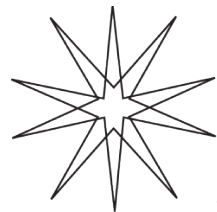




# 2018

CHICAGO LIGHTS  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



**CHICAGO  
LIGHTS**

A Community Outreach Organization  
at Fourth Presbyterian Church



**CHICAGO LIGHTS** provides hope and opportunity to our city's children, youth, and adults who face the challenges of poverty. Through supportive relationships and diverse programs, we empower people to thrive academically, secure economic stability, lead healthy lives, and build community.





2018

## DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS

In 2018, Chicago Lights walked alongside and provided meaningful opportunities to more than 4,000 children, youth, and adults as they dreamed bigger and took action to achieve their goals. Along the way, our hearts overflowed with stories of hope and gratitude—stories you’ve helped make possible.

- **Xavier**, '15 Tutoring alumnus, was paired with his tutor/mentor, Liz, when he was in third grade. Twelve years later, he's a **senior at Albion College studying public policy and plans to attend law school**. He says he “wouldn't be here without Liz's love and support.”
- After experiencing homelessness for over two years, **Billy got keys to his own place** with the help of our Stable Housing Case Manager. He says his home is “everything” to him.
- **Jurni was accepted into ChiArts High School** this past fall after working on her audition material with the Chicago Lights Dance Academy's teaching artists. As a freshman in 2018–2019, she says she loves the school, and Chicago Lights will always be her “dance home.”
- **Marlon**, who was one of our first Urban Farm Assistant Grower Interns (a program that employs young adults with barriers to employment), **currently works as a production manager** at the Stein Learning Gardens at St. Sabina, where he helps provide education and community programs for residents of the South Side Gresham neighborhood. Marlon says his internship with Chicago Lights was “preparation for a career in urban agriculture.”

We are grateful for the generosity of our many donors, volunteers, and supporters. You helped write these stories. Because of you, we look forward to sharing many more life-changing stories in the years to come.

Ken Walker  
President, Chicago Lights Board of Directors  
May 2017–May 2019

Stacy Jackson  
Executive Director, Chicago Lights



## THANK YOU!

Chicago Lights grew from the commitment of Fourth Presbyterian Church to social justice and compassionate service. In 1991 that commitment gave rise to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which in 2004 was renamed Chicago Lights and significantly expanded in order to bring together under one banner several programs that continue to brighten the lives of nearly 4,000 individuals each year.

Today Fourth Church continues to be a vital source of funding and support for Chicago Lights, including providing forty percent of our volunteers and covering a majority of our overhead costs. Because of this partnership, our team of professional staff and over 1,000 dedicated volunteers can continue to provide hope and opportunity to children, youth, and adults who need it most. Thank you to the Fourth Church community for your commitment to Chicago Lights!

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



# TUTORING



**TUTORING AND SUMMER DAY:** A SOUTH SIDE BUS ROUTE WAS ADDED, INCREASING OUR REACH TO 430 STUDENTS IN TUTORING AND 123 IN SUMMER DAY.

**93%**

OF SENIORS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL (CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IS ABOUT 76%).

**100%**

OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THEIR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AND ENGAGED IN IMPORTANT ON-THE-JOB LEARNING AND RESUME-BUILDING SKILLS.

**100%**



OF STUDENTS IN 1ST-6TH GRADES MADE IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR READING SKILLS OVER THE COURSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

**86%**



OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS APPLIED TO AND WERE ACCEPTED INTO COLLEGE.

# SUMMER DAY



123 

1ST-9TH GRADERS FOUND A SAFE PLACE TO ENGAGE IN ACADEMIC, ARTS, AND ENRICHMENT LEARNING.

66%

OF SUMMER DAY STUDENTS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE TUTORING PROGRAM, CREATING A YEAR-ROUND LEARNING OPPORTUNITY.

94%



OF STUDENTS IMPROVED OR MAINTAINED THEIR LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS.

123 

STUDENTS ENGAGED IN AN HOUR OF MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION PRACTICES AND ONE HOUR OF FITNESS AND YOGA CLASSES EACH WEEK.

96%

OF STUDENTS IMPROVED OR MAINTAINED THEIR MATH SKILLS.



100% 

OF STUDENTS IMPROVED OR MAINTAINED SKILL AND ENGAGEMENT LEVELS IN THE ARTS: PHOTOGRAPHY, VISUAL ART, DRAMA, SINGING, DANCE, AND DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION.

# DANCE ACADEMY

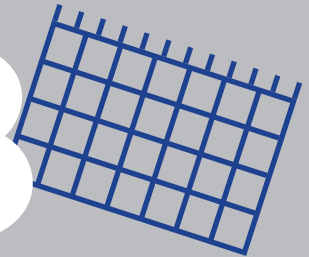


1,500



STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN FREE IN-SCHOOL DANCE CLASSES, WHICH NURTURED ENGAGEMENT IN SCHOOL, TEAM WORK, AND CULTURAL AWARENESS.

38



STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED IN THE FOUR-WEEK SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE, WHICH ENHANCED THEIR TECHNIQUE AND INCREASED SELF-ESTEEM AND STRENGTH.

30



STUDENTS LEARNED BALLET AND POINTE TECHNIQUE DURING SATURDAY CLASSES AT OUR ON-SITE DANCE STUDIO AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



# URBAN FARM



23 

YOUTH GAINED CRITICAL JOB SKILLS AND AGRICULTURAL LEARNING.

9 YOUTH COMPRISING THE NEW LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL HELPED GUIDE THE DIRECTION OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

5,100

POUNDS OF PRODUCE WERE GROWN AND DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA), FARMSTAND, AND CHURCH MARKET.

15 

CELEBRATED 15 YEARS ONSITE AT CHICAGO AVENUE AND HUDSON AVENUE SUPPORTING THE FORMER CABRINI-GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD.

# SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER



67 

GUESTS WERE ASSIGNED TO A PERMANENT CASE MANAGER, RESULTING IN 1,529 HOURS OF CASE MANAGEMENT.

EXPANDED OUR SERVICES TO PROVIDE MORE INDIVIDUAL CASE MANAGEMENT, ENRICHMENT GROUPS, HOUSING AND FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS, AND GOOD NEIGHBORS STREET OUTREACH.



184

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS WERE MET THROUGH GOOD NEIGHBORS STREET OUTREACH AND GIVEN BEVERAGES, SNACKS, HYGIENE ITEMS, CLOTHING, AND OTHER RESOURCES.

1,027

APPOINTMENTS AT THE FOOD PANTRY, WITH 32,868 POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED.



4 ADULTS GRADUATED FROM THE OPEN DOORS PROJECT, A LONG-TERM CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

# FEATURES





# A TOAST TO TUTORING

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## CO-CHAIRS KATHI BATES AND CYNTHIA JOHO

In its inaugural year, A Toast to Tutoring—a fantastic evening last fall at the chic Studio Paris—raised more than \$100,000 for Chicago Lights Tutoring. Two hundred guests enjoyed prosecco and hors d'oeuvres in a fun and sophisticated environment, and many of them came to appreciate Tutoring in a whole new way.

“The Chicago Lights board is always searching for ways to expand our base of support,” says Kathi Bates, who co-chaired the event with Cynthia Joho. “Tutoring is the flagship program of Chicago Lights and has operated for more than fifty years, yet it has limited recognition in the community beyond Fourth Church.”

“Toast to Tutoring was an effort to bring awareness of the program to new people and to help them understand the impact of their support when they sponsor a Tutoring student for a year,” Kathi adds. In addition to

making donations, several guests expressed interest in getting involved with the program as tutors themselves.

Special events such as this often come with a hefty price tag, but Toast to Tutoring received a huge boost from Lettuce Entertain You’s sponsorship, which waived venue costs, allowing more funds raised to benefit Chicago Lights Tutoring. We are grateful to event co-chair Cynthia Joho and her husband, Chef Jean Joho, for making this connection.

Thrilled by this first-time success, Bates and Joho hope to make this an annual event that changes the way Tutoring is supported. “We would love someday to underwrite the entire Tutoring program by having a Champion sponsor for each student,” Bates says.



# TALEN FAMILY

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## CHICAGO LIGHTS YOUTH CHOIR

“My mother, Emma Ruth Kuipers Talen, sang her way through life,” says her eldest daughter, Mary Talen. “Music has been at the heart of our family—lessons, singing, and playing together bonded us.”

When Emma Talen passed away in 2018, her family wanted to honor her by sharing this gift of music with others. Many of the Talens are Fourth Presbyterian Church members and were aware of Chicago Lights’ investment in the arts. They thought a choral program would be a fantastic complement to arts programming already offered through Summer Day and the Dance Academy, so they made a generous donation to support the creation of the Chicago Lights Youth Choir.

Comprised of students from Chicago Lights Tutoring, the choir will give participants an opportunity to connect and grow and work together as they learn to create something beautiful. “Music is a lifelong gift

that enriches individuals and uses skills from science to sociology,” says Mary Talen. “It brings joy, fosters teamwork, teaches math, inspires creativity, builds brains, and creates communities. What is there not to love about this?”

We love all of it and are proud to report that a director has been hired and the choir has begun practicing for performances in 2019. Deeply appreciative of the Talens’ gift, we join them in anticipating great things ahead.

“We want this experience to teach children the value not only of the performance but the process of learning,” says Mary Talen. “We hope they experience the benefits that come from practice, focus, and commitment. And we anticipate that audiences will be moved to continue to support and encourage [the work of Chicago Lights and] the development of children through the arts and music.”



# DELTA AIR LINES

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## CHICAGO LIGHTS GALA OF HOPE OFFICIAL AIRLINE SPONSOR

Part of what makes Chicago Lights' annual Gala of Hope such a fun evening and fantastic fundraising event is the array of travel prizes up for auction. Many of these coveted excursion packages are made possible through the long-time support and partnership of Delta Air Lines, and more recently, Delta Vacations.

"At Delta Vacations, we believe giving back is a powerful tool and are proud of our long-standing history of supporting customers and communities through nonprofit support," says Renee Mathewson, head of corporate communications.

"Delta Air Lines' core values reflect that people make the difference, and we recognize that Chicago Lights has a sincere commitment in their mission to effect positive changes in people's lives," adds Laurel Franczyk, a Delta sales account executive.

Chicago Lights is very grateful for like-minded partners and the many ways their gifts make our work possible. Laurel says her favorite returns on Delta investments are the "impact the programs have on individual lives that empowers people to thrive. The [Tutoring] program can be a life-changing relationship and becomes a rewarding experience for both individuals involved."

She also cites positive changes in the lives of Social Service Center guests, the poise and confidence exhibited by Dance Academy performers, and the value of the Urban Farm to its community as reasons Delta is proud to "support the mission of the Chicago Lights programs and help it thrive in the community." She says that it's "important to Delta Air Lines employees to show support by investing in the communities where we live, work, and serve."

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“The Urban Farm  
is a part of the  
community and for  
the community—  
a good place for  
people to connect.  
I have a passion for  
food and farming,  
and the internship  
at the Urban Farm  
helped me pursue a  
career in both.”

MARLON  
'16 Assistant Grower Intern  
Chicago Lights Urban Farm



# FINANCIALS

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## REVENUE

Individual Contributions	\$1,066,965	41%
Foundations/Corporations	\$599,957	23%
Program Receipts	\$884,656	34%
Draw from Invested Funds	\$44,506	2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,596,084</b>	

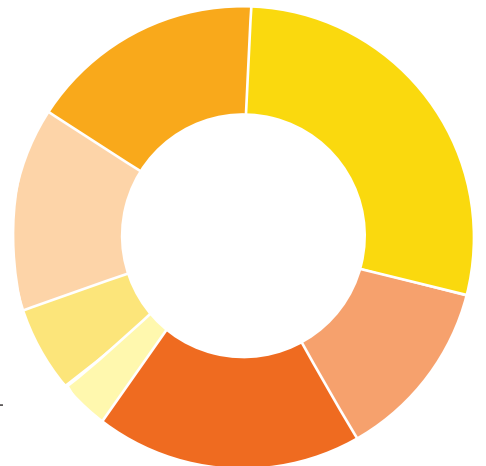


## DISBURSEMENTS

Tutoring	\$633,582	24%
Management and General	\$328,338	12%
Elam Davies Social Service Center	\$350,573	14%
Urban Farm	\$365,415	14%
Fundraising	\$487,814	19%
Dance Academy	\$253,722	10%
Summer Day	\$176,346	7%

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**Total:** \$2,595,790  
**Net Surplus / (Deficit)** \$294



Source: the Chicago Lights 2018 unaudited financial statement.  
 An audited statement is available after June 30, 2019.

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## THANK YOU!

Chicago Lights is grateful for each and every supporter who made a donation in 2018.

With your generosity, our programs continue to provide hope and opportunity to children, youth, and adults facing the challenges of poverty.

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