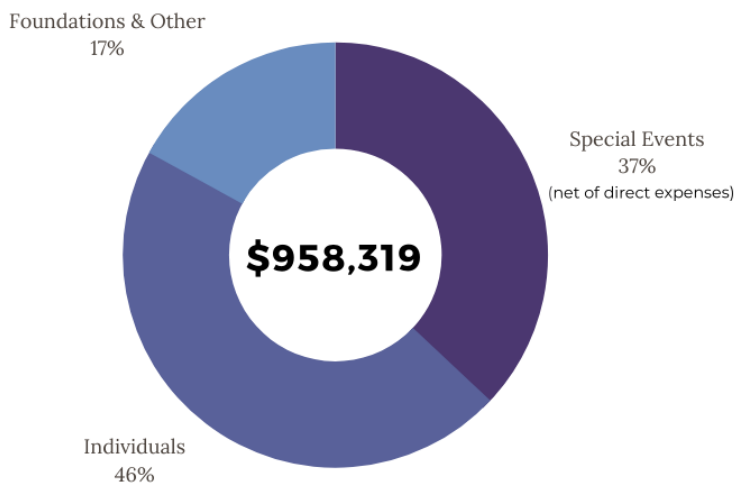
So every time I look at the stars overhead I think of the Shining Stars Foundation and what they have allowed me to accomplish.

Evan White, Participant, Multiple Blood Disorders

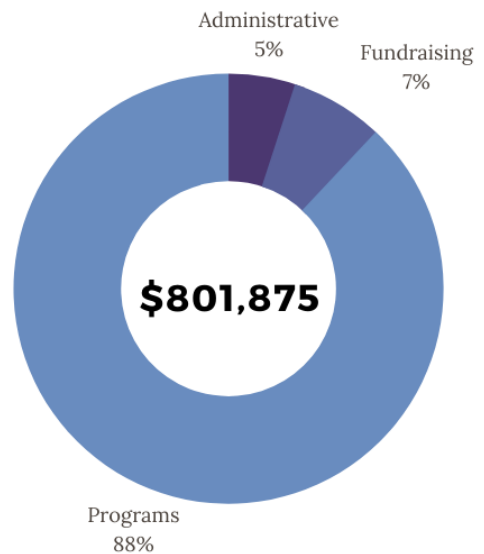
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The data shown below is derived from the Shining Stars Foundation's 2019 financial statements, reviewed by Taylor, Roth and Company, PLLC for the year ending December 31, 2019. Complete financial statements and tax returns are available at ShiningStarsFoundation.org. Shown in the charts below are cash revenue and expenses.

TOTAL REVENUE



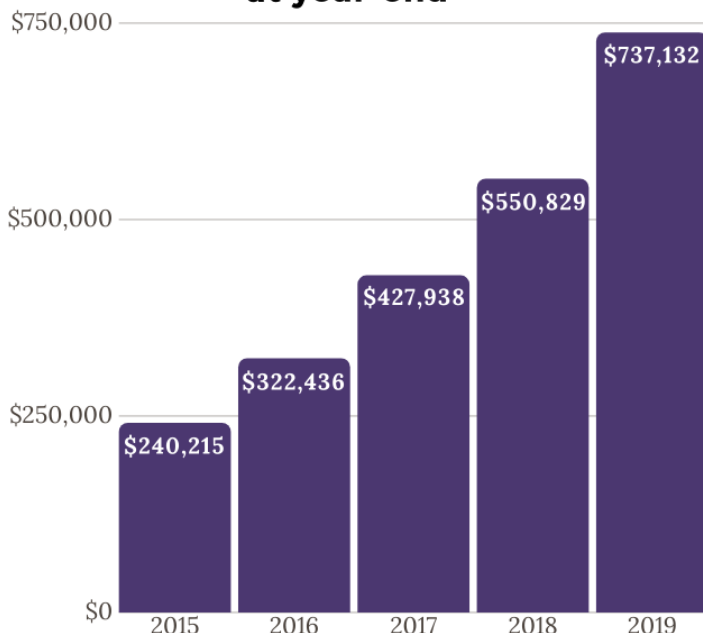
TOTAL EXPENSES



CONTRIBUTIONS IN-KIND

In addition to the cash revenue and expenses in the above diagrams, Shining Stars Foundation also received in-kind contributions totaling \$612,560. This primarily represents adaptive sports instruction, lodging, meals, and medical care.

NET ASSETS at year-end



88%

of cash expenses directly support programming



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