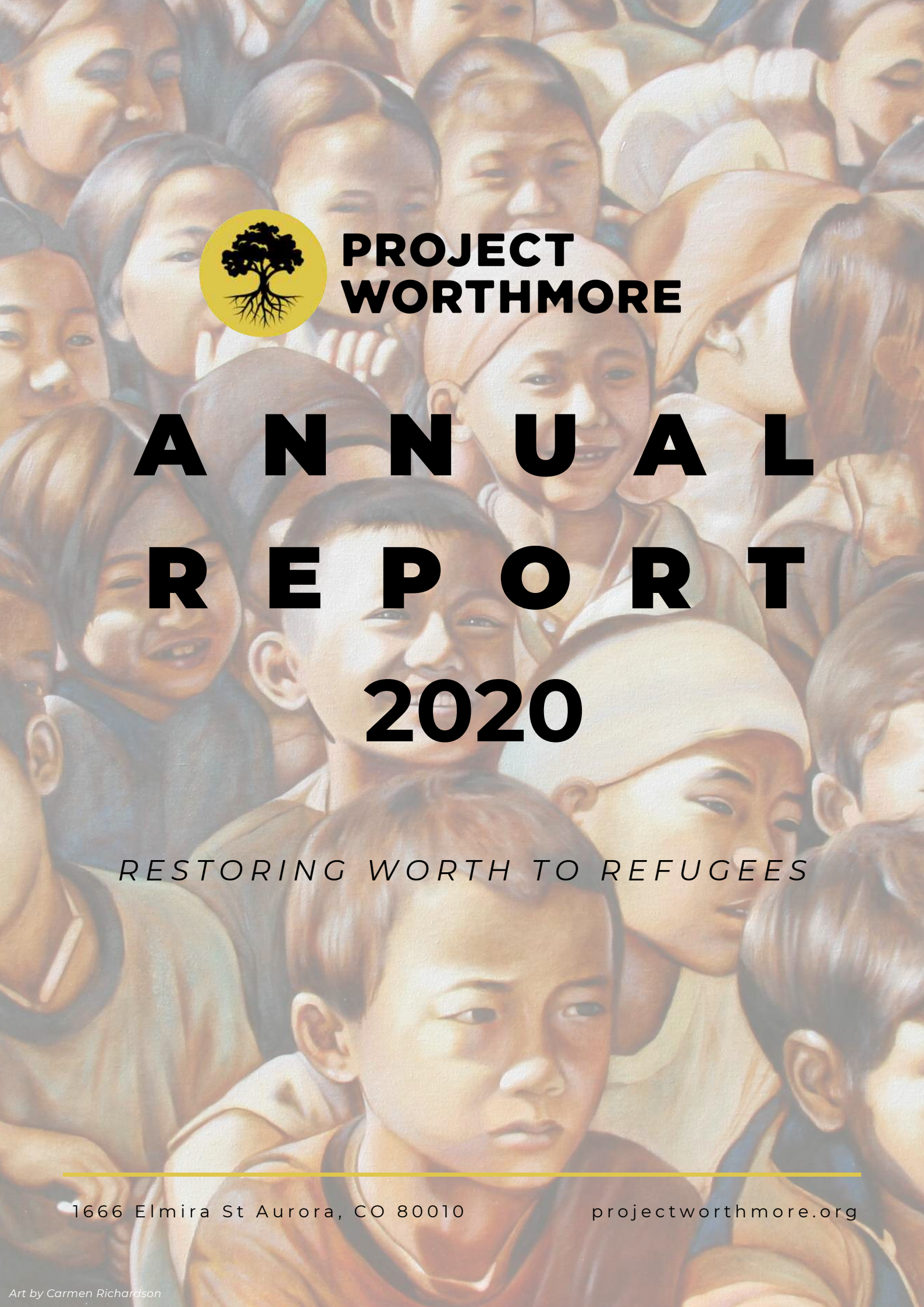

PROJECT WORTHMORE

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

RESTORING WORTH TO REFUGEES

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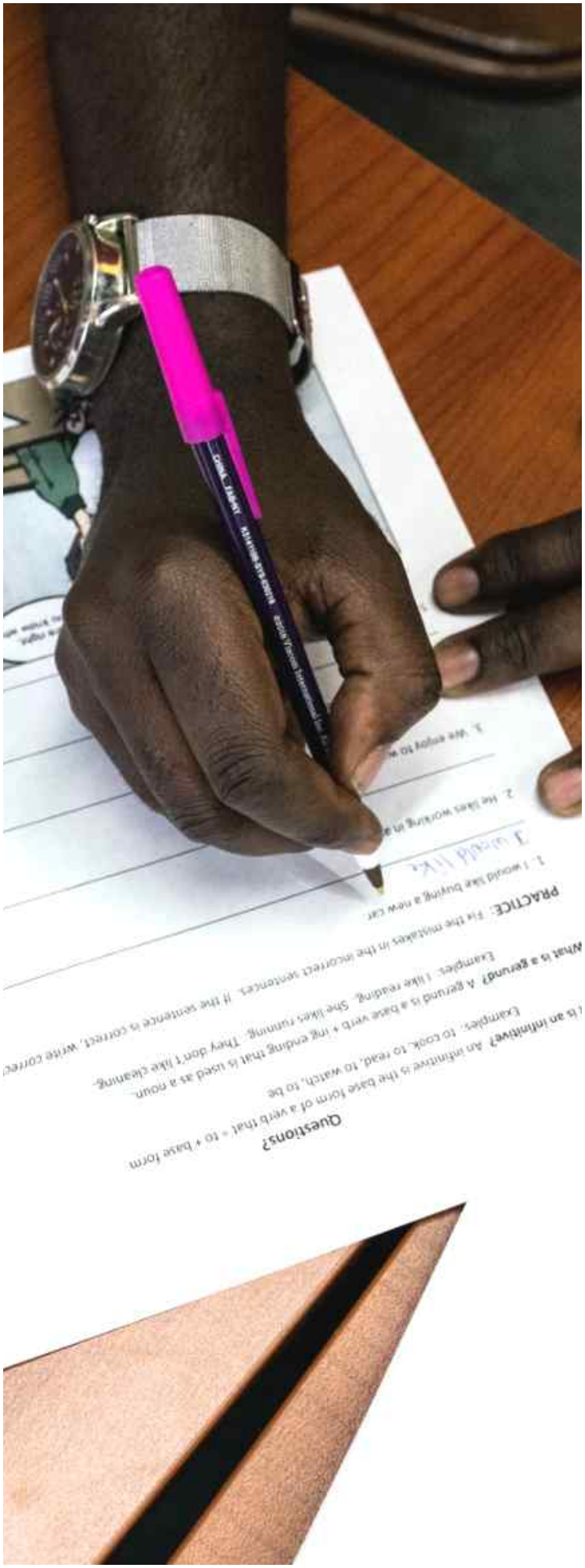


OUR STORY

Project Worthmore was founded in 2011 by Frank and Carolyn Anello as a response to the acute need for assistance of the refugee families in their community.

From our start offering makeshift English classes in living rooms, we now offer six comprehensive programs to thousands of refugee clients. Around half of our staff are from the refugee community, helping us to better listen, empower and support those who have come here to rebuild their lives.

A note on 2020:

2020 was a year of great heartache, struggle, and solidarity for the world. As an organization, we worked to quickly reconfigure our programs and services so that we could continue our work in the safest way possible while still meeting the ever-growing needs of the refugee and immigrant community.

Closely following the Colorado Dental Association guidelines, we reopened our offices to serve our clients in person in June of 2020.

OUR CLIENTS

We serve refugees from over 25 countries who come from diverse cultures and backgrounds, and bring unique skills and perspectives to our community.

MISSION

To provide programs that foster community, self-sufficiency and increase quality of life among Denver-area refugees.

VISION

A world in which all people are valued, included, and empowered.

YU MEH FOOD SHARE

To increase access to healthful, fresh food in a manner that upholds dignity and encourages community ownership and individual empowerment.

The Yu Meh Food Share is a culturally-relevant food access program. The program is resourced by local businesses, nonprofits, and our refugee training farm, also helping to reduce waste within the food supply chain.

51,891

POUNDS OF FOOD ALLOCATED

638

FAMILIES SERVED

FAMILY PARTNERS

To facilitate friendships, provide a sense of inclusion, and inspire cross-cultural understanding.

Our Family Partner program pairs volunteer and refugee families with the hope they develop meaningful relationships that aid in social bridging – a key factor in refugees becoming more integrated and self-sufficient.

Volunteers are trained and equipped by Project Worthmore staff to create the best environment to nurture these developing friendships.

*This program was placed on hold for the majority o 2020 due to the pandemic.

DELANEY COMMUNITY FARM

To provide the space, support, resources, and expertise for refugees to grow healthy, organically-produced food for themselves and their broader community.

DeLaney Community Farm is a 5-acre farm that supports refugees through sustainable agriculture and community building.

31,105

POUNDS OF FOOD GROWN

5

REFUGEE FARMERS EMPLOYED FULL TIME

WORTHMORE CLINIC

To reduce and eliminate oral disease that relates to poor systemic health including diabetes, cancer, stroke, heart disease, and low birth weight for infants.

The Worthmore Clinic is a five-chair dental clinic offering comprehensive restorative and preventative dental care to the refugee community.

Since 2016, the clinic has served as an ACTS rotation site for the University of Colorado dental program, Community College of Denver dental hygiene program, and Emily Griffith dental assistant program.

2,701
TOTAL VISITS

971
PATIENTS SERVED

COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

To assist refugees in navigating new systems and challenges post-resettlement.

Community Navigators help with essential services and programs that can often be overwhelming for newcomers – enrolling children in school, applying for government benefits, finding meaningful employment, navigating the healthcare system, and much more.

994

TOTAL VISITS

89 - families assisted with housing

377 - individuals assisting with medicaid

130 - families assisted with SNAP/ food benefits

175 - individuals assisted with employment

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

To foster a community where students develop English language skills to honor their unique pasts, overcome current challenges, and embrace hope for their futures.

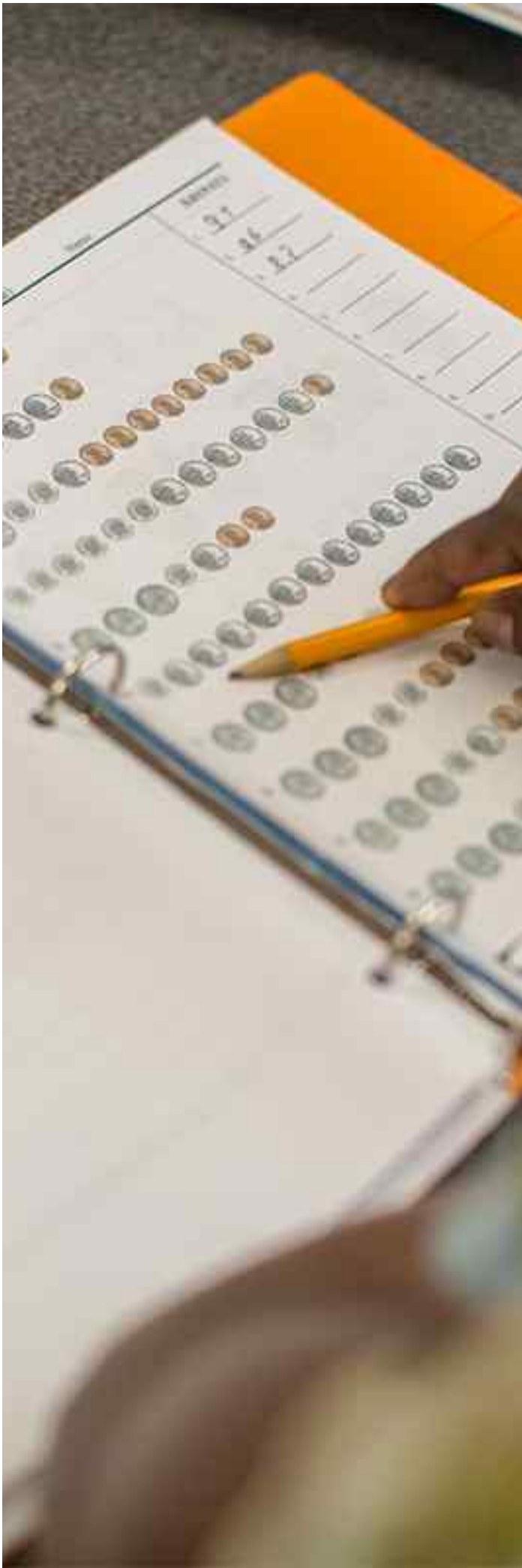
Our English language program is tailored to the unique needs, interests and questions of our students, allowing them to acquire deeper cultural understanding while learning a new language.

150

STUDENTS ENROLLED
*ONLINE

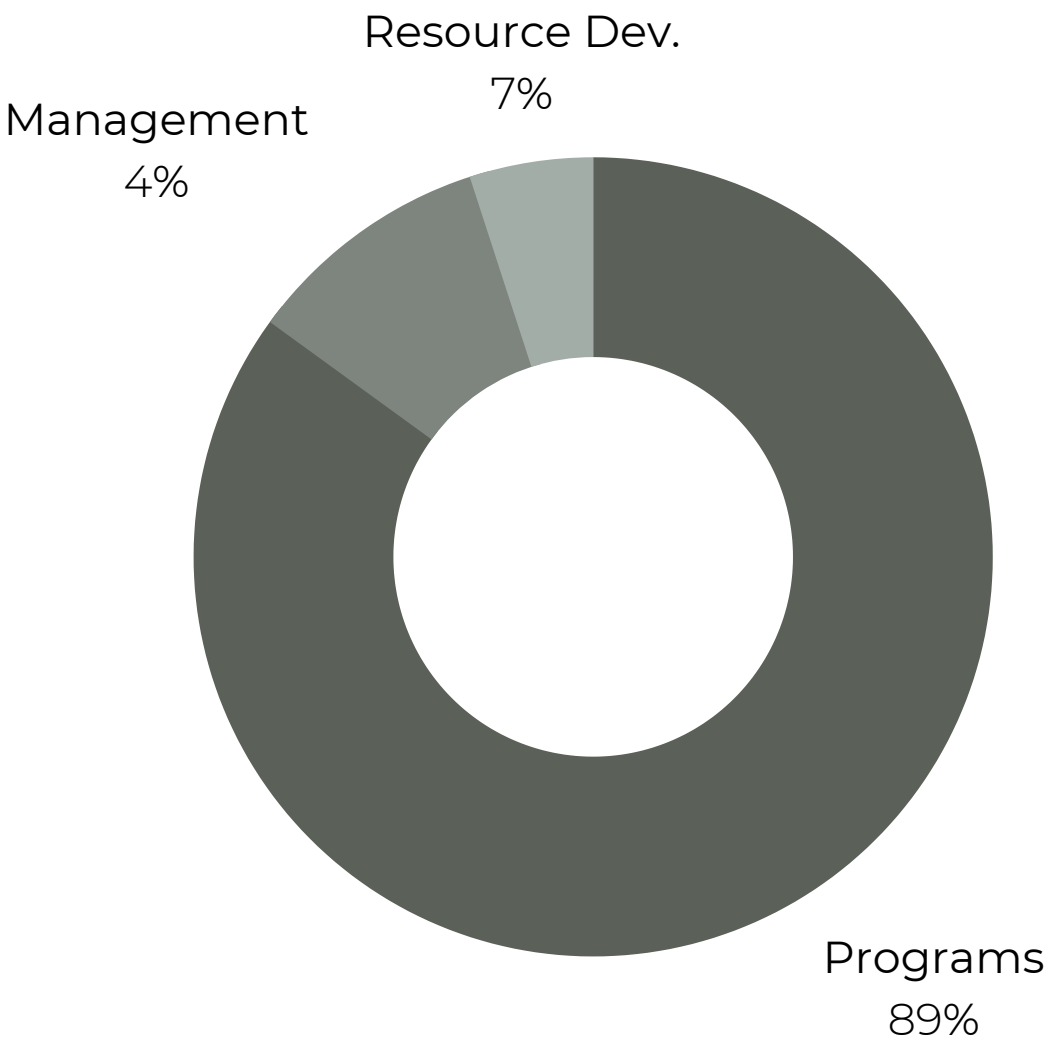
"Teaching in this community is an ongoing education for me as I am challenged to take on different perspectives for learning – people with formal education, people without any formal education and everything in-between."

LIZ HOLDEMAN
ENGLISH TEACHER



FINANCIALS

INCOME	**$1,729,967**
EXPENSES	
PROGRAMS	$1,251,294
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	$58,073
MANAGEMENT	$91,998
TOTAL	**$1,401,365**
BALANCE OF FUNDS	**$826,182**



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