

BOUNCE

Children's Foundation®

Bounce helps families heal!
— José, Bounce Dad



Together, we transform the lives of chronically ill children and their families, shifting all from surviving to thriving.

THE BASICS

MISSION

Transform the lives of chronically ill children, and their families, shifting all from surviving to thriving.

VISION

Every family raising a child forced to battle pediatric chronic illness has access to Bounce.

BELIEFS

- All kids deserve to be just kids.
- Connecting is the core of human experience.
- Happier leads to healthier.
- Kids are our future—invest in them accordingly.
- Strengthening parents and families helps kids.
- Building resilience today fosters a lifetime of coping.
- Bounce Beyond to a Better Tomorrow!

AWARDS & ACCREDITATION



The region's foremost recognition of the most innovative new products and services. Winners are innovators that uniquely fill unmet needs, spark a competitive response in the marketplace, exceed market expectations, achieve financial success, and improve people's lives.



EQUITY COMMITMENT

Disease does not discriminate. Neither does Bounce. Children of all races, ethnicities, religious beliefs, and socioeconomic standings face the challenges of pediatric chronic illness on a daily basis. Bounce Children's Foundation exists to be there for all children affected by pediatric chronic illness, and for all of their loved ones.

Bounce condemns racism, oppression, exclusion, and violence against any person. Bounce proudly stands in solidarity with the 51% of Bounce Families who are people of color, with the 37% of Bounce Families that fall below the national poverty line, and with everyone who demands equality, freedom, and opportunity for all.

Just as all kids—including the nearly 1 in 5 battling a medical condition for which there is no cure—deserve to be “just kids,” all people deserve respect, dignity, and inclusion.

While Bounce Membership is diverse, we recognize there is work to be done elsewhere. Bounce is committed to reflecting the diverse community we serve in the composition of our staff, volunteers, and partners. We pledge to accelerate our progress to become better allies and advocates for both those we serve as well as the broader community, shifting all from surviving to thriving.

PEDIATRIC CHRONIC ILLNESS

A Hidden Epidemic Causing Pervasive Devastation



Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. Children
Battle Chronic Illness



When a **Child** is Diagnosed,
the **Entire Family** is Diagnosed



Impacting **All Aspects**
of Their Lives

Filling The Gap

Bounce Children's Foundation **fills the gap** between the wealth of resources in hospitals and the lack of social-emotional support at home and in the community.

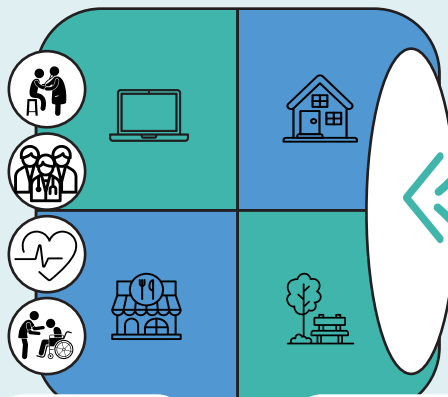
Hospital



Patient
Clinical Needs

Patient & Family
Social-Emotional
Needs

Home & Community



Patient
Clinical Needs

Patient & Family
Social-Emotional
Needs



...from surviving to thriving...

From diagnosis forward, Bounce is there 24/7,
building resilience and creating a safe place to belong
- and we're the only organization to do so.

INTRODUCING OUR PROGRAMS

Program Support Available From Birth To Age 21



Bounce Bash®

From everyday to once-in-a-lifetime, family adventures



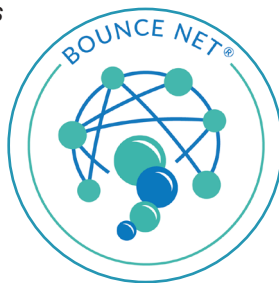
Bounce Back Kits®

Family care packages that distract and ease stress



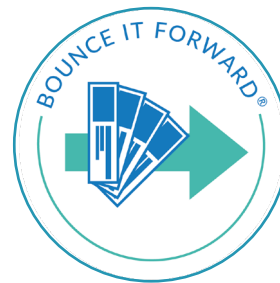
Bounce Academy®

Strength training for vital coping skills



Bounce Net®

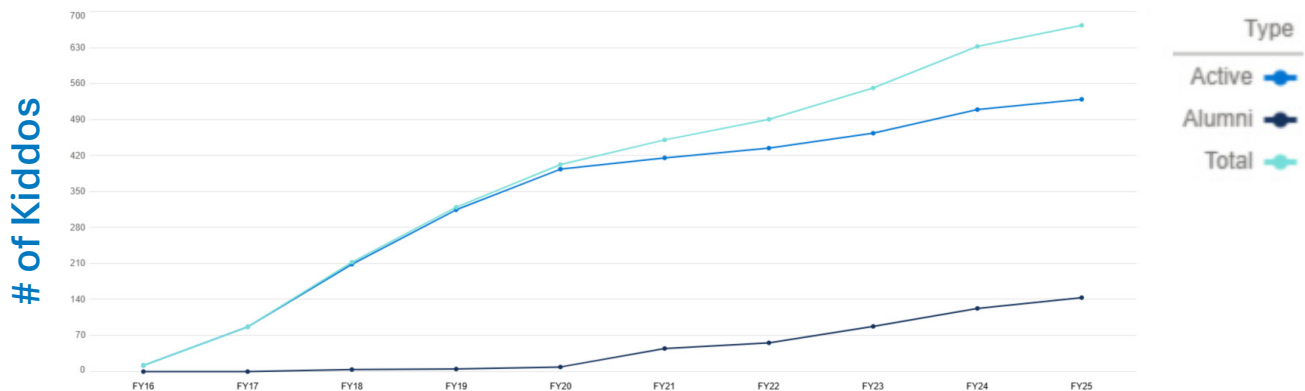
24/7 private online community of peer support



Bounce It Forward®

Turning donated tickets into unexpected relief

99% Family Retention Rate



Bounce Kiddos Over Time

BOUNCE BASH®



From Everyday, To Once-In-A-Lifetime Family Adventures

228
Events

19,031
Attendees

99%
Satisfaction

About The Program

Outings specially designed to include children with complex medical needs, their healthy siblings, and their parents. Bringing multiple families together fosters friendship, the safety of *not* being stared at, and a sense of belonging. When Bounce handles planning and logistics, families attend with minimal stress—and try things they would never attempt on their own. Whether a chance to see the latest movie, go bowling, or sit in the dugout at Wrigley Field, the result is adventurous family fun!



Impact & Benefits

- Distraction From the Day-To-Day Burdens of Chronic Illness
- Families Get Out of the House For Fun, Not Just Medical Treatment
- Friendships at the Individual & Family Level
- Hope and Confidence That Builds Resilience

What Families Say

This was the best day of my whole entire summer ever!

— Tommy, Bounce Kiddo

You let us live 'normal' lives...

— Sara, Bounce Mom

Unforgettable . . . allowed me to bond with other parents, and my kids to make friends.

— Kathy, Bounce Mom

When both the special child and their healthy siblings are welcome, it makes us comfortable.

— Shante, Bounce Mom

It was truly special to be able to attend as an entire family.

— Jason, Bounce Dad

You made getting out so easy and fun. Thank you for the best day we've had in a very long time!

— Valerie, Bounce Mom

BOUNCE BACK KITS®



Family Care Packages That Distract and Ease Stress

28
Sets of
Kits

10,284
Total Kits
Shipped

98%
Satisfaction

About The Program

Children battling chronic illness repeatedly face lengthy quarantines at home, especially before surgery, after treatment, and during flare-ups.

When doctor's orders or medical necessity cause "lockdown," boredom, frustration and the anxiety quickly set in. To break the monotony and combat cabin fever, kits contain fun-fill filled, spirit-boosting activities.

Activities

- Books
- Games
- Movies
- Music
- Recipes
- Gift Cards
- Arts & Crafts
- STEM Projects
- Activity Booklets
- DIY Activities
- Decorations
- And MORE!



Impact & Benefits

- Provide Valuable Stress Relief, Distraction, and Togetherness
- Encourage Playful Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Calm Coping
- Ready-To-Go Activities Ease Pressure and Guilt for Parents
- Joy & Laughter to Build Resilience

What Families Say

It helps my Bounce Kiddo feel like his condition brings something special, instead of stressful, to the family.

— Jack, Bounce Dad

Our son had surgery and a horribly painful recovery. Our kit kept his mind off the pain!

— Heather, Bounce Mom

We laugh and forget we have so many hard days ahead. We would never have these activities without Bounce.

— Anita, Bounce Mom

... little treasure boxes filled with activities that bring our family together and make us feel cared for in a world where we often have to deal with setbacks on our own.

— Katie, Bounce Mom

Holidays are really hard. This is something good to focus on and celebrate with.

— Patti, Bounce Mom

My kiddos are loving everything—and they are being so quiet, it's like a gift to me, too.

— Julie, Bounce Mom

BOUNCE ACADEMY®



Strength Training For Vital Coping Skills

6
Workshops

68
Families

100%
Satisfaction



About The Program

The skill-building education Bounce Parents need to hold themselves—and their families—together.

Regularly forced to manage crises which no one can ever truly prepare for, Bounce Parent input shapes the curriculum to focus on high priority needs such as the financial, intellectual, emotional, and psychological challenges their families face.

Recognizing the greatest barrier to participation is childcare for special needs kids, Bounce welcomes them. Bounce Kiddos and Siblings enjoy their own “workshop”—close by, entertained, and safe.

Impact & Benefits

- Improved Ability to Navigate Unpredictable/Stressful Situations
- Practical Tools/Techniques/Resources That Build Resilience
- Judgement-Free Zone = Open & Honest Conversation about Tough Topics
- Empowerment, Increased Confidence, and Peer Support



What Families Say

... valuable information to help us plan.

— Karina, Bounce Mom

It was wonderful to share our concerns with other families who have similar issues.

— Mike, Bounce Dad

... a welcoming and safe environment.

— Andrew, Bounce Dad

Thanks for helping us make sure our kids will be protected and cared for.

— Alyssa, Bounce Mom

BOUNCE IT FORWARD®



Turning Donated Tickets Into Unexpected Relief

195
Outings

1,275
Individual
Attendees

95%
Satisfaction

About The Program

Never knowing when the next crisis will strike, families raising children with diseases for which there are no cures cannot plan ahead. As a result, even when they have one of those rare “good days,” they miss out on high demand events and premier activities.

Thanks to 131 individual donors and 51 corporate organizations who share extra tickets, Bounce Families can now enjoy special outings.

Activities

- Professional/College Sports
- Theater/Musicals
- Concerts
- Museums
- Special Exhibits/Attractions
- Cultural Productions



Impact & Benefits

- Unexpected Fun, Incredible Distraction, and Amazing Memories
- Date Night, Special Time with Healthy Siblings, Family Outings
- Leverages Breaks Between Crises and Treatments
- Restore Spirit and Optimism That Builds Resilience

What Families Say

The kids woke up still talking about how much fun they had.

— Violet, Bounce Mom

He'll be talking about this day for years to come.

— Kathryn, Bounce Mom

We had wonderful family time—time spent without doctors, worries, or stress.

— Jessica, Bounce Mom

Thank you for allowing my sister to have a 'normal' outing.

— Alexandria, Bounce Sibling

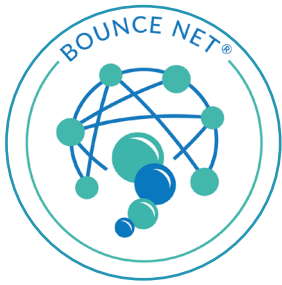
Truly a memory we will never forget.

— Alfredo, Bounce Dad

Knowing we were going out after, made the usually unbearable tests much easier—for all of us!

— Amanda, Bounce Mom

BOUNCE NET®



24/7/Private Online Community of Peer Support

480
Members

20+
New Posts
Monthly

150+
Contributions
Monthly

About The Program

A safe, private, online community of peer support exclusively for Bounce Parents, all in one place—just a few clicks away.

- Celebrate Wins or Share Concerns
- Ask a Question or Post a Need
- Request Help & Get Advice
- Vent with Others Who Understand and Never Judge
- Offer Support & Share Experiences
- Compare Notes & Share Sources



Impact & Benefits

- On-Demand Connection From Home, Work, or Hospital
- Confidential Access to Community of Peer Wisdom and Friendship
- Easy and Efficient Access to Bounce Programs and Services
- Support, Resources, and Education That Builds Resilience

What Families Say

... a great resource for networking and learning from other families.

— Will, Bounce Dad

We no longer feel alone.

— Jennifer, Bounce Mom

We found a whole new group of friends whom we now consider family.

— Marisol, Bounce Mom

... an amazing resource for meeting other Special Needs families in our otherwise mundane, yet challenging, medical world.

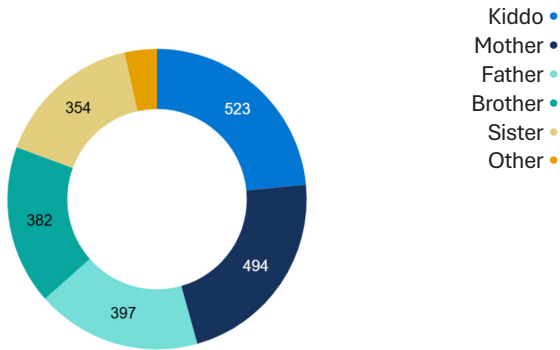
— Kelly, Bounce Mom

I already found a family we know. The boys were roommates at disability camp last summer. We have been looking for this family since then. SO EXCITED!

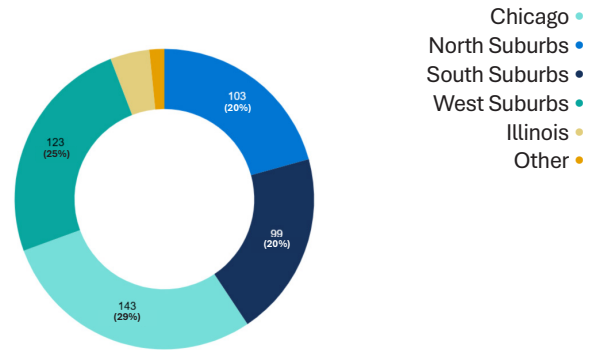
— Marcie, Bounce Mom

ABOUT OUR FAMILIES

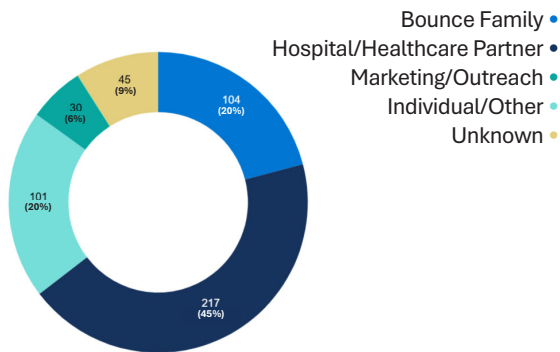
Active Membership



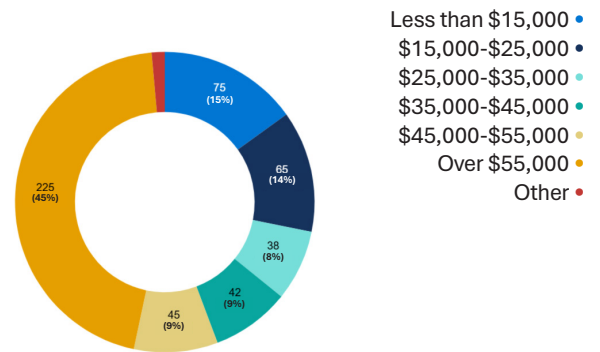
Family Location



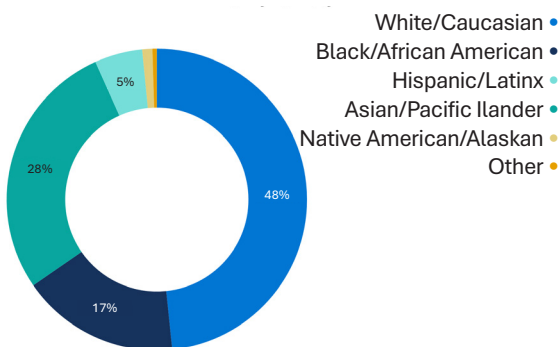
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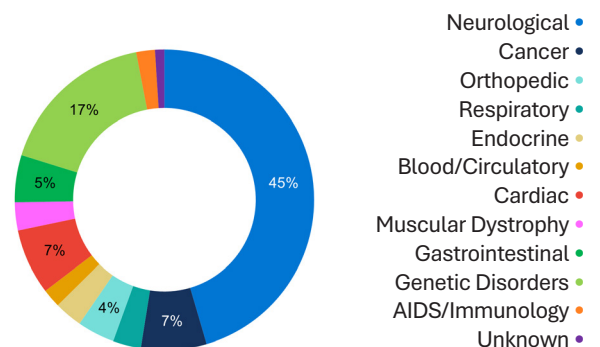
Family Household Income



Family Ethnicity

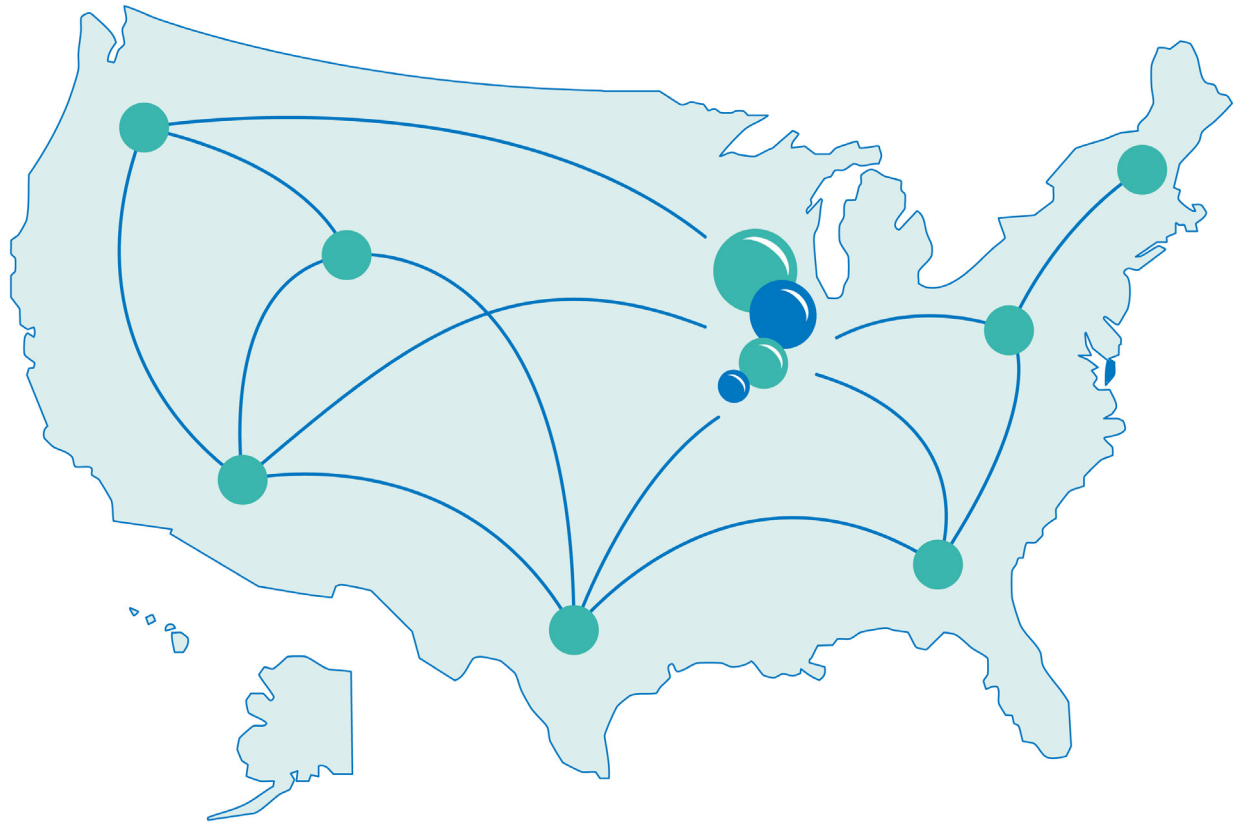


Kiddo Primary Diagnosis



Data As Of 12/31/2025

OUR VISION



**We Envision the Day When
Every Family Raising a Child
Battling Pediatric Chronic Illness
Has Access to Bounce**

MEET OUR TEAM

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Jones Day

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PROGRAM PARTNERS



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BALLET 5:8



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Principal Benefactor:



Distinguished Benefactors:



SHIELDS
HEALTH SOLUTIONS

SPONSORS

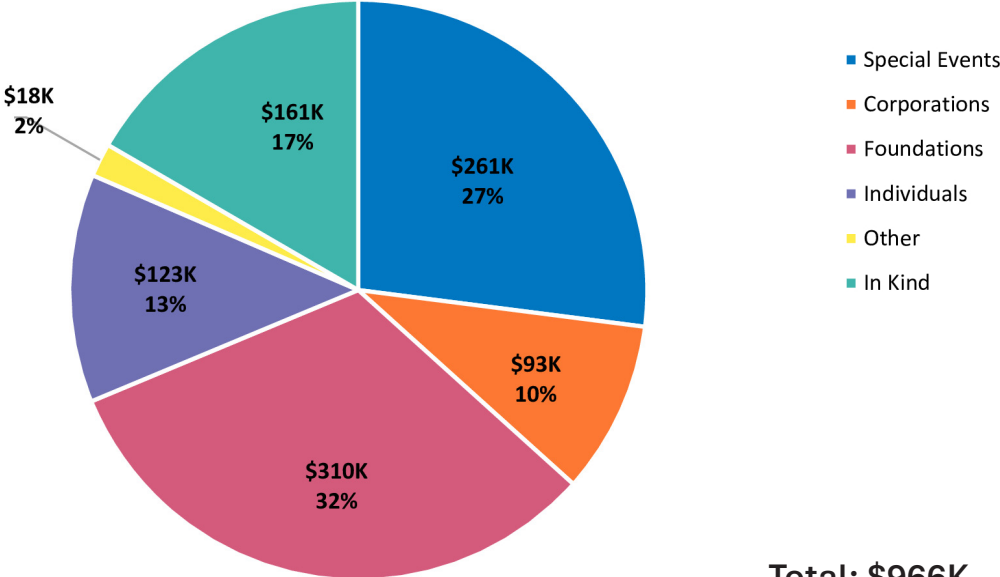


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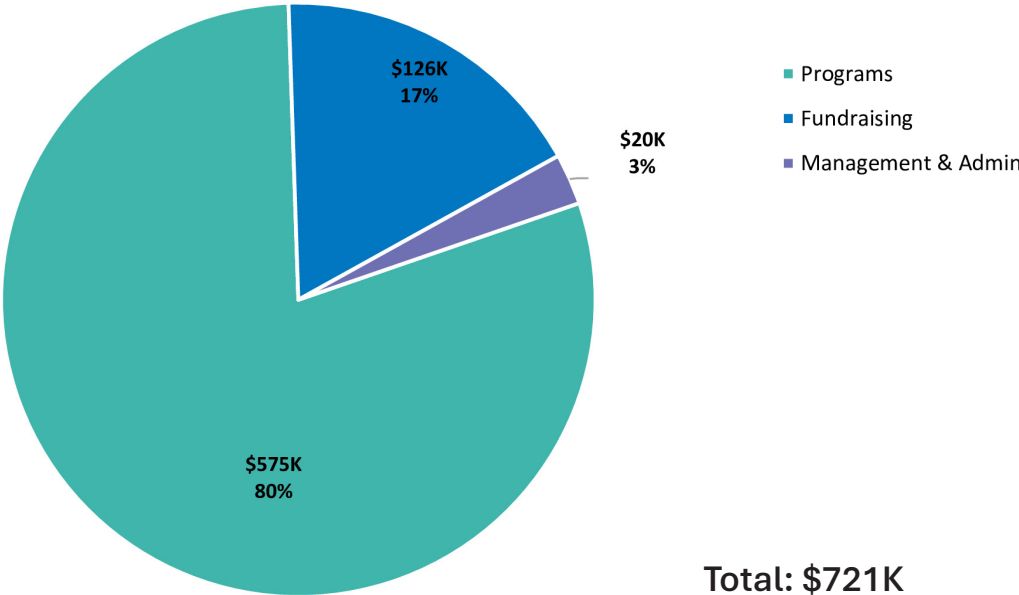
FINANCIALS

2024-2025 Sources of Funds



Total: \$966K

2024-2025 Use of Funds



Total: \$721K

*Data As Of 12/31/2025

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