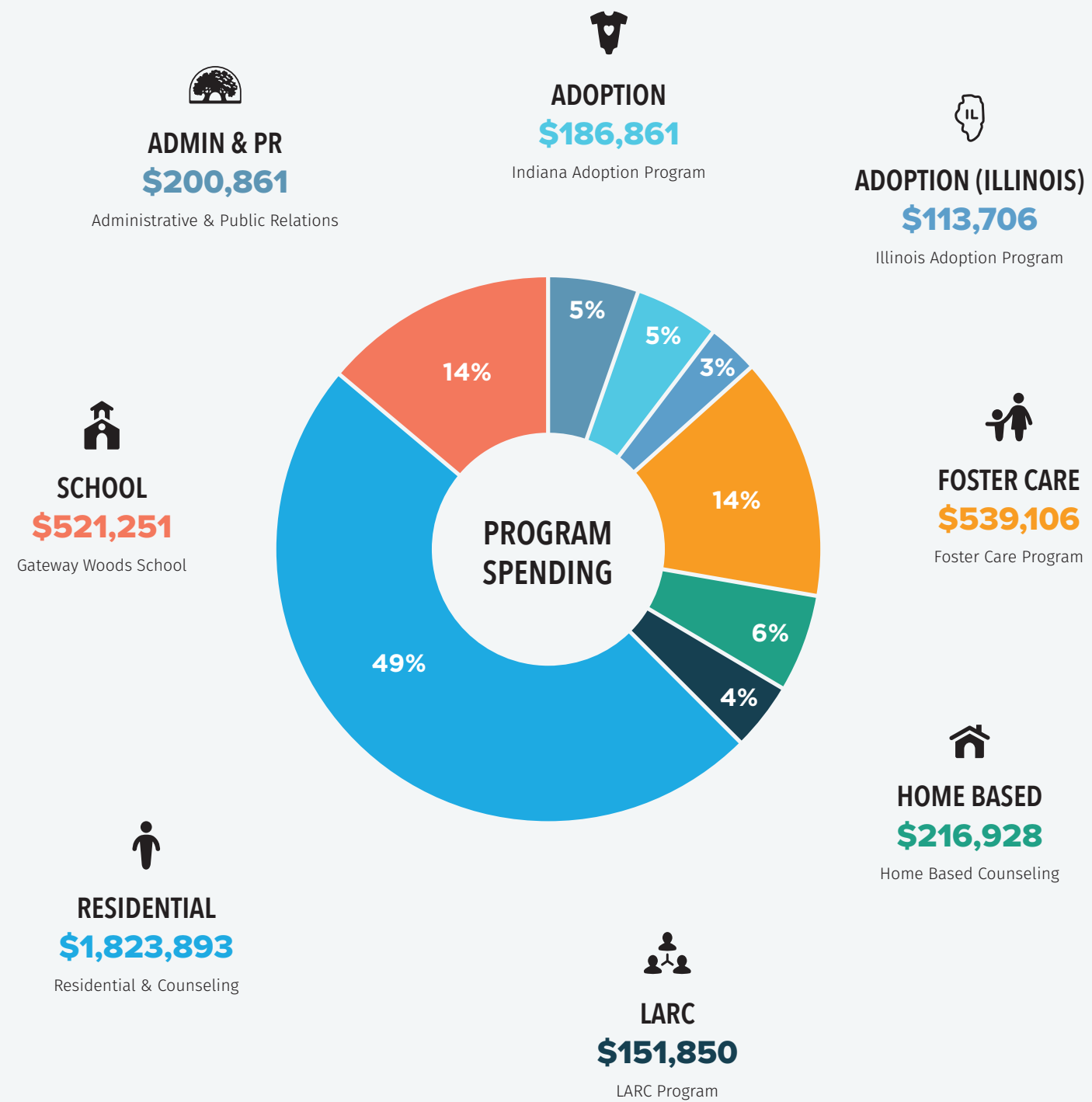


Where the Money Goes

\$3,754,456

2016 - 2017 Program Spending
This number fluctuates each fiscal year.



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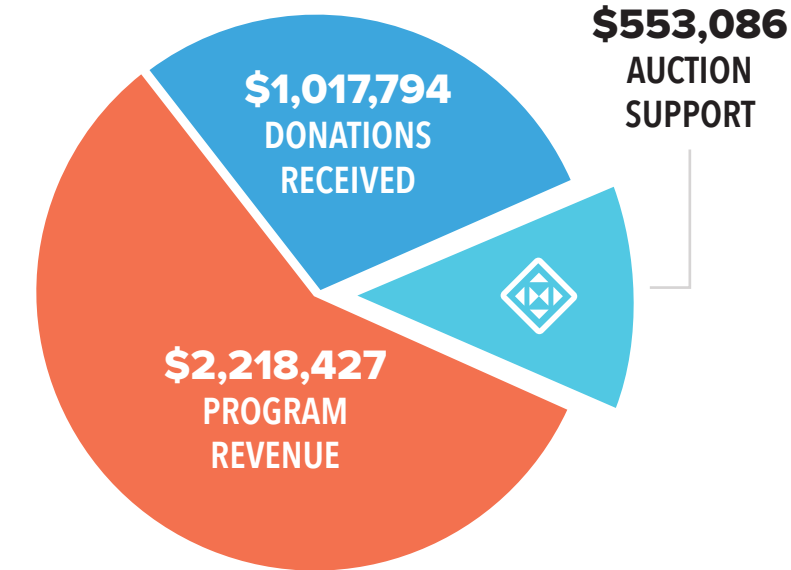
I continue to be blessed and amazed with the generosity of God’s people as they seek to fulfill the mandate for the church to “Visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction...James 1:27”

ED GRAF (Executive Director)

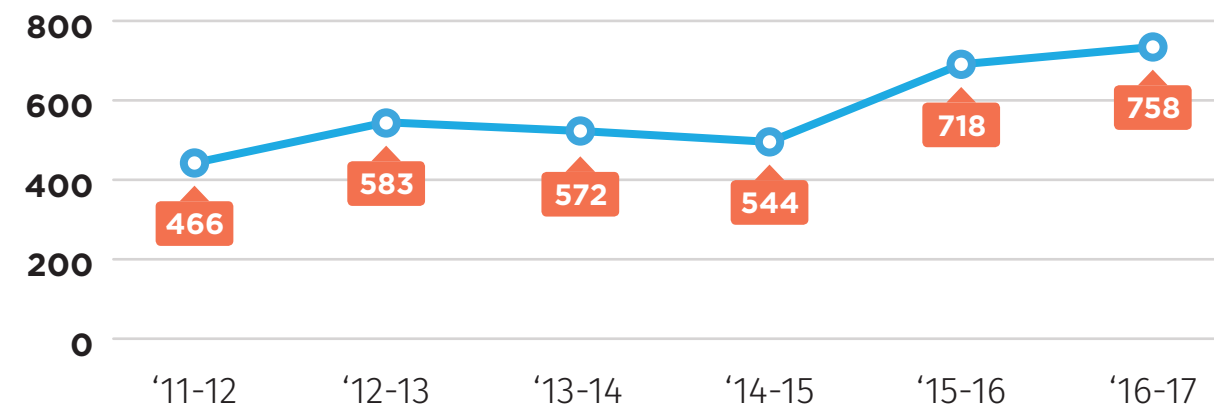
\$3,789,307

FUNDING

2016 - 2017 Audited Financials
This number represents total revenue for the fiscal year of 2016 - 2017. This encompasses, private donations, program revenue and auction support.



LIVES TOUCHED



Last 6 Fiscal Years

These numbers include family members impacted by all programs.



ANNUAL REPORT



2016:2017

CONNECT : GATEWAY WOODS



HOMELESS BUT NOT HOPELESS

Chad Kaeb, Development Director

Most of us have never experienced what it’s like to be homeless. Not knowing where we are going to stay tonight, a shelter, under a bridge, with a friend of a friend. A number of the clients we have worked with have had moments of homelessness as life has thrown them a curveball. I would like to share a story from one of our former residents and a current LARC connection:

“First I would like to start off with saying God gives his toughest battles to His toughest soldiers. He will only put you through things cause He knows you can get through them. With that being said, my life has been nothing but a constant battle.

I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1995 to my mother, Jacqueline and my biological father Johnny. Johnny didn’t want anything to do with me but God placed my stepfather, Raymond in my life when I was just months old. After a couple years, my mom and stepdad had my siblings Raven, Raymond Jr. and Master Adrian. As a child, life was difficult but my parents made sure we didn’t have to worry too much.

In 2003-2004 my family became homeless. We would stand on the river walk in New Orleans with a sign that said “homeless with 4 kids” and at the end of the day we would have enough money for food and a hotel room. One night in particular I remember being outside past curfew with

my siblings in the French Quarter and the police came and took us to the station. After that, we moved in with my older stepsister until we were able to get our own place. After finding our own place, life was okay... normal I guess you could say until August of 2005.

Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and my family was forced to leave the city. After all the chaos from the hurricane we were offered a home in South Bend, Indiana. The home was fully furnished and was loaded up with food and clothes (basically whatever we needed). Life was starting to look up again! Not too long after that we ended moving into a different house and months after, it burned down. Then we moved again. After a couple of months, we were placed in foster care due to issues with my parents.

I was first introduced to Gateway Woods when I was sent there as a teenager back in 2010. My mother Jackie passed away unexpectedly in 2012. This was a difficult time in my life adjusting to mom being gone. After graduating high school at Gateway Woods in 2013, I pursued my CNA license and moved back to South Bend. Life continued to have its challenges as my stepdad Raymond passed away this past year.

Long story short, Gateway Woods has been like family to me since I had spent time in the one of the group homes. With my parents both gone, there are people I could call there if I ever needed help or assistance with anything. Without Gateway I don't know where I would be. When I took custody of my brothers after my parents died, and even before then, Gateway Woods helped. If we were low on food, the lights got disconnected, my siblings needed anything or my son; Gateway was and I know is still always there.

They basically give me a sense of security and as long as I was doing what I was supposed to be they were more than willing to help. I'm not perfect by any means but Gateway makes me want to strive to do better. They didn't just pay for things, they sat down with me to work out a budget



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and figure out things my parents didn't get to teach me... I am forever thankful and I love Gateway Woods and everybody who works for or has worked for them!

“ They show me what GOD meant when He explains love.

JOHNESE (Former Resident)

I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to know and work with such an amazing young lady. Although she has experienced much heartache, she still pushes ahead and perseveres. She has so much potential to impact her world for good. Please pray for her and her family as they press on in life. ♦

GATEWAY WOODS 2016 : 2017 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

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

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FOSTER CARE
CHILDREN SERVED



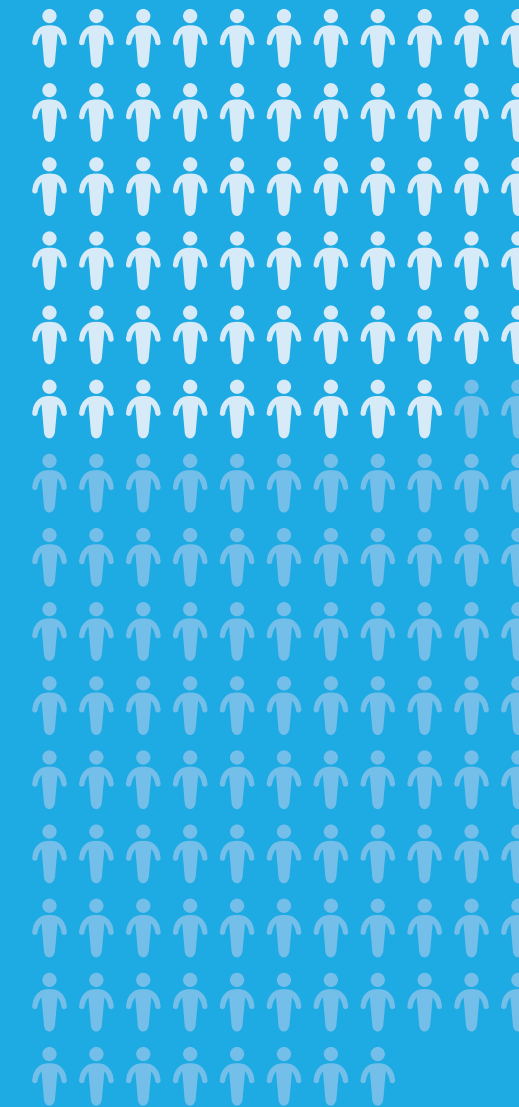
“ As foster parents, we have heard and witnessed tragic stories but have also seen the most beautiful redemptions, made possible only by God.

MATT & DAWN
(Foster Parents)

162
RESIDENTIAL CLIENTS



64 Residents : 98 Family Members



18
RESIDENTS
EMPLOYED

“ Praying our kids know their Maker more, as they meet Him in the garden.

ERIC & MARISSA BAHLER
(Houseparents)

178
HOME BASED
CLIENTS & FAMILY MEMBERS



152
Assisted Adoptions



ADOPTION (INDIANA)

115

Assisted Adoptions
AdoptionGateway.org



ADOPTION (ILLINOIS)

37

Assisted Adoptions
GatewayWoodsIL.org

30
Youth Enrolled
2016 - 2017

“ The LARC initiative opened our eyes not only to the huge need teens have for relationships, but to ways we can make an impact.

JOHN & NANCY
(Mentor Family)

64



GATEWAY WOODS STUDENTS

OUR : MISSION

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

