

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

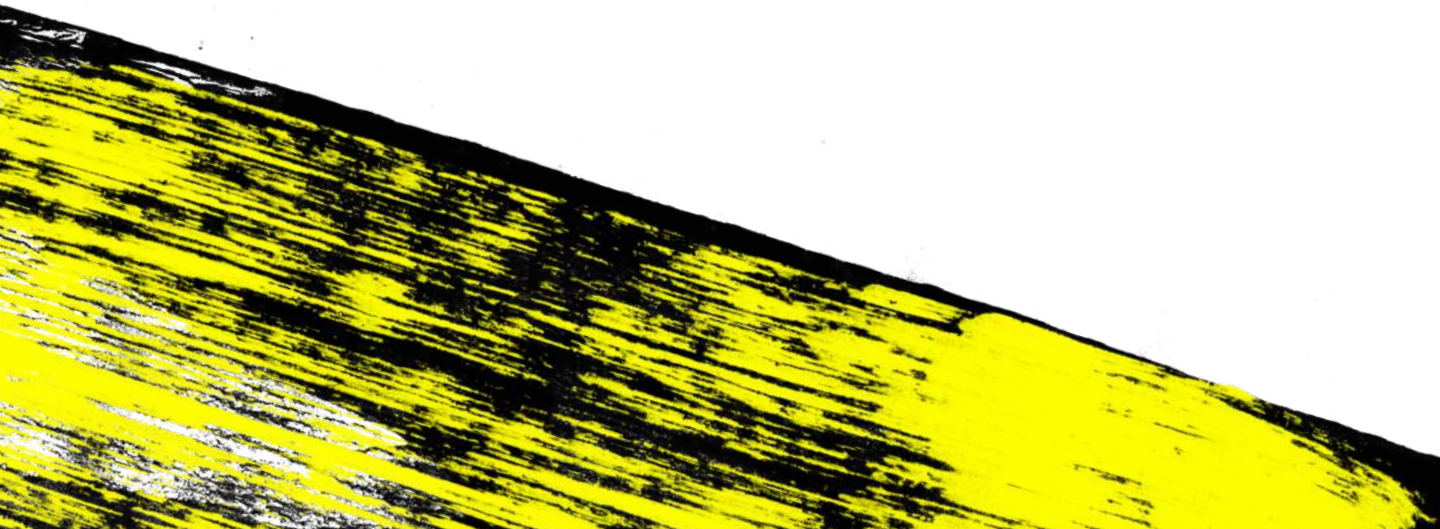
LYTE Collective







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Recent data from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless reports that nearly 16,000 young people ages 14-24 are homeless and living on their own each year in our city. At LYTE Collective, we believe this is unconscionable and we demand an end to the systemic inequities that lead to, and perpetuate, poverty and homelessness across this country. While working to change root conditions that cause poverty and homelessness, LYTE Collective stands with young people who are experiencing harm from this structural violence *right now*. At LYTE, our approach is simple: we support every young person who contacts us, without condition, to try and help them get whatever they need, and do so for as long as they want us by their side. This is how we live in truth. The following report offers a glance at our work in 2018 and at those who helped us make it happen.

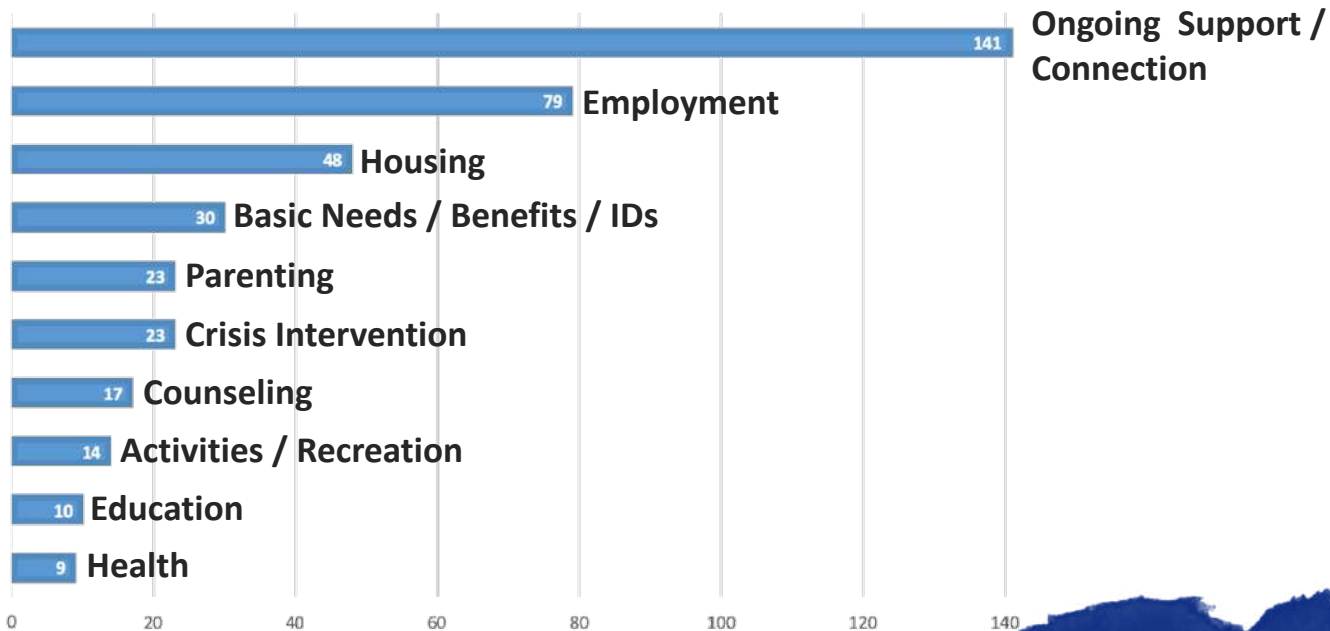
With gratitude and in solidarity,

LYTE Collective



The Work: By the Numbers

2018 SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

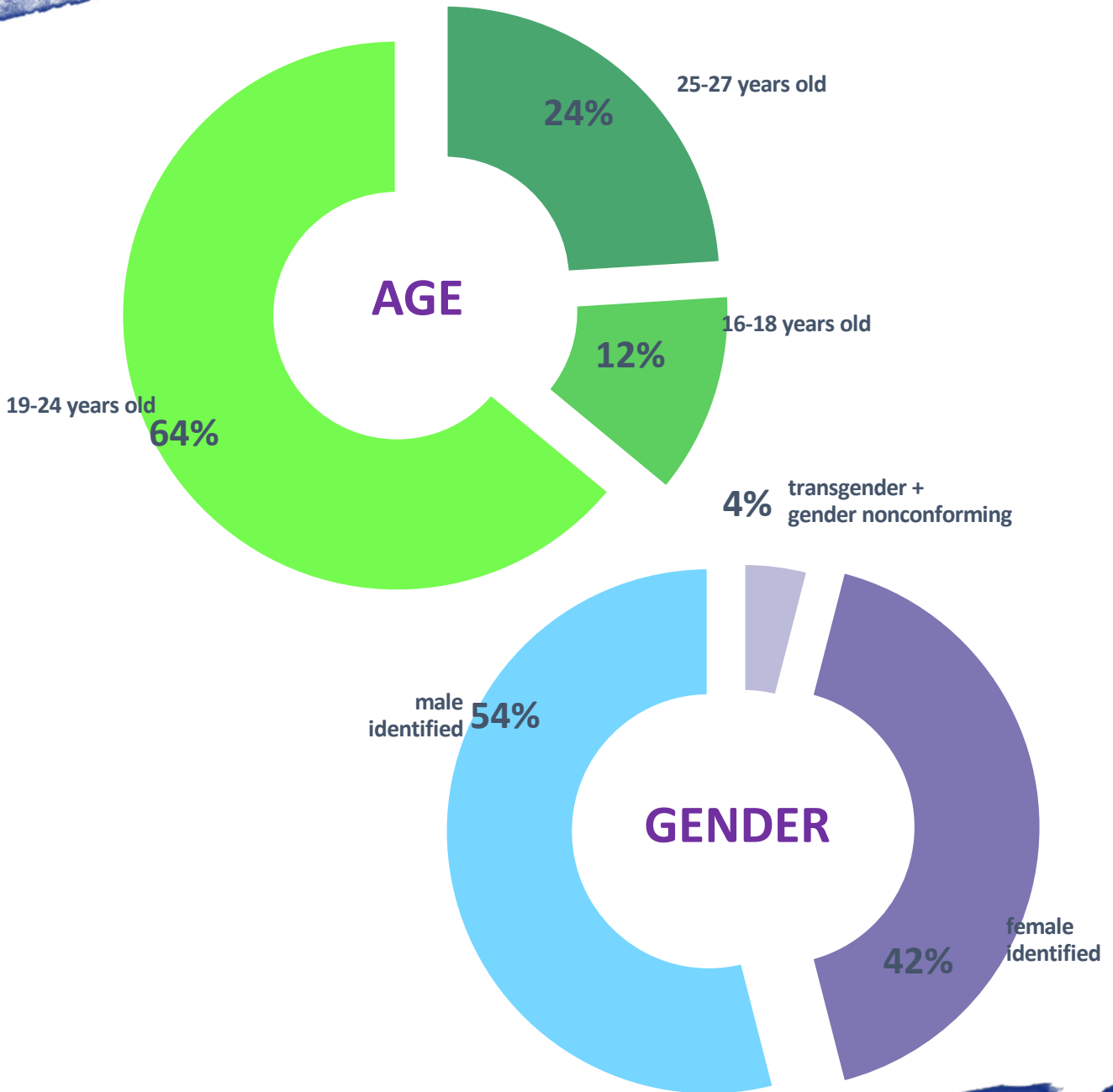


63
Youth Served

394
Sessions

While we work to renovate the LYTE Lounge, LYTE Collective is providing mobile support to youth in situations of poverty and homelessness. Our team travels across the Chicagoland area every day to meet with young people. Sessions include support with things such as: finding more stable housing, earning a high school diploma, practicing for a driver's test, getting a first job or exploring career, getting to a dentist, finding resources that make it possible to be a present and informed parent, healing and rebuilding after experiences of violence, developing a reliable network of friends and mentors, and beyond.

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Characteristics of Youth Served

The Work: By the Numbers

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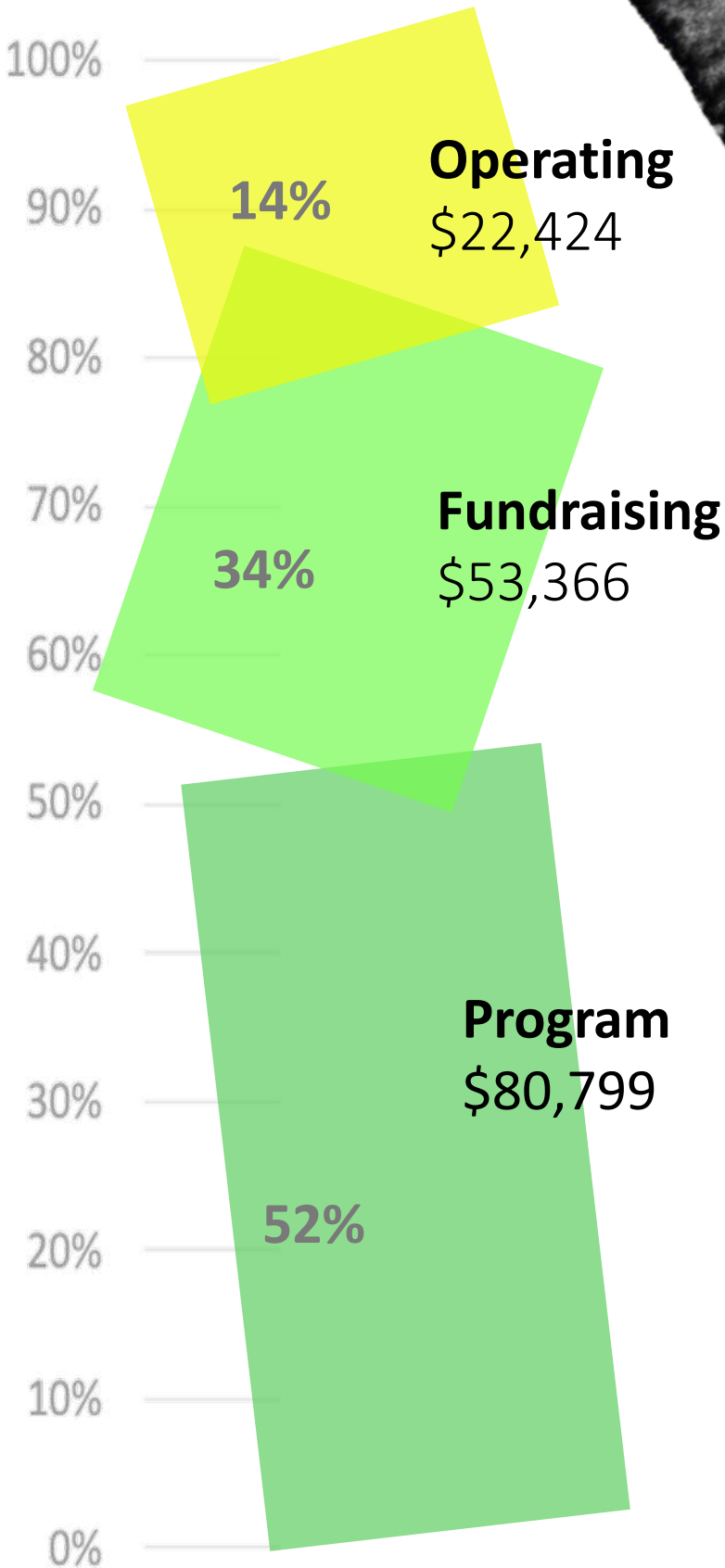


ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Pregnant or Parenting **38%**

Have a High School Diploma / GED **46%**

The Cost



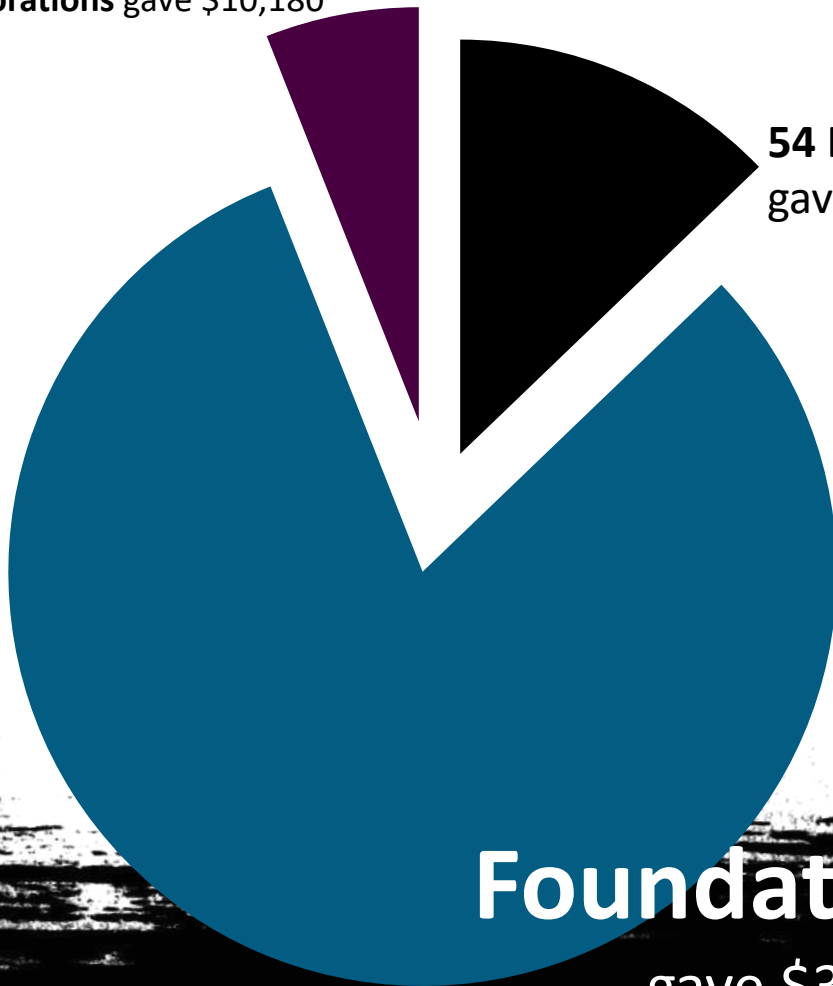
2018 Expenses:
\$156,589

2018 Revenue:

\$436,921

Corporations gave \$10,180

54 Individuals
gave \$82,188



Foundations

gave \$343,094

Special thanks to:

**Knight Family Foundation
Pierce Family Foundation
Polk Bros. Foundation
Chicago Community Trust
Conant Family Foundation
Julian Grace Foundation
Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation
A Bigger World Foundation
Anonymous Family Foundation**

THE SUPPORT

OUR COMMITMENTS

and report our progress with transparency and integrity.

We will ground our work in our communities (in all their forms) and achieve sustainability through the financial and material generosity, knowledge, gifts, and time of all of those who wish to be a part of what we do.

We will provide evidence-informed services but require that this evidence must not only include, but privilege, the expertise of youth. And we will not just listen to the voices of young people; we will depend on them.

4 We will not ask youth to fit into our programs; we will fit our programs to their needs.

We take issue with the pervasive and widely accepted goals that understand success for youth as solely a state of self-reliance. We unapologetically believe that none of us do it alone and will equally prioritize the goals of connection and community.

6 We will celebrate the successes of youth and embrace all desires they may have to be ambassadors for LYTE Collective but we will not exploit young people by putting their vulnerabilities or victimization on display in an effort to raise funds.

We will embrace innovation at every level, from technology to daring program initiatives.

8 We will build transformative relationships.

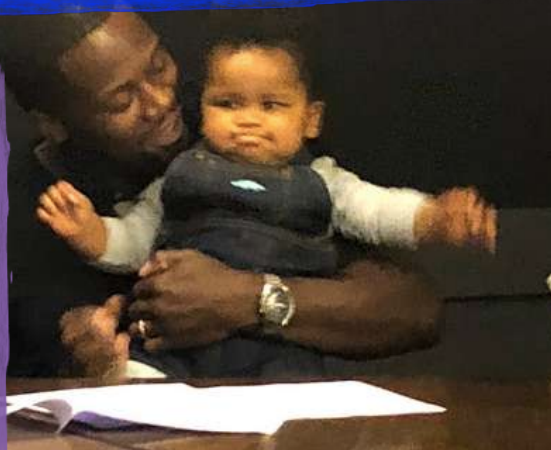
We will see and value young people and all collective members as complex beings with holistic needs.

10 We will love.

11 We will not be afraid of challenges or change.

We will fight for as long as it takes to ensure every young person has a home and the future they deserve. We will take this fight from our streets to our political structures.

13 Together, we will live our truth.





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