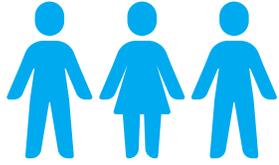


2021 MILESTONE IMPACT REPORT



144
Achievers served

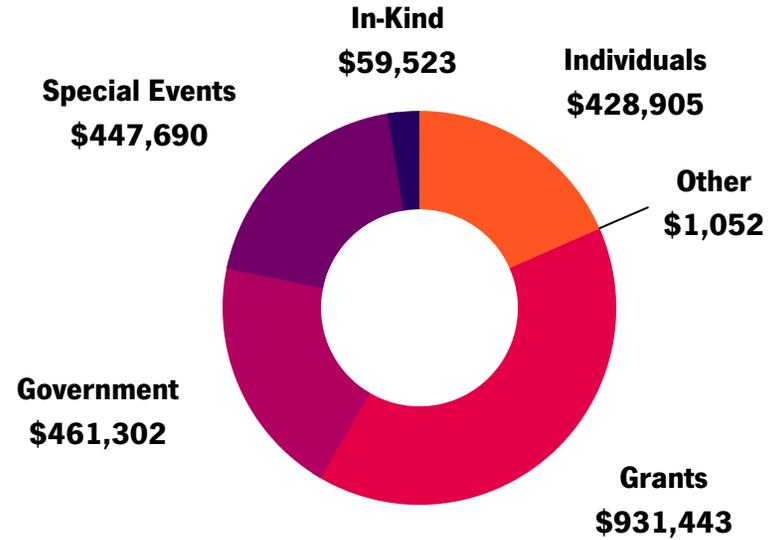


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Mentors worked in
the program



400+
Caregivers and siblings

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE: \$2,329,915

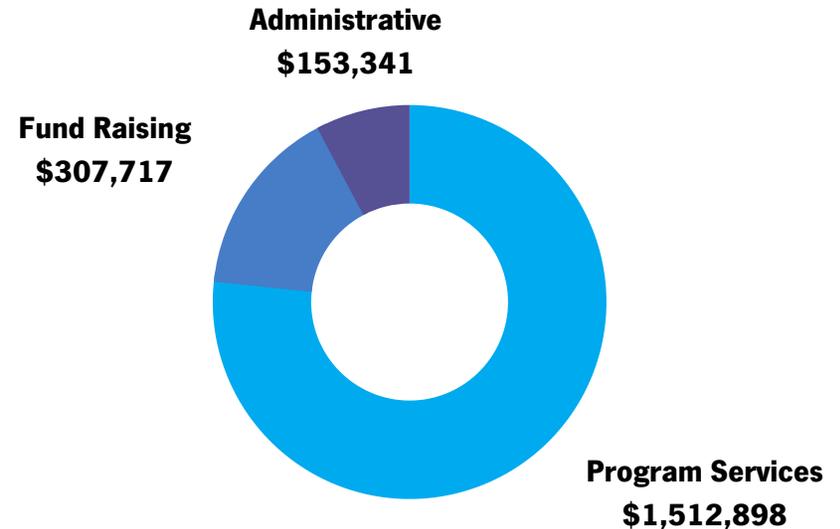


INVESTMENT

12,000 total hours of service	7,300 unique outings
7,117 caregiver contacts	1,800 school contacts
44,000 miles traveled to connect and engage with our Achievers	



OPERATING EXPENSES: \$1,973,956



IMPACT

96% of Achievers were able to accomplish goal(s) they are proud of
100% successfully advanced to the next grade level
96% of Achievers avoided engaging in risky behaviors
100% avoided juvenile justice system
81% of Achievers used preventative physical & mental health resources



Developed in Portland, Oregon, in 1993, the Friends of the Children model was built around a simple solution: enter the lives of children who face the toughest challenges early, and provide them with a dedicated, caring adult who stays by their side no matter what.

Based on the success of the Portland Program, Friends-Boston was founded as an independent not for profit 501(c)(3) in 2004 as the first organization established by the GreenLight Fund in Boston.

OUR GENERATIONAL CHANGE MODEL

- ONE** **We seek out those who need us most.**
Youth who have experienced and been exposed to significant adversity and trauma.
- TWO** **We stay for the long term.**
Children have a salaried Mentor (Friend) for 12+ years - kindergarten through graduation.
- THREE** **Our model is relationship-based.**
Our Friends build one-on-one relationships with our youth, and become part of their family.
- FOUR** **We are trauma informed.**
We provide potential paths for healing by recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma.
- FIVE** **We intervene as early as age 5.**
The earlier you intervene with a traumatized child, the more likely they are to overcome.
- SIX** **We empower youth to build Core Assets.**
These are nine research-based qualities for the social and emotional development of our youth.

Our Mission

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



Andrea dreams of becoming a singer/songwriter. Her talent is undeniable, but her struggles in school were discouraging. As she approached the end of her middle school years, her goal was to try out for Boston Arts Academy (BAA) – the only public performing arts high school in Boston. She needed to improve academically, and her mentor, Keisha, was there to help. Keisha connected Andrea with a reading and literacy specialist to work on her most difficult subject – reading. Within two years, Andrea gained more confidence and improved her grades. She practiced her audition with Keisha, and Andrea successfully gained acceptance to BAA to attend next year. Andrea's grateful for Keisha for believing in her when others didn't.



As the housing crisis in Boston rages on, Charlie and his father had to make the difficult decision to move outside of the city during the pandemic. Dad worried about his son losing the support he has, but JP, Charlie's mentor, assured them that he would show up no matter what. Through his weekly visits, JP continued to support Charlie to ensure that he was doing well in school and had a positive outlet to have fun. Additionally, JP developed a great relationship with Charlie's dad and supported his journey as a single parent raising a young son. JP was an ear to vent to, brought critical resources like food and clothes to the family, and encouraged dad to pursue good career pathways for his young family. JP is not only a mentor to Charlie, but also a trusted friend to his father.

Learn more at www.friendsboston.org.