

## 2019 IMPACT REPORT

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Portland + SW Washington

# OUR MISSION:

**Impact generational change by empowering youth who are facing the greatest obstacles through relationships with professional mentors—12+ years, no matter what.**

**Friends of the Children – Portland currently employs 50 professional mentors, called Friends, who guide and support over 500 children across the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.**



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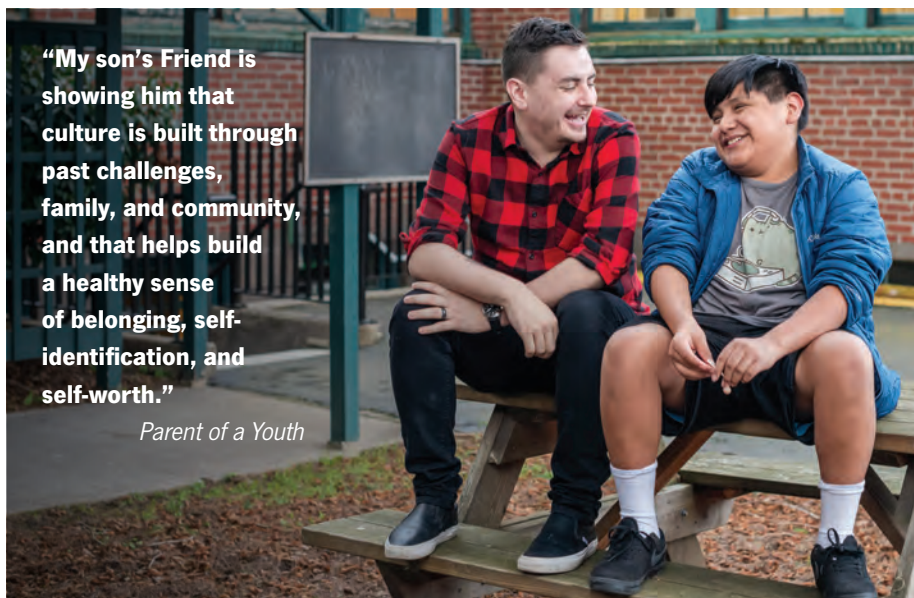
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**“My son’s Friend is showing him that culture is built through past challenges, family, and community, and that helps build a healthy sense of belonging, self-identification, and self-worth.”**

*Parent of a Youth*



## A SENSE OF BELONGING

That's what two teens at Friends of the Children want to create for younger program youth through peer-to-peer mentoring. ***"Our childhood at Friends of the Children was great and very community oriented, and we would like to make sure that youth here now can have the same great experience we had by starting this program,"*** explained Miranda\*, who is a junior at Jesuit High School. Her peer mentor partner is Diandra\*, a sophomore at Helensview High School. Both teens have several younger siblings and babysit regularly, so they felt ready to work with younger youth. They were also excited to spend their time doing something for which they had begun to develop a passion—at Friends we call it **"FINDING YOUR SPARK."**



So far, the two have mentored two fourth grade girls with very different personalities. "One was quiet, one was more athletic and had a lot of energy, so we mixed it up by playing games and then doing an art project," Diandra said. Adjusting on the fly was a little scary at first, but the girls drew on the **GROWTH MINDSET, PERSEVERANCE, GRIT,** and **PROBLEM-SOLVING** skills they've learned over their years in our program. The two are looking forward to further developing their mentoring skills and creating a sense of belonging for more youth by helping with elementary-age group programming sessions. While both teens are still evaluating colleges and careers, they like working with people and contributing to the sense of community that is a key value at Friends of the Children.

\*Names have been changed to protect the identity of the youth. Photo does not necessarily depict the youth in the story.







**“I get to see the power of the program throughout all the years of elementary school. Their trajectory changes. They get to experience a whole different side of life.”**

*Becki Chase, Burton Elementary School Principal*

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## WHAT MAKES A PERSON LIKELY TO SUCCEED?

It all starts with a **GROWTH MINDSET** and an unbreakable determination. Marika\* is 17 years-old, excitedly awaiting her high school diploma. She is in many ways like her peers: her favorite movie is “The Longest Ride” and she likes “anything outdoorsy.” Then again, Marika’s life experience is different—she lives in foster care and experienced violence in her household at a young age. In being successful, Marika draws from a unique perspective and greater problem-solving and future planning than others her age. Today, she channels her resiliency and **SELF-DETERMINATION** in order to prevent her experience from happening to others.



This summer, when Marika receives her high school diploma, she’ll be one step closer to her dream of becoming a police officer. She is currently enrolled in the Portland Police Cadet Program in addition to attending school, holding down two part-time jobs, and nannying & pet-sitting on the side. After high school graduation, she plans to attend PCC for two years before transferring to the University of Oregon to earn her Bachelor Degree. As soon as she turns 21, she will apply to be a police officer. For Marika, becoming a police officer means giving back. “Whenever anything would happen to me at home, the police were always there to make sure I was okay. A police officer is one of the reasons I’m still alive today,” she says. Reflecting on her experience in the Cadet program thus far, she said, **“My biggest take away is that, no matter what, there is always a solution.”** With support from Friends of the Children, Marika has a clear image of what success means to her, as well as the daily practice, continued hard work, and commitment that will manifest her ambitions.

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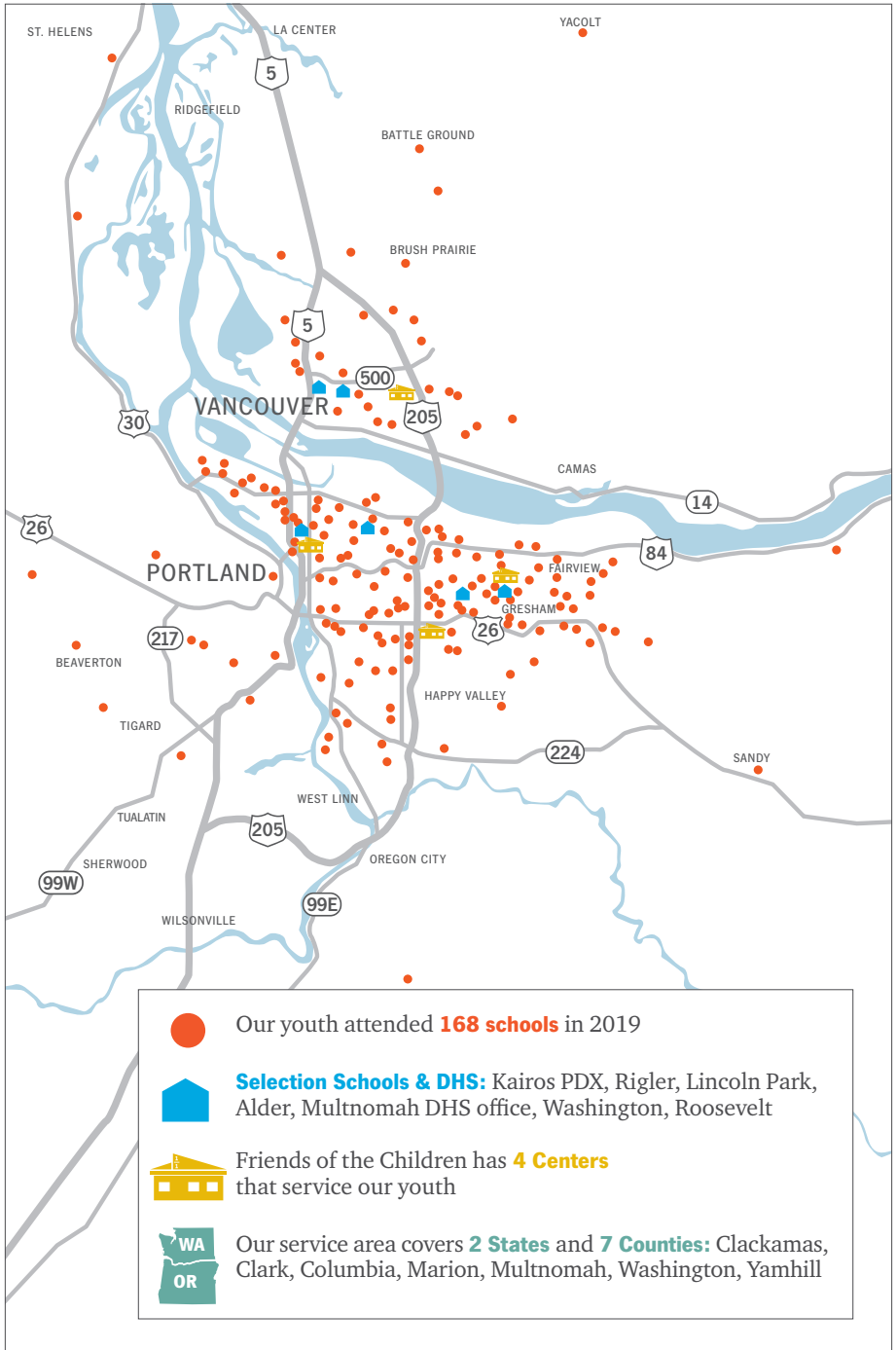
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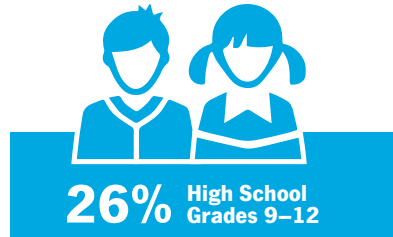
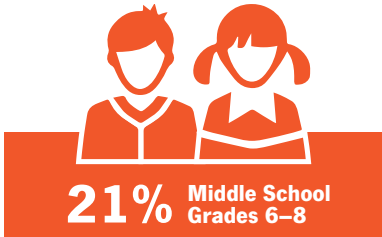
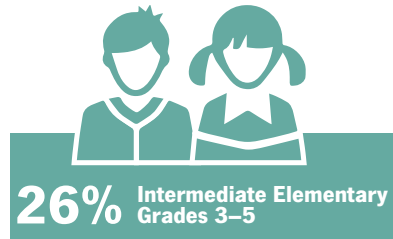
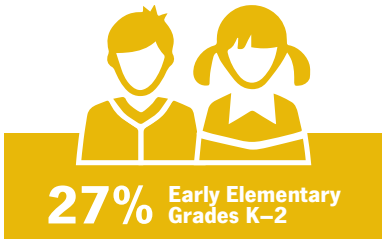
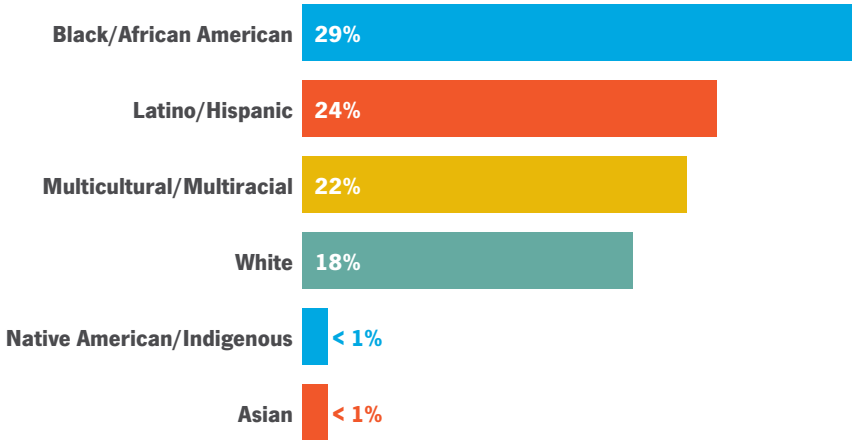
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# WHERE WE SERVE





## WHO WE SERVE



### YOUTH IN OUR PROGRAM 2019 NUMBERS:

**54**  
NEW YOUTH  
ENROLLED

**510**  
TOTAL YOUTH  
SERVED

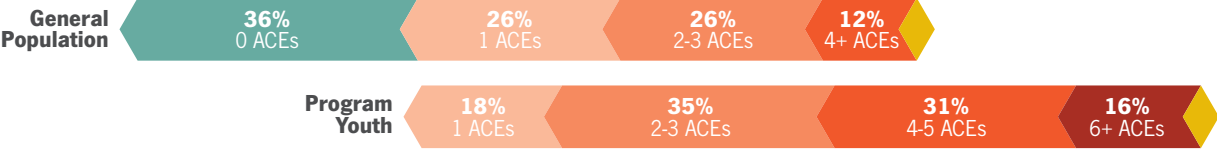
**21**  
NEW PROGRAM  
GRADUATES

THE JOURNEY OF OUR YOUTH

trauma  
housing instability racism  
homelessness  
teen parent  
food insecurity divorce  
carer mental illness foster care  
substance abuse in the home  
family death  
family incarceration  
domestic violence high school completion  
child abuse neglect

What are Adverse Childhood Experiences?

Adverse Childhood Experiences are stressful experiences occurring in a child’s life that can have negative, lifelong effects on health and well being. Traumatic events or risk factors include child maltreatment as well as exposure to extreme household challenges like poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, mental health concerns, and substance abuse/dependency.



**Kindergarten:** Friends observe kindergarteners in classroom settings in partnership with carefully identified selection schools. We then enroll youth experiencing the greatest barriers into our program during the summer, where they are paired with a Friend.

**1st grade:** The first year focuses on building a strong foundation to support the long-term relationship between a youth and Friend. Youth learn social and soft skills. Friends spend time in the classroom supporting their youth’s schoolwork through tutoring and modeling a love of learning.



**Early elementary:** Youth build community with each other, Friends, and other organization staff by attending our 2nd-grade group programming sessions. Friends work closely with our Education & Equity Team to proactively support youth in reaching academic benchmarks.

**Later elementary:** Youth gain exposure to a wide variety of activities through 1:1 outings, creating “sparks” and inspiring future passions. They are encouraged to be open-minded in the face of new things and to be engaged in their community—at Friends and beyond.



**6th & 7th grade:** As youth enter adolescence, they begin a continuum of activities that support their overall post-secondary preparedness, starting with exploring their “sparks” and identifying the individual steps they’ll take to achieve their goals.

60,179  
HOURS  
of direct service  
provided by Friends.



**8th & 9th grade:** Youth apply incremental goal-setting to advance their sparks, prepare for a successful transition to high school, and grow into their own identities.



The average number of hours a Friend spends supporting each youth every month.



96%  
made grade-level progress  
toward graduation

**Early high school:** Youth receive individualized postsecondary preparedness. Each adolescent is supported in obtaining hands-on experience, certifications, and income-earning opportunities that align with their interests.



**Graduation:** Youth finalize their plans for life after Friends, celebrate their journey at our annual end-of-school celebration, and complete a graduate survey before transitioning to our alumni program where we can keep in touch.



98.8%  
of parents and caregivers  
believe that their child’s life  
has changed for the better  
since getting a Friend.

Selection: K - 1st Grade

Elementary: 2nd - 5th Grade

Middle School: 6th - 9th Grade

High School & Graduation: 10th - 12th Grade

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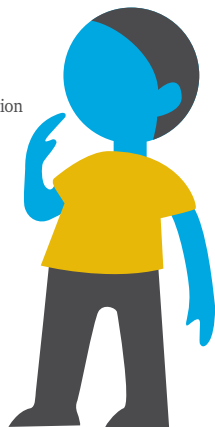
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 The Oregon Clinic Neurosurgery and Spine  
 Michael & Joan O'Reilly  
 Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
 Andrew Over  
 Lisa Owens  
 Pacific Power / Pacific Power Foundation  
 PacificSource Health Plans  
 Kim Parker  
 Parsons Family Fund of Oregon Community Foundation  
 Jerry & Sandra Parsons  
 Don & Renay Patterson  
 Michael & Kristin Payne  
 Morton & Sophie Pelzner Fund of Oregon  
 Community Foundation  
 Barbara & Gary Peterson  
 Dave & Cheryl Pfaff  
 Chris & Pauline Philippi  
 Kristan & Frank Phillips, Jr.  
 Frank & Dorothy Piacentini  
 Pip's Original Doughnuts and Chai  
 Ponzi Vineyards  
 Stephen Poole  
 Portland Children's Museum  
 Portland Public Schools  
 Portland State University Athletic Department  
 PwC Experience Center  
 Lou Radja  
 David & Reegan Rae  
 Daniel & Margaret Raguse  
 Tim Rasch & Shannon Kmetec  
 Al Ray  
 Chantay & Elwood Reid  
 Craig Reinhart  
 Vic Remmers & Jennifer Tran  
 Renata  
 Sherry & Steve Reuter  
 Jennifer & Don Rhoads  
 David & Marisa Ringe  
 Robertson & Olson Construction  
 Sherri Romaniello  
 Judith & Michael Rompa  
 Esta Rose Fund of Oregon Community Foundation  
 Laura Rosenbaum & Daniel Pollack-Pelzner  
 Jean Roth  
 Louise & Lawrence Runkle  
 Jennifer & Phil Satre  
 Susan Scanlon  
 Seth Schaefer  
 Cheryl Schollander  
 Nate & Mari Schwalbach  
 Security Alarm Corporation  
 Doug & Ruthann Seely

Ralph & Ellie Shaw  
 Ed Shearer & Renee Montmorency  
 Signature Graphics  
 Gregg & Erin Silliman  
 Sue & Thomas Simon  
 Simons Fund of Oregon Community Foundation  
 Stephen & Mary Skaggs  
 Debbie Smith  
 Robert & Todd Smith  
 Darcy & Joil Southwell  
 Greg & Roxanne Specht  
 Jeff Spelman  
 Janie Spurgeon  
 Squires Electric  
 Joe Squires & Stacey Strade  
 The Star  
 Stoel Rives  
 Elson & Jan Strahan  
 Jeffrey Strawbridge  
 SurveyMonkey  
 Tim & Val Swyers  
 Chris Tawney  
 Laurie Thomas  
 Bob & Judy Tompkins  
 David & Evelyn Tondreau  
 Joseph & Christine Toscano  
 Haithem Toulain  
 Trudi Traister  
 Sarah & Greg Truax  
 Daniel True  
 Tumac Lumber Company Fund of Oregon  
 Community Foundation  
 UBS  
 Umpqua Bank - Vancouver Home Lending  
 Kenneth & Mary Unkeles  
 Tamara & Andy Uppendahl  
 Urban Nest Real Estate - North  
 Evans Van Buren  
 Denise & Brian Velaski  
 Viking Heating and Sheetmetal  
 Vision Capital Management  
 Don & Marian Vollum  
 Anne & Eddie Ward  
 Benjamin Ward & Mary Pat Daly  
 Patti Warner & Jeff Chase  
 Eleanor Warren  
 John & Linda Warren  
 Washington Federal Foundation  
 Wihtol Family Charitable Fund  
 Jack & Virginia Wilborn  
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 Wilson High School Students  
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 Steve Zimmer  
 Mike & Kendra Zupan



# JOURNEY TO A NEW CHAPTER

Service to youth in SW Washington began 15 years ago when their families began crossing the river in search of affordable rental housing. While the number of youth relocating across the river continued to grow, so too did our commitment to the community. We are excited to share that a new **SW WASHINGTON CHAPTER** has grown from our work in Portland and will significantly expand the impact of professional mentoring to more youth facing the greatest obstacles.

In the fall of 2018, a group of local philanthropists partnered with Friends – Portland on an expansion campaign to see if there was community support for our program. The answer was overwhelmingly positive. With the leadership of longtime supporters Greg & Michele Goodwin, the SW Washington Advisory Council was able to raise \$2.8 million in multi-year funding from Vancouver area residents by the end of September 2019.

## IN 2020, FRIENDS – SW WASHINGTON WILL GROW TO SERVE:



**OVER 60 YOUTH**



**IN 18 SCHOOLS**



**IN 3 DISTRICTS:**

Vancouver, Battle Ground & Evergreen



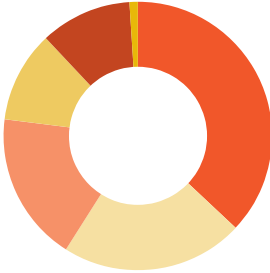
**"There's no job like this job. It's a privilege and honor to be a part of our youths' lives and walk alongside them."**

*Brian Kay, Friend for 4 years*

# 2019 AUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Data for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2019

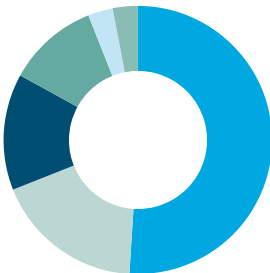
## Operating Revenue



● Special events .....	\$2,501,951	.... 37%
● Individual .....	\$1,500,936	.... 22%
● Foundations .....	\$1,249,015	.... 18%
● Government .....	\$742,338	.... 11%
● Corporate.....	\$767,601	.... 11%
● Other revenue .....	\$39,609	.... 1%

Total unrestricted revenue ... \$6,801,450 ... 100%

## Operating Expenses



● Program wages & benefits....	\$3,475,332	.... 51%
● All other program expenses ..	\$1,195,736	.... 18%
● Fundraising costs .....	\$979,068	.... 14%
● Administrative costs .....	\$735,952	.... 11%
● Youth activity expenses .....	\$226,368	.... 3%
● Youth transportation expense..	\$216,765	.... 3%

Total operating expenses ....\$6,829,221 .. 100%

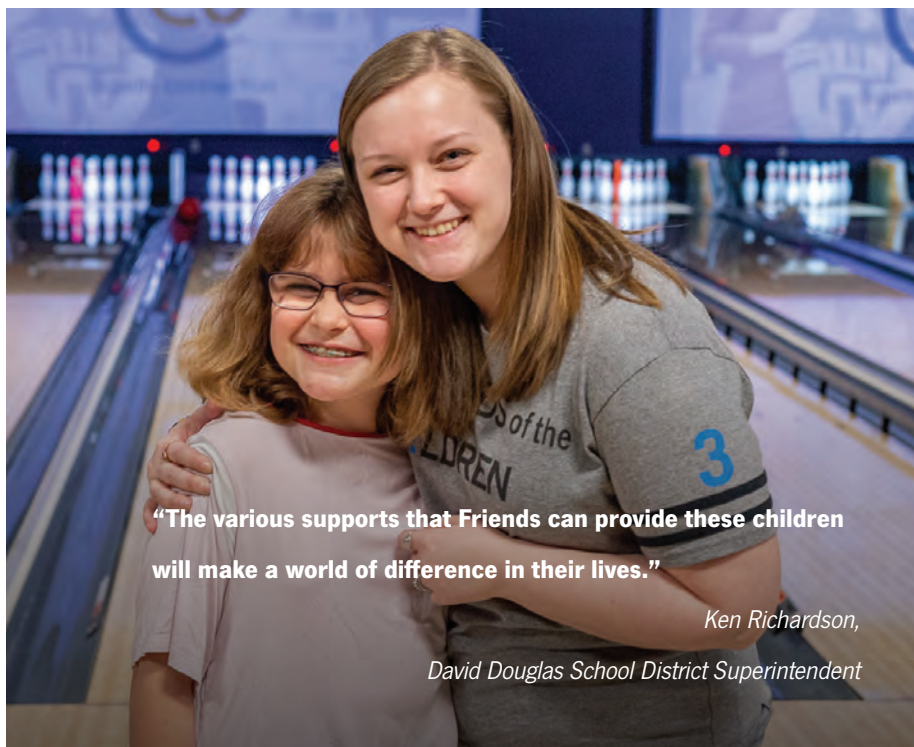
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash and investments	\$2,344,140
Pledges receivable	\$1,674,655
Prepaid expenses	\$125,653
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$4,354,694
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$8,499,142</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$258,819
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$258,819</b>
Unrestricted net assets	\$6,465,074
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$1,775,249
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$8,240,323</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$8,499,142</b>

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Portland + SW Washington

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**“The various supports that Friends can provide these children  
will make a world of difference in their lives.”**

*Ken Richardson,*

*David Douglas School District Superintendent*