

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Between grief and hope there is Ryan's Place

1,045 clients served



822 children

223 adults





7,100 volunteer hours of service

48 school based grief support programs in 5 different counties





Our mission is to provide support in a safe environment where grieving children, teens and their families can share their experience as they move through the healing process.

338 individuals served in crisis response call-outs to area schools and businesses.





Vision:





1,001 Facebook followers

Elkhart County

School Groups 28



Students Served 157

Kosciusko County

School Groups 14



Students Served 87

St. Joe County

School Groups 6

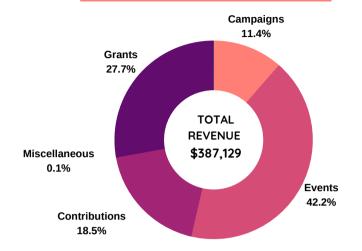


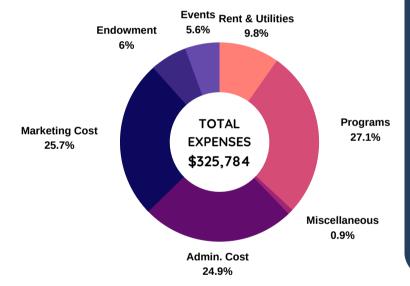
Students Served

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Dear Friends,

I am so grateful to our supporters for making 2019 our most successful financial year in our 18-year history, our income increased by almost 10% over 2018. Over the years your gifts have made it possible for us to expand and continue the work that we do for grieving children and their families in the community. We have a lot to celebrate knowing how supported we are by you, and please know that we do not take it for granted.

Ryan's Place is blessed to have such wonderful volunteers. In 2019 we recorded over 7,000 volunteer hours, which has a monetary value of \$180,000. I am often asked how we manage to serve so many people with such a small number of staff. We can only do that because of the amazing gift of time from our volunteers. Without our volunteers we could not provide our services at no cost to grieving families.

People are the greatest asset that Ryan's Place has, whether it is through financial support, board and committee membership, volunteer facilitators, and other volunteers. We could not do this important work without you. And of course we are greatful to the families who allow us the privilege of providing grief support services to them.