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Dear friends,

In 2015 REF celebrated its 10th birthday! Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. With your support, REF is tackling new challenges on behalf of our city youth. We're trying to incorporate all the best characteristics of 10-year-olds – energy, excitement, and enthusiasm – as we move forward.

We were able to share in the excitement of families obtaining key help in their college application process through our first FAFSA Fest, which launched in February 2015. With the help of volunteers, sponsors and friends we supported four events at which city students received free help filling out and submitting their federal financial aid forms. We were able to increase the number of city students submitting these critical forms early enough to qualify for scholarships and aid by 9.2 percent from the year before! This was a victory for all of us.

We also savored the expansion of our summer music lessons for students. Thanks to our supporters, we were able to boost the number of students taking music lessons at Hochstein School of Music and Dance and the Eastman School of Music from 18 to 40! What a great way to offer fun and a focus for our students during the summer months.

And then there was the energy and enthusiasm of our city students receiving the resources we provided – everything from thousands of new books to the creation of a garden at School No. 45, camp trips for students at Wilson and World of Inquiry high schools, and so much more. Thanks to all of you for making this possible.

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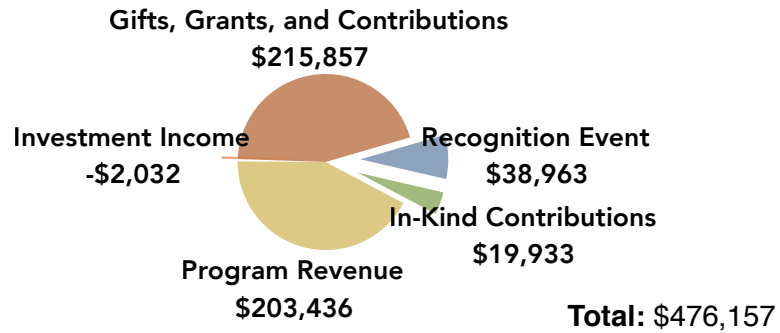


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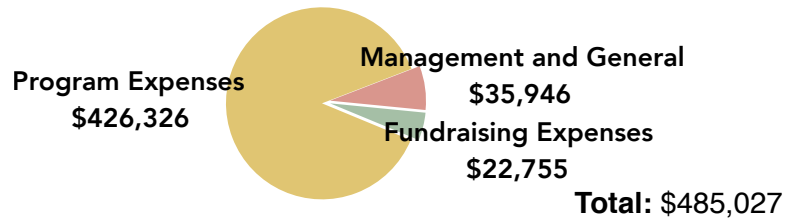
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NET ASSET CHANGE

Beginning of Year	\$294,430
End of Year	\$285,560



Last summer, students from Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School #10 participated in the Dr. Everett Williams Literacy & Science Program, supported, in part, by REF. Students explored the science of motion, culminating in a school-wide field day. These two students narrowly outran Dr. Walter Cooper in the 20-yard dash.

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