



## Mission and Values

Changing Worlds' mission is to foster inclusive communities through oral history, writing and arts programs that improve student learning, affirm identity and enhance cross-cultural understanding.

### **INNOVATION**

Building inclusive and empathetic communities where people of all cultures, points of view, beliefs and differences are respected and valued.

### **INCLUSION**

Advancing creative, reflective and strategic approaches in developing solutions to programmatic and organizational challenges.

### **INTEGRITY**

Maintaining transparency and ethical practices in all aspects of Changing Worlds.

### **GROWTH**

Fostering a culture where learning is cultivated, supported, and affirmed.

### **EQUITY**

Activating the voices and potential of all people in our practices and programs.

# 2019 was a Year of Immense Growth and Change!

**Programmatically**, we developed new and implemented continuing curriculum to equip young people with the tools to navigate structures of oppression and violence so prevalent in our city, in our country, and in the world.

Changing Worlds' **Peacemakers Program**, along with three other organizations, became the first youth art exhibit in the history of the Chicago Cultural Center. The exhibit was sponsored by DCASE and the City of Chicago's Year of Creative Youth. This opportunity to showcase Chicago youth voices engaging with subjects of community and peace was invaluable.

Long time teaching artist, Diana Solís developed and piloted the **Adelitas: Women and Femmes of Courage** curriculum. This new branch of the Adelitas program reaches high school students and connects them with LGBTQ+ history, resources and community leaders.

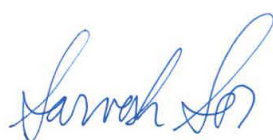
We closed out our 2019 fiscal year (September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019) by welcoming an exciting new addition to the family.

In July of 2019, **Foundations of Music** and their celebrated music programming of 30 years became a new pillar of Changing Worlds' reach. As well as programming, Changing Worlds welcomed many new staff and Teaching Artists from Foundations of Music. These individuals have worked tirelessly alongside Changing Worlds' staff to ensure a seamless transition in culture as both Foundations of Music and Changing Worlds enter a new chapter of their story.

Our work is made possible by your generosity as individual donors, members of our Board of Directors and Associate Board, foundations, volunteers, partners, and staff. Your generosity enables us to expand our mission of fostering inclusive communities of youth who continue to **Change the World**.



Alicia T Vega  
Executive Director



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Board President

# Programs

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## **In-School Program options for Grades K-12:**

The Arts, Cultural and Literacy Connections (ACL) program partners classroom teachers with teaching artists and writers to explore and collaborate on projects that address “Big Ideas” to enhance student learning in the arts and key developmental and academic priorities based in their core curriculum. The ACL program is an arts integrated program approach that focuses on grades 3rd – 12th and is designed to address the cultural history, personal identity and the current societal topics/issues relevant to their students. A final reflection or student performance/exhibition is encouraged at the end of every program.

## **General Music for Pre-K- 2nd graders:**

Working in a teacher’s classroom for up to 30 weeks, the young learners in this program learn the vocabulary of music and practice key developmental skills of listening and hand/eye coordination. Students will sing and creatively move during every session.

## **In-School Arts/Performing Arts and Cultural Connections**

This program helps to expand the breadth and depth of learning opportunities in the arts for students by presenting a hands-on exploration of an artistic discipline that is not offered at the school. Our approach is to build the skills and understanding of the art form for one or more teachers and their students. We strive to create an opportunity that can make learning in the arts more visible. Large scale programs such as murals, mosaics, sculptural installations and/or school-wide performances can be explored through this program.

## **After-School Programs options for Grades K-12:**

Arts and Cultural Connections (ACC) after-school Programs partner with K-12 grade learners in schools and community-based organizations with artists in culturally focused residencies in visual arts, digital media, dance, theater, and music. These residencies activate the stories of our participants’ lives through the exploration of identity, community and culture while being taught the essential core concepts of the fine arts.



# Neighborhoods Served

**Albany Park**

Alessandro Volta Elementary School

**Altgeld Gardens**

Aldridge Elementary School

**Archer Heights**

Curie High School

**Austin**

Spencer Elementary School

**Belmont Craigen**

Reinberg Elementary School

**Brighton Park**

Calmecca Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language

**Clearing**

John C. Dore Elementary School

**Englewood**

Montessori School of Englewood

**Evanston**

Walker Elementary School

**Hyde Park**

Chicago Park District

**Lawndale**

C. Hughes Elementary School

**Lincoln Park**

Chicago Park District

**Loop**

Chicago Cultural Center, Harris Theater, Nature

Conservancy of Illinois

**Lower West Side**

Benito Juarez High School, Jungman Elementary School,

Pilsen Academy Elementary School, Irma C. Ruiz

Elementary School, Whittier Dual Language School

**Near North Side**

George Manierre Elementary School

**Near South Side**

CPS Summer Leadership Institute at McCormick Place

**Near West Side**

Whitney Young Magnet High School, William H. Brown

Elementary School

**North Lawndale**

Charles Sumner Math & Science Community Academy,

C Hughes Elementary School

**Portage Park**

Chicago Academy High School

**Rogers Park**

Eugene Field Elementary School

**Roscoe Village**

Lane Tech College Prep High School

**Washington Heights**

CICS Longwood, CICS Loomis

Impacted **22** community neighborhoods

In **25** schools

**Impact**  
Celebrating  
Changing Worlds'  
Reach

More than **30**  
partners

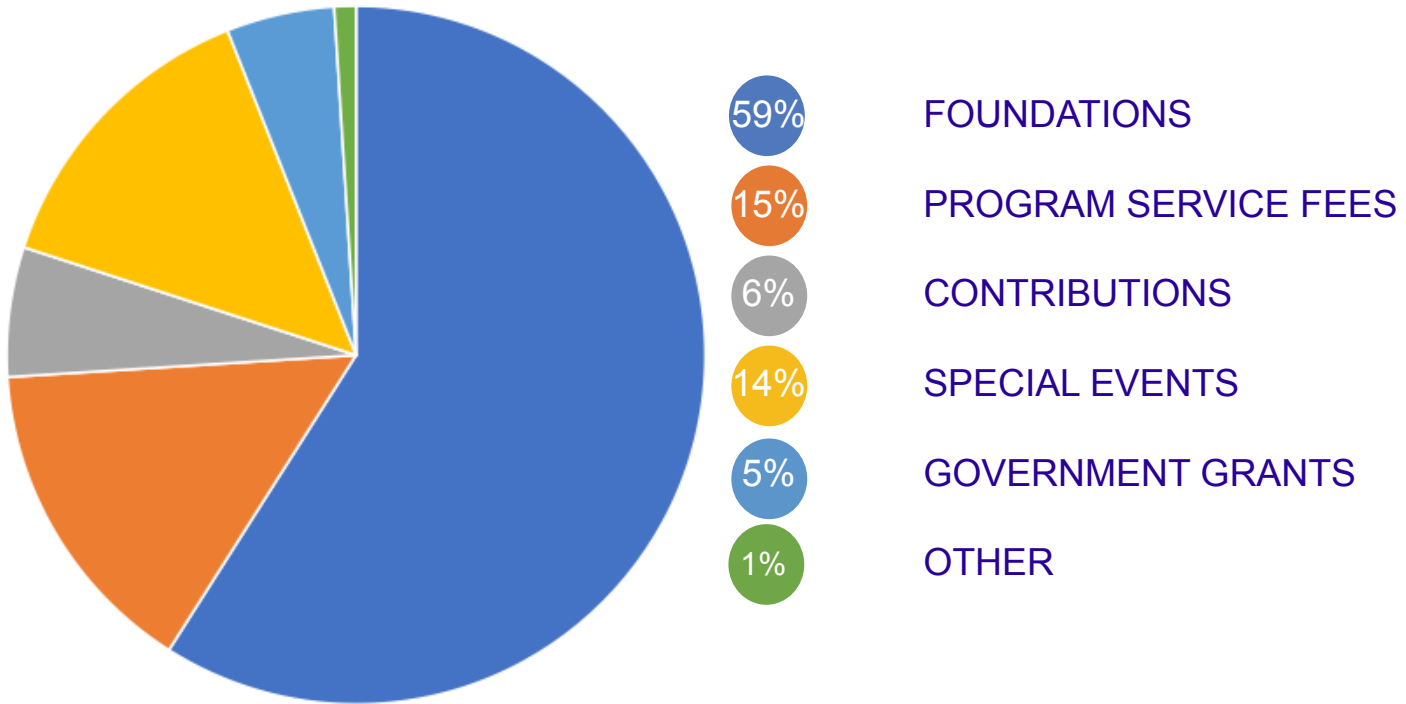
Over **80**  
residencies

Nearly  
**1,700** youth **95%** youth of color

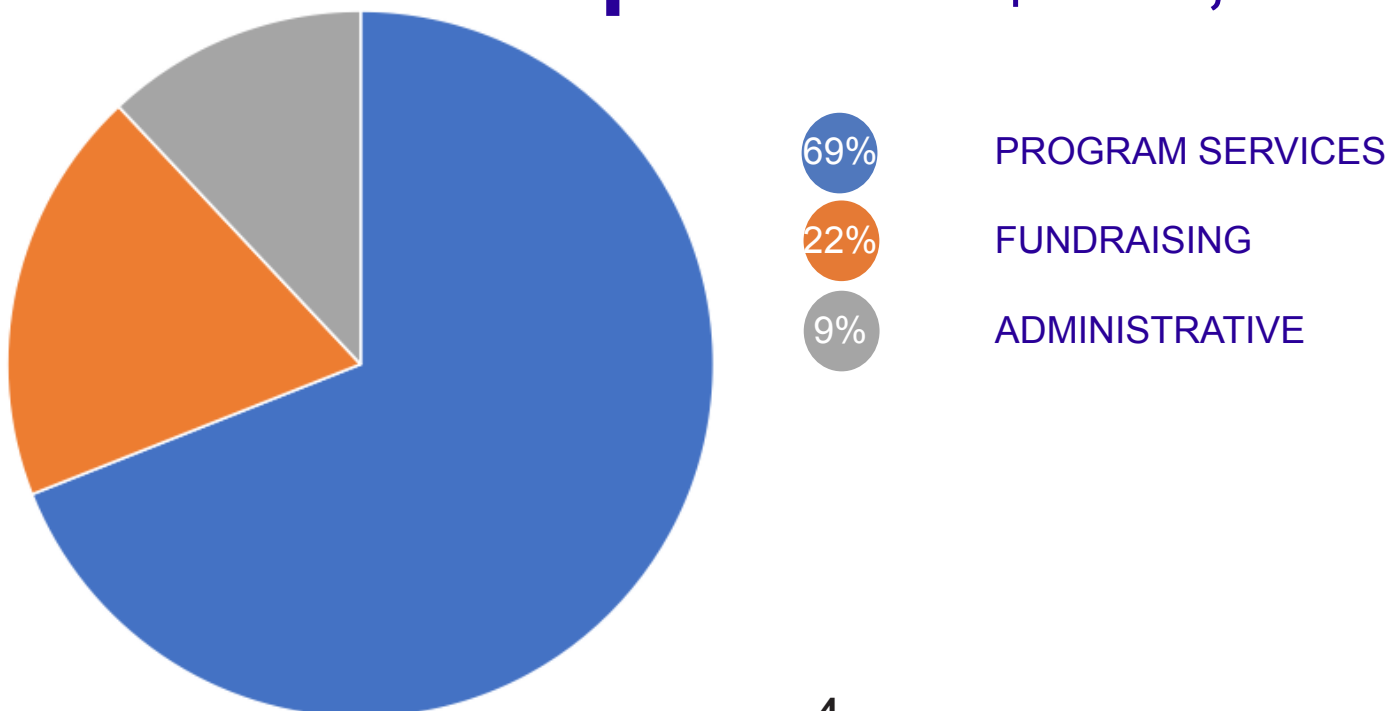
Over **13,000** community members

# FY19 Financials

**Income: \$948,033**



**Expenses: \$960,583**



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Changing Worlds prides itself on offering meaningful volunteer opportunities. Experiences range from leadership roles on our boards to working with teachers and families on arts, cultural awareness and literacy programs. Our volunteers help advance Changing Worlds' mission through one-time, short-term or long-term opportunities.

## **PLEDGE A GIFT**

A pledge of any amount can be paid over time in cash or stocks. Monthly, quarterly and other payment schedules are available.

## **TRIBUTES: HONOR OR MEMORIAL**

Honor someone, living or deceased, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other important occasion. A tribute gift is a thoughtful way to acknowledge family and friends. When you make a tribute or memorial gift, a special card can be sent to the honoree or designated family member recognizing your gift.

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