

# *Studio*4



A Creative Focus on the Abilities Through the Arts

## *2019 Annual Report*



## Transitions



## A Message from the Founder

### We did it!

WOW! Another year has gone by and our artists continue to flourish in their own personal transition and growth.

I couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments and of ours. I often look back at where we all started as individuals and as an organization and still can't believe it sometimes.

This transition hasn't always been easy. I think about the caterpillar and the journey it must make just to get to the point of making a cocoon. It's long and dangerous with many obstacles to overcome. Then there is that magical thing that happens inside the cocoon that we can't see what is going on, but it is certainly something powerful.

I see our artists doing exactly the same. Many have come from a background that has been difficult personally, socially and often with no art experience under their belts other than an art class in grade school and maybe high school, if they were lucky. They walk into the Studio and it is their cocoon where that magical thing happens for them. They emerge in a new form and are never the same again. They have become more independent, more confident, happier, and with reduced behaviors because they are being challenged mentally and their minds are activated.

I see the organization doing exactly the same. There have been the obstacles and hardships, the regulations that change constantly, the reporting requirements that can so often detract from the joy of helping others. But each time an artist has a small "ah ha" moment or has taken a teeny tiny step and accomplished even the smallest thing...all those obstacles and hardships are washed away and joy is reinstated. I cherish those everyday moments.

But together with our artists this has been an incredible journey. We have spent eleven years in this journey and made a cocoon for ourselves and NOW we have blossomed into beautiful butterflies. Artistic souls, each with their own design, voice, abilities, and personalities. And I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

Creatively yours,

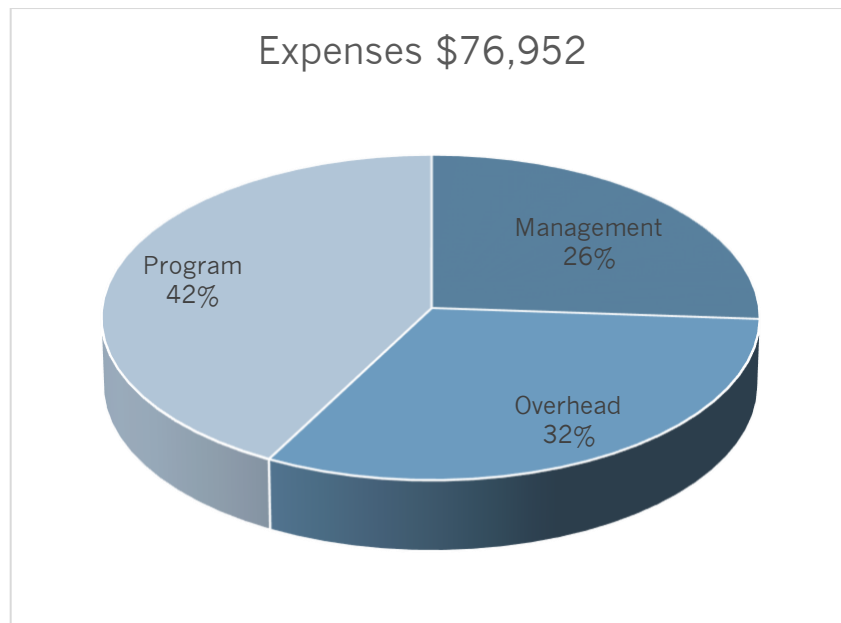
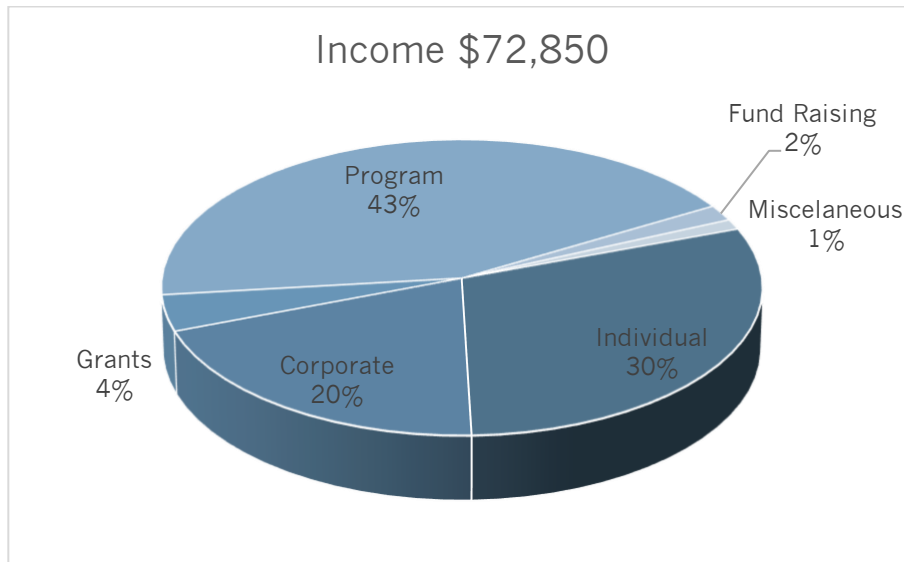
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## Financials for 2019

A brief view of our budget.





# Fun in 2019



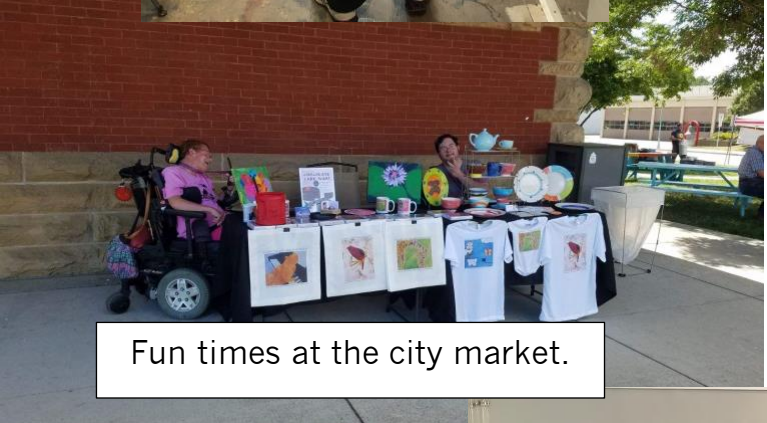
Checking out the art at Beloit Wright Museum of Art



A Butterfly has emerged!



Receiving our certificate in Dementia Friendly Training.



Fun times at the city market.



First Annual Cake War, our most delicious fundraiser yet!



4 year old kindergarteners learned about the bees



## 2019 Friends of Studio 84

### **Founders Circle**

*Frank Ludicky  
United Technology Corporation*

### **Director's Club**

*Virginia Coburn*

### **Visionaries Society**

*United Way of Jefferson & North Walworth County*

### **Cornerstone Friends**

*Coburn Company  
First Citizens State Bank  
John Wickenberg  
Judith Nowicki  
Walworth County Arts Alliance*

### **Program Partners**

*Bev & Tom Ganser  
Dan Menden  
Keefe Kares  
Kiwanis Breakfast Club  
The Nagy Family*

### **Artistic Mentors**

*Anne Engleman & Anders Yocom  
Dale Morgan  
Gwen Slocum  
John & Nancy Dynkowski  
Megan and Larry Matthews  
Terry Houdek  
Thelma Robbins*

### **Studio Friends**

*Amy Grau  
Andrea Musher  
Anthony Kokan  
Beverly & Richard Bundy  
Brian Beck  
Caprise Cooper  
Congregational Church  
Dan Sable  
David Pawl  
Dawn Hunter  
Deborah Dewey King  
Gayle Blyth  
Harrison, Williams & McDonell, LLP  
Jack Standly  
Jeanne Jonely  
Jerry & Shirley Grant  
Joan Narad  
John Koebler  
John Martin Ford  
Julie Svanoe  
Kathy Christenson  
Kelly Kasper  
Ketterhagen Motors  
Keven & Nancy Brunner  
Laura & Richard Bursh  
Linda Long  
Margaret Wheeler  
Marjorie Stoneman  
RH & SL Cutshall  
Rick Fassl  
Robert & Sharon McCullough  
Rollin Cooper  
Ron Binning  
Ruth Cleverdon & Crew  
Sharon & Duane Peterson  
Thomas & Mariel Lewy  
Vicki Selck*



## Our goals for the future

We have our wings now and they are strong. As newly transformed creative people we look forward to the year 2020 and beyond.

We see in our future:

- Continued overall improvements in our current programing.
- Growth in our Transition Program for the 18-21 year old.
- Increased sales for our artists in our Vocational Program.
- Growth in numbers in our Day Programing.
- New programing (think: Veterans Program).
- Increase in fundraising efforts with the help of many.
- Increase in staff to accommodate this growth.
- Growth in dedicated volunteers.

We couldn't have done what we have for all these years without the support of many and we hope that this trend will continue as we look with 20/20 vision to our future.

