

Annual Report 2021

The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program



Photo by Andy Dossett

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Challenge, growth, flexibility, and innovation have been key words in 2021. The LFYS Program staff, mentors and board continued to provide students with support and faced the multitude of challenges with hope and faith in the amazing students in this Program.

Looking back, we have many stories of success – those stories of LFYS Program students! UCO college graduate, Kandace, has a published song track. Emma, who is still in high school, has written and illustrated a children’s book. Clara, who has a pilot’s license, is moving to Alaska and plans on being a bush pilot. Many LFYS Program students participated and gave speeches in a

September 11 memorial service which was well attended by the local community. We appreciate the leadership of the LFYS Program Board member, Jane Sears, who spearheaded this project. We would be remiss not to mention the LFYS Program staff, and the many other community volunteers who participated in making this event a success.

The LFYS Program staff and board of directors continuously seek to remove all obstacles possible for the LFYS Program students to successfully graduate from college. Our goals are for LFYS Program college graduates to be gainfully employed, giving back to their communities, and being productive citizens where they live and grow. We want our students to reach the great heights of their dreams. Through hard work and determination, Kandace, Emma, Clara, and many others like them, are spreading their wings and soaring to new heights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Lowe-Alton".

Karen Lowe-Alton
2021 LFYS Program President

OUR MISSION

*To assist academically
promising yet economically
disadvantaged students in the
Bartlesville Public School System
to earn a college degree.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MIRACLE PAYNE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ACCOUNTING, RSU 2019

Currently works for
Grant Thornton
Matched with Cindy Dronyk

From Miracle:

I joined the LFYS Program when I was still in elementary school. Joining the LFYS Program is why I decided to go to college. Beforehand, the thought had not crossed my mind. I do believe that if it wasn't for LFYS Program I would not have gone to college. I had a tough time during high school but those in the program believed in me and continuously helped me overcome the obstacles in my way. I kept in contact with the program leaders while attending the university and I can remember showing up at the LFYS Program office and doing homework outside the office on more than one occasion.

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I was matched with Cindy at a very young age and since that time she has been a large and influential part of my life. Cindy has helped me overcome so much and has been there through thick and thin. I can't remember how many times she's helped me catch up on homework that I was behind on for some reason or another.

I don't think I can ever repay her for all that she has done. I don't know when, but eventually Cindy became more than just a mentor and confidant. She became family and that's probably the greatest thing the LFYS Program gave me. I will forever be grateful to everyone in the LFYS Program for the direction my life has gone. I hope that many other children are lucky enough to be matched with someone who can change their life, I hope that those who struggle know that things are hard now but they do get better.

From Cindy:

Miracle and I began our time together when she was in 5th grade. Even though she graduated from Rogers State University in 2019, we still meet for lunch and shop at Barnes and Noble. One of Miracle's greatest assets is her love of reading. We would spend so much time in a bookstore when she was growing up that I actually had to tell her we were leaving in 15 minutes. I still cringe when I think of all the time we spent on math homework. However, that turned out to be a wonderful thing as she is now an accountant! Miracle has made me proud in so many ways. The years we spent cooking, going to movies, doing homework, and just shopping around are some of the best memories I have. I am so blessed that Miracle is in my life. The mentoring truly helped both of us grow.

STUDENTS & MENTORS OF 2021

Making the impossible, possible.



Jazmin - Class of 2021 attending OKWU 2022 and Donna
Daisy - Class of 2021 attending OSU 2022 and Elise



Gavin - Class of 2022 and Randy
Samantha - Class of 2022 and Rachelle
Maira - Class of 2022 and Diana
Oscar - Class of 2022 and Rod



Lizet - Class of 2023 and Lisa
Wyatt - Class of 2023 and Jason
Jonathan - Class of 2023 and Allen
Daniella - Class of 2023 and Sheri



Yazmin - Class of 2024 and Kendra
Ivan - Class of 2023 and Raj
Bethany - Class of 2024 and Lesley
Adriana - Class of 2025 and Amanda



Emma - Class of 2022 and Stacey

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

From Stacey: "I've really enjoyed my time as a mentor. My mentee started out fairly shy and a little withdrawn... which I was at her age. Now she will be a senior, getting ready to head off to college. I'm so excited for her, and I can't wait to see what things she will accomplish."

From Emma: "My match with Stacey was perfectly made. I enjoyed learning new things from her as well as growing my interest that I already had."

POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS ON THE ROAD TO A DEGREE

12 College
Graduates

75%

LFYS Program Students
have a College Graduation
Rate more than 3x higher
than the national average
for similar students.

Comparative GPA Stats

Cumulative program GPA	3.51
Average '20-'21 GPA	3.42
Oklahoma 2018 GPA	2.57
National 2016 GPA	3.00



Other Program Stats

Students enrolled	23
1st generation	85%
Total hours volunteered	5,608



College Stats

College students	11
Cumulative college GPA	3.11
College GPA '20-'21	2.64



Economic Impact

The LFYS Program is proud that with reduced tuition through scholarships, work-study, and other sources, many LFYS Program students graduate with little to no debt.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

This community does so much for each other and cares deeply for the success and well-being of everyone in Bartlesville. The LFYS Program is proud to serve with others in this great community. It is encouraging to know that so many are interested in the education and the maturation of our students.

We serve our students alongside a wonderful program that has many assets and expertise in mentoring students. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma has been a partner since the beginning of this program and is an invaluable resource to our students as they learn to navigate adolescence into adulthood.

We are very thankful for other community partners like Truity Credit Union and the Westside Community Center. Truity provides financial literacy to our juniors and seniors. Westside Community Center provides the W.E. Pro\$per Program for our freshman and sophomores. We are also very grateful for all the other individuals and corporations that have given their time and skills in engaging with our students.



Westside Community Center

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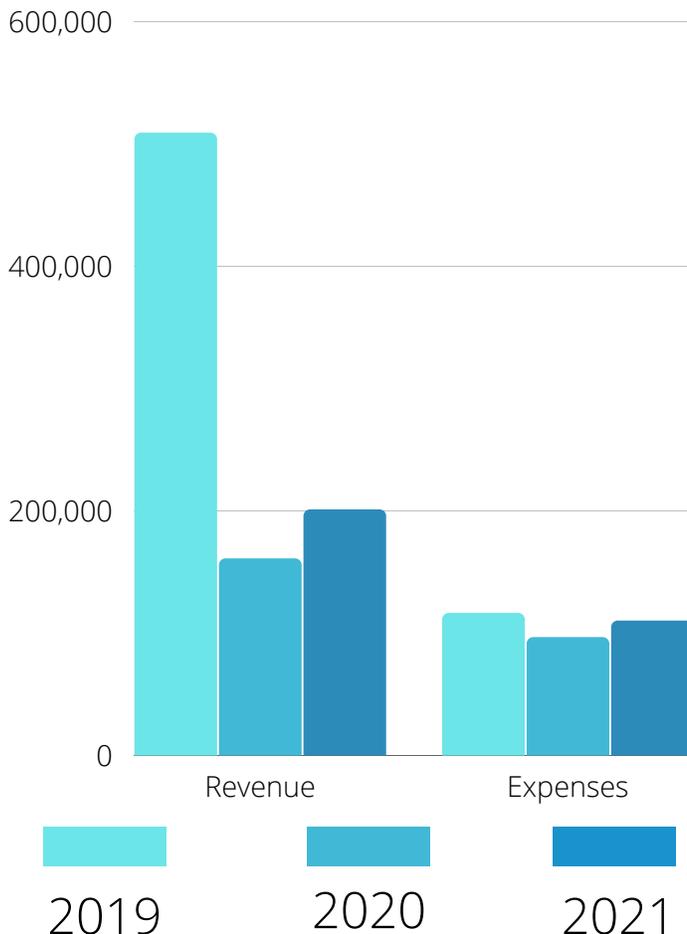
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

December 31, 2021

Revenue	
Individuals	\$27,000
Grants	\$60,000
Events	\$29,000
Other	\$38,000
Net Investments	\$47,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$201,000

Expense	
Programs	\$51,000
Management	\$55,000
Fundraisers	\$4,000
Total Operating Expense	\$110,000

OVERVIEW



Contributors

Sustainer

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Doctorate level

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A Community of Helping Hands

"Volunteering is the very core of being human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help."

Heather French Henry



14th Annual Kiddie Park Cleanup prior to season's opening.
We have volunteered over 1,000 hours at Kiddie Park.

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