



ANNUAL REPORT



**GATEWAY
WOODS**
Family Services

2019

CONNECT : GATEWAY WOODS



TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

Chad Kaeb, Development Director

As I reflect on this past year, I am amazed at how many awesome things God has been doing here at Gateway Woods. Since I am not much of a writer, I decided to do this in a list form touching on my Top 10 Highlights from 2019.

- 10 Gateway Farms:** From weekly stops at the farm stand, to the “Farm to Table” couples meal hosted by GW farms; It has been so great to see how God is using this experience to teach residents while connecting with our local community in a positive way.
- 9 Hog & Jog:** This community event featured a 5K run/walk and fresh pulled pork taco meal to follow. We were blessed with our largest crowd yet (over 200 runners). A special thank-you to Alan and Wendy Edelman who traveled out from central Illinois to roast the hog for us!
- 8 Reconnecting with former residents:** Our family had the opportunity to reconnect this past year with eight of our former residents. It is a highlight for me to be able to catch up with these ‘kids’ that have now grown up to young adults. Some of them are in really stable places with a testimony of faith (Praise God!) Some are struggling and reaching out for advice and help. Sharing in the joys and the struggles, gives us an opportunity to continue to reflect Christ’s love to them!
- 7 Basketball Night at the Coliseum:** A former resident (DJ) rented out the Fort Wayne Coliseum for staff and current residents to come out and enjoy an unforgettable night of basketball. This was a way that he wanted to give back to Gateway Woods, a ministry that has impacted him greatly. Over 30 people showed up for this guy’s night to experience playing basketball on the ‘hardwood.’

- 6 New Houseparent Supervisor:** Back in May, Reginald Blackmon joined the Gateway Woods management team as the new Houseparent Supervisor. Shortly after his arrival, we were blessed as a staff to hear him share his testimony of faith that included God’s redemptive work to bring from the streets of Chicago to follower of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the passion and energy he has brought to the ministry!
- 5 Influx of House Parents:** This year has brought us 3 new Houseparent couples and 2 new Assistant Houseparents. We are so thankful that God has called Clint and Sydnee Schumacher, Nathan and Michelle Braker, Quinn and Sara Feichter, Kacie Klopenstein and Sara Leman out to serve. Each of them bring unique gifts, talents and experiences that God is using to help impact the lives of the youth we work with.
- 4 Foster to Adopt:** 10 children have found new forever homes through 7 foster families that have fostered to adopt this year. This is a record high for us.
- 3 2019 Auction:** We were blessed with great weather, sweet fellowship and yet another amazing year of witnessing God’s provision.
- 2 WillowBridge Transitional Apartments open:** There has been a huge need in our community for stable housing for young people aging out of foster care and residential care. These transitional apartments offer not only stable housing but also accountability and spiritual nurturing for these youth, so they can successfully transition from dependence to independence.
- 1 Baptisms:** Witnessing 3 LARC kids share their testimony of faith and be baptized on the same day, is by far my highpoint of this past year! *“I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Jesus - Luke 15:10* ♦

OUR : MISSION



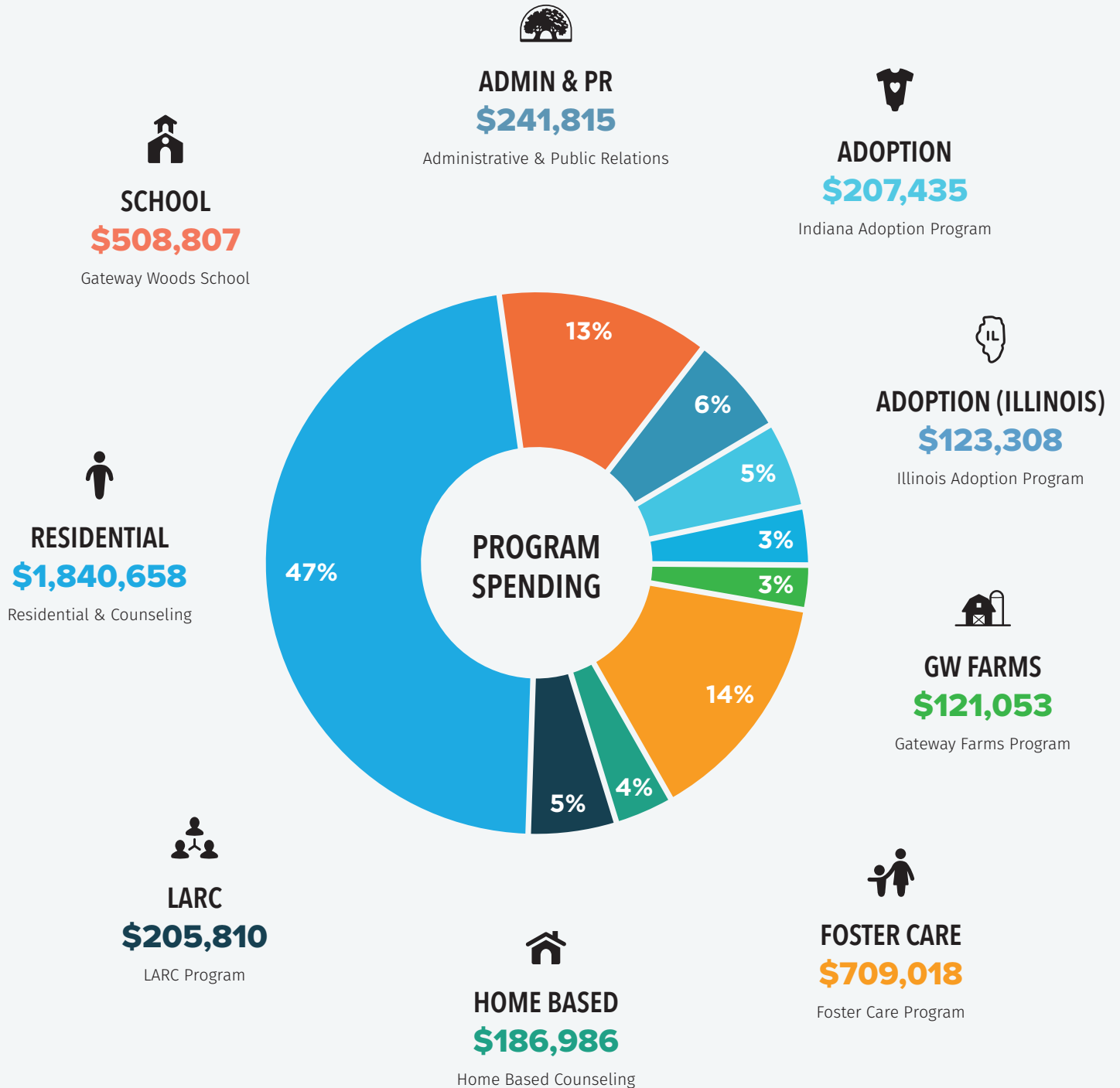
To honor and obey God by providing help and healing to troubled children and families who then may bless others.



Where the Money Goes

\$3,903,075

2018 - 2019 Program Spending



67



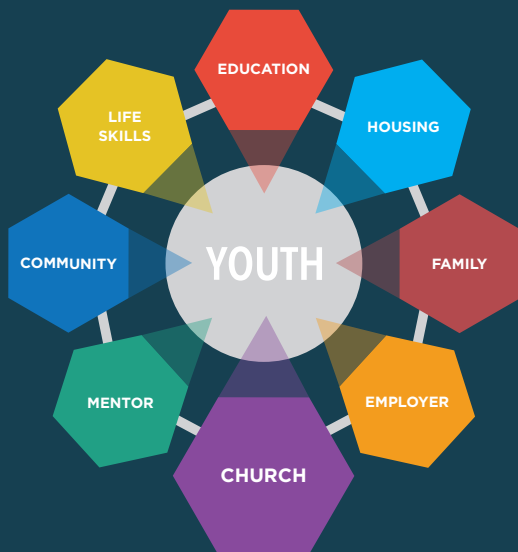
FOSTER CARE

CHILDREN SERVED

“

We want to thank you guys for always being a great support that we needed when it got tough and for being a great place to meet others that had the same calling in life. Without your care I don't believe we would have made it through this process as easily!

RUTH (Foster Parent)



Linking to
Attain
Responsibility &
Community

54

Youth Enrolled

55

Mentors

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I'm coming home to my Gateway Family! LARC and Gateway Woods are the only positive influences in my life right now, and you're the only ones I want surrounding me, during the birth of my child.

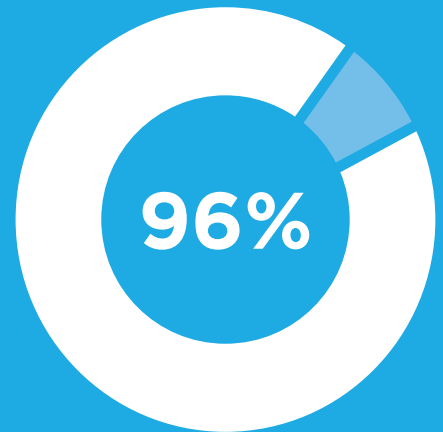
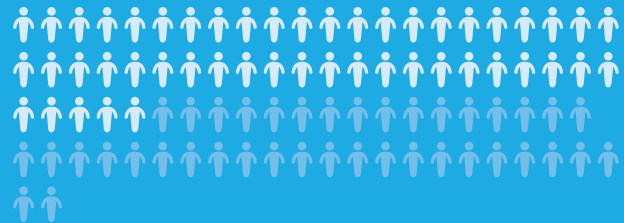
DEEDRA (LARC Client)



90

RESIDENTIAL CLIENTS

49 Residents : 41 Family Members



Residents Presented the Gospel Message

38%

PROFESSED FAITH

Residents in 2019

LIVES TOUCHED: These numbers reflect all of the lives touched including family members involved in counseling and direct care.



-FARMS-

19

RESIDENTS
EMPLOYED

“

Gateway Farms is more than a company it brings people together like a family and brings opportunities to forge new relationships.

JASON (Gateway Farms Farmer)

53



GATEWAY WOODS STUDENTS

157

Assisted Adoptions



ADOPTION (INDIANA)

103

Assisted Adoptions

AdoptionGateway.org



ADOPTION (ILLINOIS)

54

Assisted Adoptions

GatewayWoodsIL.org



WILLOW BRIDGE

AN OUTREACH OF GATEWAY WOODS

OPENED DOORS

IN EARLY NOVEMBER



2019 has been an amazing year of both growth and pruning. The church, through Gateway Woods, continues to seize opportunities to shore up the lives of youth who have no family support whatsoever, and are leaving the child welfare system. These are the modern day orphans, and the church is responding!

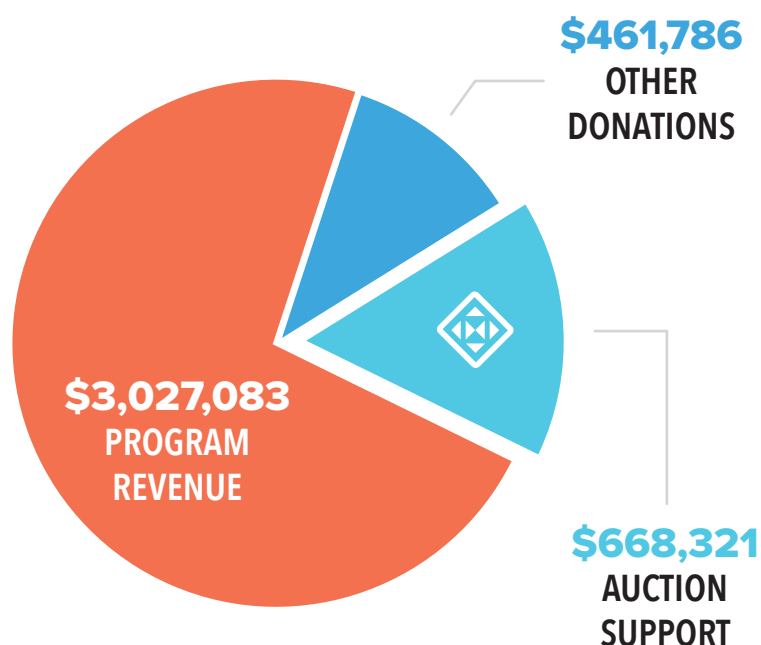
ED GRAF (Executive Director)

\$4,157,190

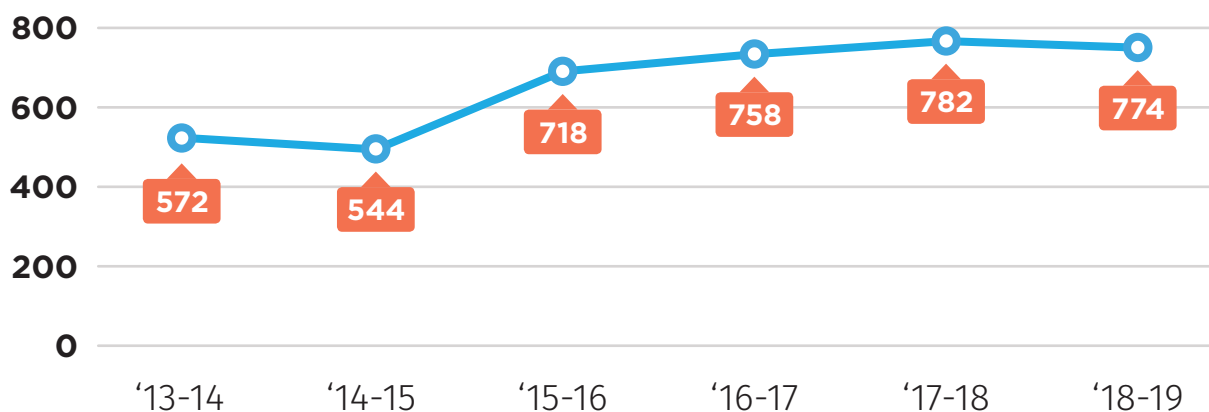
FUNDING

2018 - 2019 Audited Financials

This number represents total revenue for the fiscal year of 2018 - 2019. This encompasses, private donations, program revenue and auction support.



LIVES TOUCHED



Last 6 Fiscal Years

These numbers include family members impacted by all programs.