



Circle of Friends

Impact Report

2021 -2022
Fiscal Year

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Recently I was asked to share what giving means to Circle of Friends. How does one quantify the impact of giving, whether financial or as a volunteer, on the life of another? How does one quantify what the act of giving means in their own life?



For more than a decade now, Central Oregon has seen a considerable spread in the opportunity gap for our low income and underserved populations. The world-wide pandemic, beginning in early 2020, acted as a catalyst for this disparity to rapidly widen. Our donors and volunteers here at Circle of Friends have worked tirelessly to help bridge these gaps, bringing understanding, love and hope to the children and families we serve.

It is our pleasure to share with you our Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Impact Report highlighting a year of growth and substantial organizational development. As need grows in the Sisters Community, Circle of Friends has spent this past year working proactively to grow a systematic and systemic approach to addressing the social/emotional needs of youth experiencing a number of adverse conditions in their lives. We have hired two new Youth Program Leads to work in partnership with the school district, on grade level campuses and at the Campbell House, to provide support and work alongside our youth to develop self-advocacy skills and successful interactions within a larger organizational system.

The addition of a Community Engagement Coordinator has allowed us more opportunities to interact with the community, bring families together through participation in family friendly events throughout the year, and provide a more diverse set of program offerings to our youth. Bringing Circle of Friends to the community helps us bring community members into Circle of Friends, exemplified by 13 new Mentors.

What does giving mean to Circle of Friends? It means relationships. It means older generations sharing with younger generations, and younger generations sharing with older generations. It means friendships. It means camaraderie between mentors, mentees, parents, caregivers, board members and staff alike. It means involvement. It means being needed and connected in your community, building a bridge for youth to access success. Giving means Circle of Friends can continue to combat the ever spreading opportunity gap for our friends and neighbors right here at home. No better time exists than now.

We depend on you.

Nicole S. Woodson



Accomplishments



Added 2 new Youth Program Leads to provide direct in school support and increase program opportunities.



Added a collaborative group mentoring program in partnership with Caldera Arts mentorship program at Sisters High School.



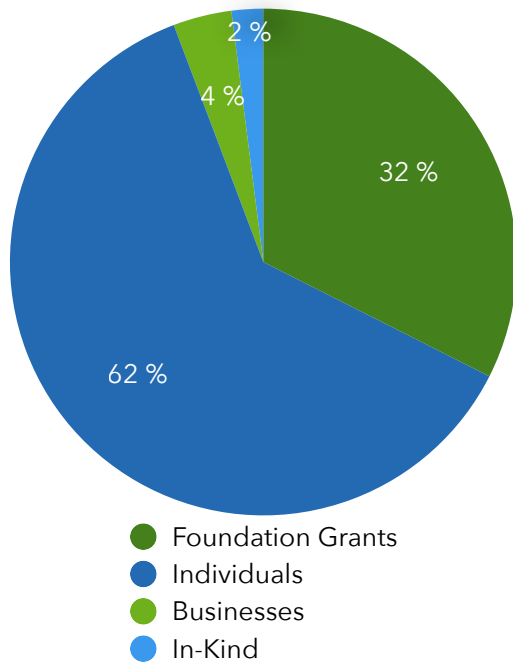
Added a new 'Buddies' program to allow our youth more opportunities for individualized transformative experiences.



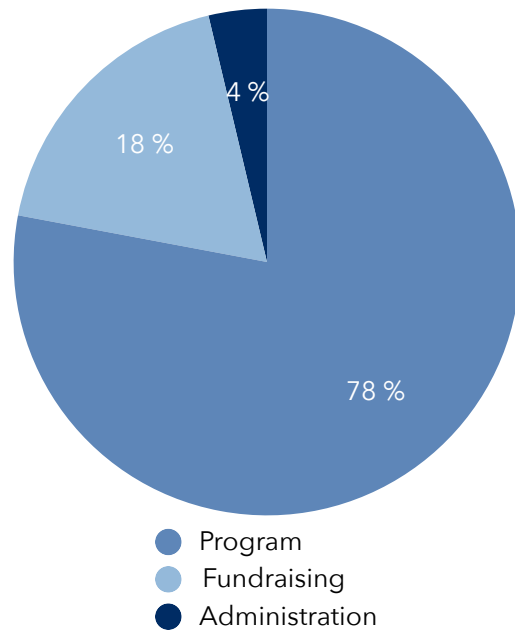
Added 13 new long term Mentors to increase opportunities for youth in one-on-one mentoring relationships.

Financial Snapshot

FY 2021-2022 OPERATION REVENUE



FY 2021-2022 OPERATION EXPENSES



How We Serve

30

Full time active volunteer Mentors.

3.1%

Total Sisters School District population served through Circle of Friends 1:1 mentorships.

90.2%

Circle of Friends children and youth school attendance rate.

1.75

Average number of Mentor/Mentee hours spent together 1:1 per week.

6.7

Average number of years our Mentors have been with Circle of Friends.

Who We Serve

65%

Live in single parent households.

46%

Have an incarcerated parent.

78%

Of our families have had interaction with the justice system.

81%

Have been or are currently houseless.

84%

Qualify for Free and Reduced lunch program.



Thank You!

Mentor Page

Thank you to our mentors, who are truly the heart and soul of Circle of Friends. They found new and creative ways to continue their connections with our youth during the COVID-19 pandemic, and they are continuing to strive for better ways to connect. We thank them for their tireless dedication, love, and support of our Circle of Friends youth.

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Fiscal Year

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