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JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

OUR VISION

Thriving Communities, Strengthened by Diversity

OUR MISSION

JVS engages, encourages and empowers people to achieve social, cultural and economic integration.

OUR VALUES

JVS believes all people have intrinsic worth and dignity, and all people can flourish with support.

In 2018, our comprehensive array of services reached more than 7,800 individuals.

We helped 266 individuals obtain employment.

We helped 161 refugees make America their new home.

We helped over 1,060 individuals remove barriers to self-sufficiency.

a year's overview

AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

Re-imagining Our Future

Over the past year, JVS has reflected on our core competencies, our values and the needs of the Greater Kansas City Community. We reaffirm our commitment to our current work and pledge to expand our services to make a greater impact on vulnerable communities in Kansas City. Our new vision statement, 'Thriving Communities, Strengthened by Diversity' encapsulates our dedication to positively impacting our whole community.

Community Connections

JVS reached over 4,000 people through outreach and education.

- 350 volunteers donated more than 3,800 hours to the agency, and 208 families donated furniture, clothing and household items.
- JVS hosted 4 events to celebrate Welcoming Week, which engaged over 800 individuals. Events brought together immigrants, refugees and native born residents to raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone.
- Global Table, our signature fundraising event, had over 300 attendees and raised over \$110,000, a 17% increase over the previous year.
- The Young Professionals Board held 6 events that attracted 226 people and raised \$2,556.
- JVS staff of experts presented over 95 times, educating more than 2,600 people on topics related to Workforce Development, Community Integration and Health and Wellness services.

Program Expansion

JVS launched new programs to provide even more support to the communities we serve.

- JVS was honored to be in the first cohort of grantees to receive funding from the Jackson County Community Children's Service Fund, which allowed JVS to hire 3 new staff focused on providing therapy and school based services for refugee youth.
- JVS began working with families who were separated at the border. Through our partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, we are now able to provide support and resources to reunited families living in the KC Metro Area.
- JVS has expanded our partnerships with local employers to double the number of youth served in our Vocational Rehabilitation Summer Work Experience program that provides soft skills and exploratory work experience.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



/ CAREER SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS

enrolled 193 members of the Jewish and general communities, helping 63 individuals obtain employment.

/ DISABILITY NAVIGATORS

assisted 942 individuals with disabilities to access services at the Missouri Career Center.

/ EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (MO)

served 126 individuals with disabilities, helping 54 individuals obtain employment with an average wage per hour of \$11.71. Provided 19 students the opportunity to develop hand on skills through 6-week training program.

/ END DEPENDENCE KS

assisted 21 individuals with disabilities with job exploration and developed relationships with over 30 employers.

/ REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

served 258 refugees, helping 129 individuals obtain employment with over 45 different employers at an average wage per hour of \$10.45, and provided case management to 464 refugees to help remove barriers to employment.

We encourage prosperity and economic stability through education, employment and entrepreneurship. JVS offers comprehensive employment services that help people assess their skills and interests, remove barriers, refine job search skills and match with the right job options. These services are tailored to apply to a diverse range of job seekers. Following job placement, we work with clients and their employers to ensure a positive, long-term employment relationship.



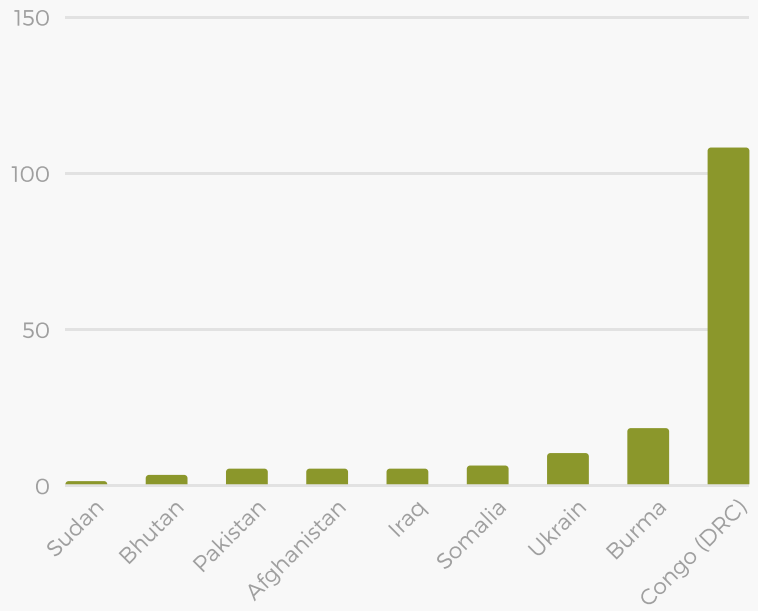
COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

We empower all people to contribute to their community, and encourage community accessibility and inclusivity. Our services help refugees, immigrants and their families become thriving members of their new communities.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

The refugee resettlement program assists refugees with basic needs such as housing, clothing and transportation upon arrival in Kansas City. JVS provides a wide variety of social services for refugees including health care access and benefits enrollment.

- Resettled 161 refugees from 9 different countries; 48% of newly resettled refugees were under the age of 18.
- 150 refugee students received education orientation, school advocacy, intensive case management for health care needs and/or enrollment in after school programs.



IMMIGRATION COUNSELING

Department of Justice certified staff assists individuals and families wishing to change their immigration status or that of a family member.

- Served 877 clients.
- Completed 578 applications for individuals wishing to adjust their status and petition for family reunification.
- Aided 52 individuals in the process of becoming U.S. citizens.
- Completed fingerprints for 395 family sponsors of unaccompanied alien children.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SERVICES

TOP LANGUAGE REQUESTS

1. SOMALI
2. BURMESE
3. SWAHILI
4. ARABIC
5. SPANISH

Provides Bridging the Gap training for interpreters in the health care and social services arena and provides skilled interpreters in 35 languages to schools, social service agencies, hospitals and legal services, at a nonprofit rate. The program also offers cultural competency training for organizations employing or serving a diverse population.

- Facilitated 4,150 interpreting and translating encounters in more than 35 different languages.
- Trained 125 interpreters in Bridging the Gap 40-hour interpreter training course, Domestic Violence, Municipal Court and Interpreting Basics.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES

We engage individuals in activities that promote healthy bodies, minds and relationships. JVS helps people navigate complex physical and mental health systems and provides direct therapy services.



REFUGEE MEDICAL SERVICES

- Trained 190 refugees on topics related to health literacy and access to health care in America.
- Provided 125 refugees with intensive case management services to address serious or chronic medical conditions.

REFUGEE FAMILY STRENGTHENING

- Provided case management and/or relationship enhancement classes to 248 individuals.
- JVS enrollments were 45% higher than the national average.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Provides at-risk adults and youth with advocacy, community resource referral, and individual and group therapy. Additionally, Social Work offers training, education and advocacy to other service providers working with refugee and limited English proficient clients.

- Served 598 individuals, from 14 different countries.
- 90% of clients 18 years or older improved mental health based on pre and post assessments.
- Refugee Youth Program enrolled 63 individuals age 11-19 in therapy and case management services.
- Global Gardens served 26 growers who harvested 6,096 pounds of produce and spent a total of 4,500 hours in the garden.
- Choice Neighborhoods Project, in partnership with the Housing Authority, served 142 individuals with case management and relocation services.

FISCAL YEAR 2018

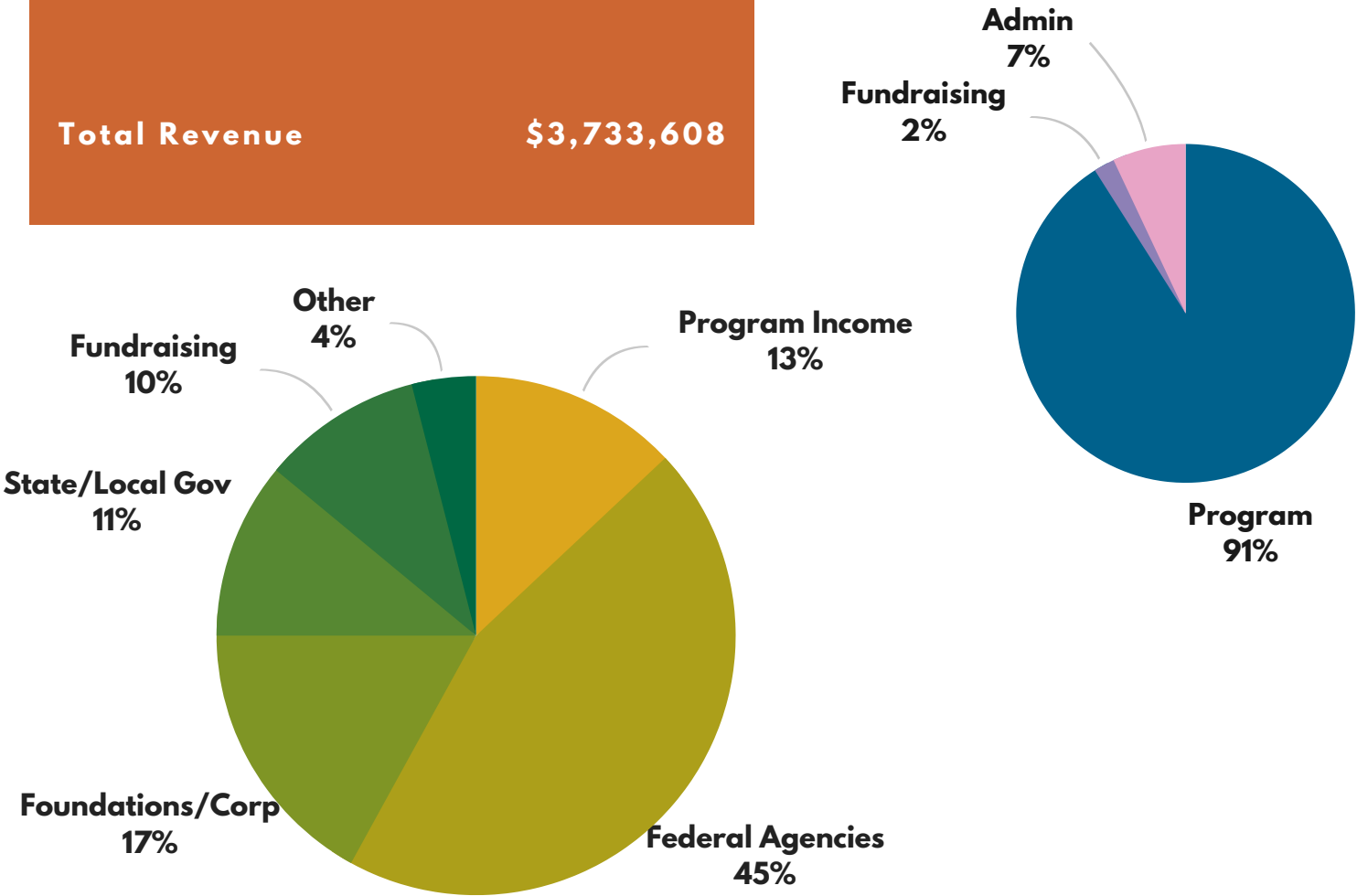
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REVENUE

Program Income	\$489,930
Federal Agencies	\$1,692,527
Foundation/Corporation	\$614,508
State/Local	\$420,848
Fundraising	\$353,800
Other	\$161,995
Total Revenue	\$3,733,608

EXPENSES

Administrative	\$239,418
Program	\$3,322,634
Fundraising	\$80,721
Total Expenses	\$3,642,773



JVS THANKS OUR SUPPORTERS

GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

Bi-Lingual Intl Assistance Service
Community Mental Health Fund
Full Employment Council
International Institute of Saint Louis

Jackson County Children's Service Fund
KS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
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