



2026 Mid-Year Report

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Messages from our Executive Director & Board Chair

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am honored to serve as Executive Director of Friends of the Children – Dallas, and grateful for the community of supporters who make our work possible. Because of your generosity, we are able to walk alongside children facing significant obstacles and provide them with something every child deserves – a consistent, caring adult who believes in their potential.

Friends of the Children is built on a simple but powerful idea: long-term relationships change lives. Each child is paired with a full-time, professional mentor who commits to supporting them from kindergarten through high school graduation. Our Friends show up consistently, helping children build confidence, develop life skills, and imagine a future filled with opportunity.

Here in Dallas, many children grow up facing challenges beyond their control, including poverty, instability, and involvement with the foster care system. **Today, we are proud to be serving 13 children in our inaugural cohort, working toward our goal of enrolling 24 by the end of May.** Your support allows us to hire and retain professional mentors who earn a livable wage with benefits – ensuring they can dedicate themselves fully to the children and families they serve.

Thank you for investing in the future of Dallas' children.

Together in this work,



Sharon Carson
Executive Director
Friends of the Children – Dallas



To Our Community,

As Board Chair of Friends of the Children – Dallas, I am honored to work alongside our committed Board, Founders, Partners, and exceptional staff as we bring this extraordinary, evidence-based model to our community. **Long-term, relationship-centered support for children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences is needed now more than ever.**

Nationally, Friends of the Children has a proven track record: youth in our program are more likely to graduate high school, avoid involvement in the juvenile justice system, and break cycles that have persisted for generations. This work doesn't just meet immediate needs – it builds trust and creates lasting change.

As we grow our impact in Dallas, I invite you to join us with both urgency and hope. Together, we are ensuring that each child we serve is supported, known, and never alone on the path to a thriving future.

With gratitude,



Jennifer Howell
Board Chair
Friends of the Children – Dallas

About Us

Staff

Led by Executive Director Sharon Carson, our team also consists of Program Director Magaly Solis, Operations Manager Lindsay Landrum, and Professional Mentors Dezirae Grand and Asiyah Martin.



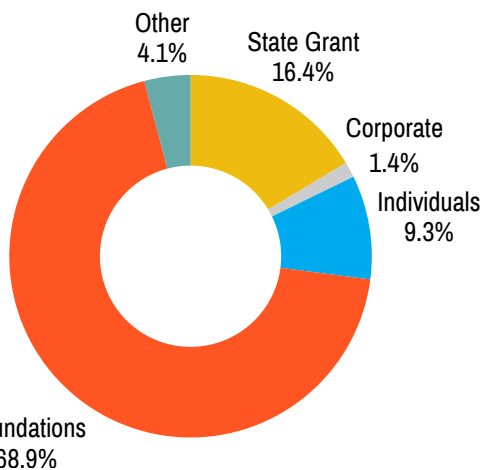
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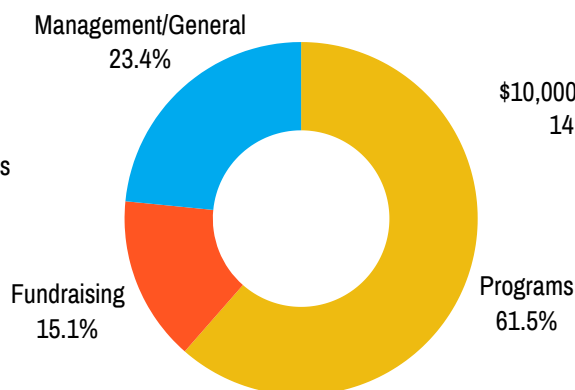
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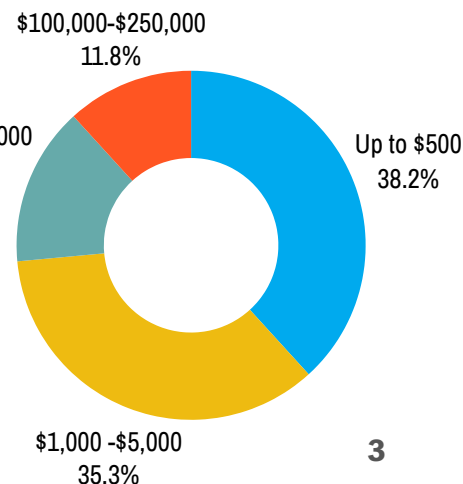
Revenue Source



Allocation



Giving Level





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