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**Building better neighborhoods.
One person, one family at a time.**



GODMAN GUILD ASSOCIATION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

About Godman Guild

OUR MISSION: To promote strong families and strong communities in Columbus, Ohio.

OUR BELIEF: To positively impact our community, we must create access and opportunities that drive the growth and future of its people. A community is only as strong as its people. We believe that everyone who is willing and ready to build a better life should have access — access to the opportunities that will help them develop their talent, reach their potential and build ongoing sustainable value for themselves, their family and their community.

OUR PURPOSE: To inspire and propel those ready to create a better life. We exist to inspire and engage all members of the community in a partnership that provides the opportunity for growth and success no matter what their current situation.

OUR RESULT: Strong Families and Strong Communities Our efforts will result in stable, financially sound families which, in turn, will lead to a thriving community built from within by its existing and future citizens.

Please visit our website at
www.godmanguild.org
to learn more.



My professional and life goal is to inspire in others the belief in the unlimited potential of the human spirit to achieve the greatest good.

—Ellen L. Moss, President & CEO



To our community stakeholders:

On behalf of the Godman Guild Association Board of Trustees and staff, thank you for taking the time to review our 2017 Annual Report. Its contents are a reflection of our 119 year commitment to Columbus, Ohio and those we serve.

Godman Guild is a helping hand to many individuals across Central Ohio who are seeking to transform their lives and stabilize their families. Our Adult Education and Employment departments provide vital supports for participants as they build critical employment skills and eliminate barriers, which have previously prevented them from earning of a living wage.

Our A.C.E.S. after school program, Summer Youth Empowerment Program, and re-launched Teen Education and Employment Network (T.E.E.N.), are helping to develop our workforce of tomorrow. Our programming is designed to promote success for K-12 students by increasing their chances of on-time graduation, while developing a plan for their future. These programs focus on exposing youth to the world of S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and the job requirements and career opportunities in S.T.E.M. related industries.

Throughout 2017 Godman Guild has continued growing with the purpose of helping individuals and families gain social and economic mobility. We are proud to provide learning opportunities not only in Weinland Park, but across Central Ohio at our 7 satellite locations. As we celebrate this success and growth, we know it would not be possible without the support of the business community, local and state government, private foundations and the many partners, individual stakeholders and donors who share our vision for this place we call home. We look forward to many more years of promoting strong families and strong communities in Central Ohio.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen".



Success Stories

“ I’m from Thailand originally, and just moved and obtained my permanent Visa several months ago.

I came here to join my husband, who has been here for ten years. When I arrived, my husband told me that he would just take care of me since he has been here longer, but I wanted independence. Life is unpredictable, and in a relationship each person needs to cultivate their own skills. We researched E.S.O.L. programs together and came across Godman Guild. When we looked it up on a map, my husband and I both thought that the area seemed safe, and he encouraged me to check it out.

I felt right at home in my **E.S.O.L classes** and enjoyed that many of my classmates were much like me—new to this country and eager to learn. I also found the instructors to be

kind and helpful. I liked the environment so much that I wanted to volunteer at Godman Guild, and reached out to Lauren (the Guild’s social worker) to see what opportunities I might have to work with other adults. My background in Thailand was in social work, and I had experience as a teaching assistant, so I thought that I wanted a career or volunteer experience in those areas. However, Nina (my instructor) pointed out to me that a human’s early years (from birth to age three) are often the most formative, and suggested I look into Godman Guild’s childcare career training program. At first, I worried about fitting in within my new classmates (who were very different than me), but soon enough we all became a community. We encourage and support each other. I just want to say thank you to Godman Guild for helping me to change my life. ”



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“ My name is Gregory and I am a resident of Weinland Park.

As someone who has multiple barriers to employment- my age, criminal record and medical history—I enrolled in Godman Guild’s **Pathways to Work** program because they offered to help me overcome these obstacles. The program taught me that if you are willing to help yourself there are people who will help you achieve.

Pathways to Work helped me not only develop the skills I needed for a job, but also the social skills I needed to keep and grow in that job. Because of Godman Guild’s staff, who go to any lengths to help with the smallest of needs, I now have a job working at Donatos. Pathways to Work gave me the specific skills I need to work on the Donatos take home preparation line. Thank you to everyone with Pathways to Work and Godman Guild for helping me get on my feet and start providing for myself. ”



Gregory

Success Stories



Ashanasti

“ My name is Ashanasti, and Godman Guild has impacted my life in ways that I could have never expected.

I started Godman Guild programming as a student at Weinland Park Elementary School. In the beginning I was a camper in the **Summer Youth Empowerment Program (S.Y.E.P.)** I loved S.Y.E.P. and it was something I looked forward to every summer. I continued attending throughout middle school. Thanks to Godman Guild and S.Y.E.P. I was able to experience so many firsts in my life. I took my first hike in the woods at Camp Mary Orton and I also applied for (and was hired for) my first job. This summer, I had the opportunity to work as a Counselor-In-Training for S.Y.E.P.

This school year, I am participating in **T.E.E.N. Program**. I serve as a Homework Helper and Peer Mentor in T.E.E.N. This program is so important to me. I have time to do my homework in a safe and supportive space, while also participating in a variety of activities with my peers. T.E.E.N. gives me stability as well as a community, and I am grateful to Godman Guild for giving me this opportunity. ”



About Godman Guild's Summer Youth Empowerment Program (SYEP)

Godman Guild's Summer Youth Empowerment Program (SYEP) gives children the opportunity to experience the summer every child deserves. By providing an academic bridge, healthy meals, and an active schedule for kids 5-13, we ensure a summer of learning and personal growth for over 150 under-resourced Columbus Youth.



SYEP FACTS

- Last year, SYEP employed 20 former campers as Junior Counselors or Counselors in Training.
- Academic engagement helps prevent summer learning loss. Children without summer engagement can lose up to 3 months' of learning from the previous school year.
- SYEP provides STREAM-based learning. Campers are engaged in science, technology, reading, engineering, the arts, and math.
- Campers receive swim lessons daily. Last year, 51% of campers passed their deep-end swimming certification. 100% of campers showed improvements in swimming ability.
- SYEP campers receive breakfast, lunch, and a healthy snack, every day.



 **89%**
of campers attended the eight-week camp daily

 **100%**
of families qualified for financial assistance

 **66%**
of campers live in the 43201 zip code



After School Program through Community Leaders, Educators, and Students (A.C.E.S.)

With two locations, Weinland Park Elementary School and the Graham Expeditionary Middle School, students in kindergarten through fifth grades receive tutoring and access to character-building activities. Both schools note higher test scores and reduced behavioral problems among student participants.

Pathways to Work

The Godman Guild's transitional jobs program places hard-working people facing barriers into entry-level positions with local employers with the goal of having them secure permanent employment. With the help of coaches, participants interview and are hired for a 60-day trial period where they train on the job before both employer and employee decide if it's a good fit. Employers using the program include the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Hot Chicken Takeover, and Oakwood Management.

Adult Education

Provides GED, Basic Literacy, College Preparation, and ESOL classes that enable adults throughout Franklin County to improve their basic literacy skills, obtain a GED, meet college entrance requirements, and transition into employment and/or post-secondary education.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

At the Godman Guild is a unique partnership with OSU Extension, OSU Fisher College of Business and the Franklin County EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) Coalition that provides low-income taxpayers no-cost tax preparation and financial management resources and returns nearly \$500,000 to the community annually.

KEYS Summer Employment

The KEYS program exposes youth 14-24 years old to real work experiences through paid internships. For 6-10 weeks, the youth receive training and are placed with local businesses to learn about punctuality, professionalism and teamwork. They receive paychecks and feedback from Godman Guild job coaches. Participants 18-24 receive intensive case management with the intention of securing full-time employment after completing their internships.

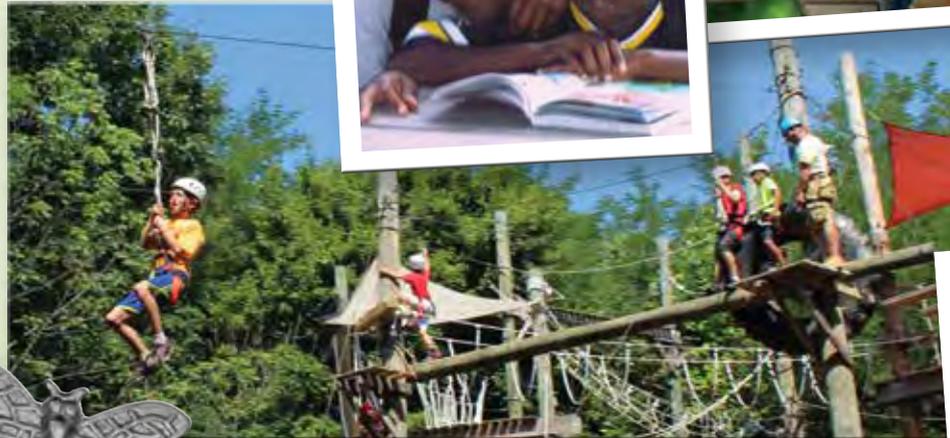
Wee PLAY

WeePLAY (Positive Learning Alternatives for Youth) enables adults to earn a high school equivalency and liveable wage employment by providing safe, educational babysitting while parents are engaged in adult education and post-secondary preparation classes. This no-cost service is provided as a critical support for parents who are unable to afford childcare while they are pursuing their education.



CAMP MARY ORTON

ADVENTURE ACADEMY



DISCOVERY DAY CAMP

"My kids love the Camps and want to go back again and again and again!"
- 2017 parent



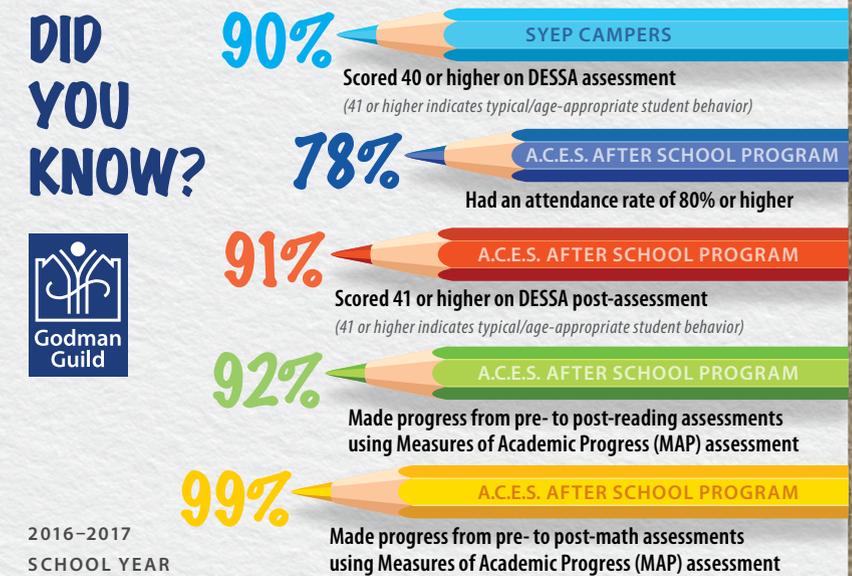
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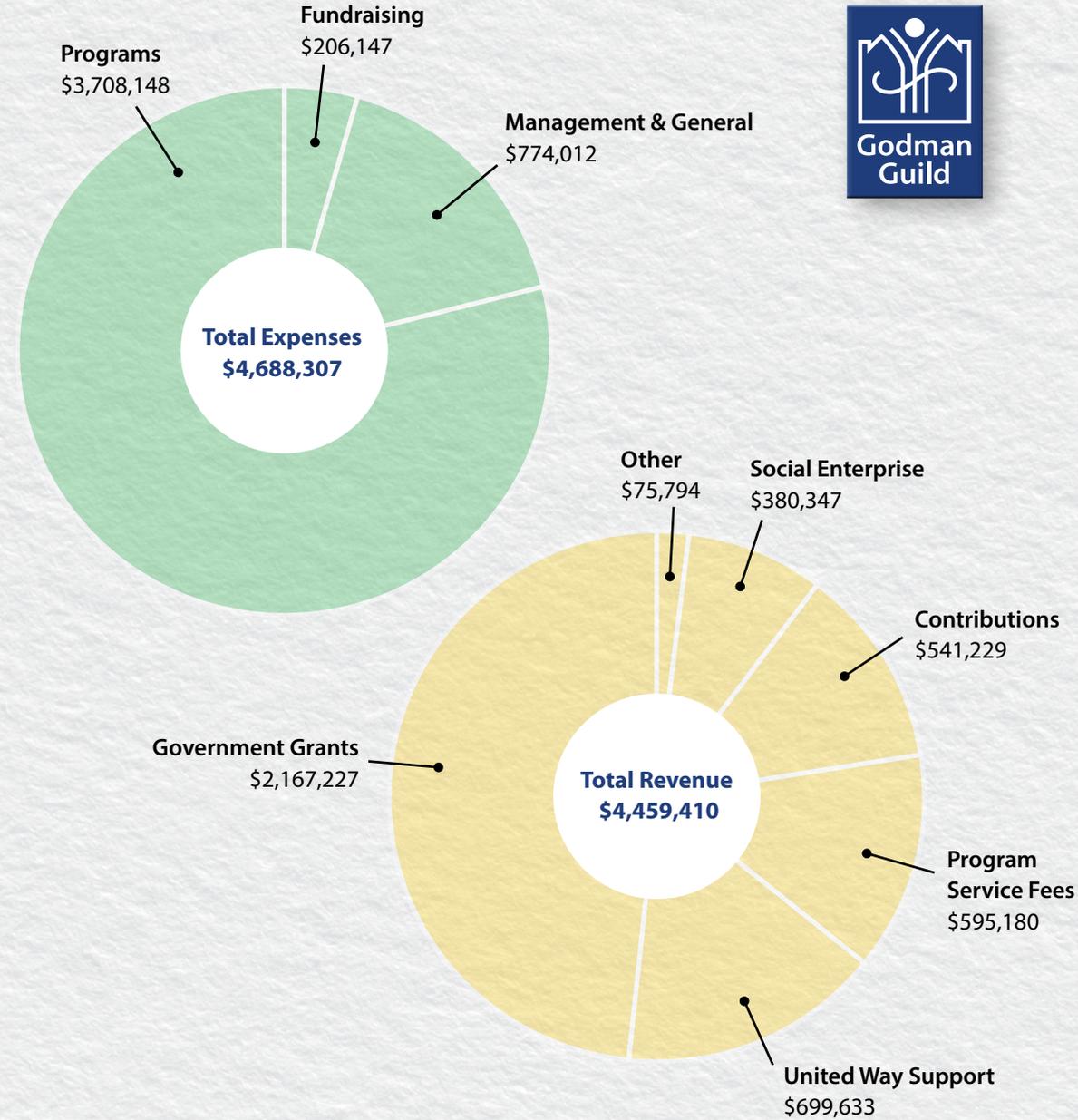
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2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

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