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GRADUATING ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Denver Urban Scholars facilitates academic achievement and positive social development among underserved urban youth, empowering them to fully engage in and contribute to our community. Our holistic approach addresses the unique and complex needs of disadvantaged youth by coordinating teams of student, family, mentor and school to ensure the success of our youth.



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Denver Urban Scholars, now in its 19th year, is currently serving 177 marginalized youth (155 scholars in middle school and high school and 22 scholars in our Capstone post-secondary program).

Since its inception in 1995, Denver Urban Scholars has served over 460 youth in Denver.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Post-secondary, high school and middle school students were:

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| 83% HISPANIC | 1% WHITE |
| 8% AFRICAN AMERICAN | 1% ASIAN |
| 6% MULTI-RACIAL | 1% NATIVE AMERICAN |
| 48% MALE | 52% FEMALE |

85% qualified for the free/reduced lunch program (the most current marker of child poverty)

60% speak English as a second language

48% have parents who did not graduate from high school

Our Mentors

124 mentors devoted 3,295 hours to our youth and 91% of mentors are renewing their mentoring commitment

Our 2013-14 Results

89% of seniors graduated (this does not include GED completers, consistent with Colorado Department of Education standards)

92% of graduates are enrolled in college or the military

94% of middle and high school students progressed to the next grade level on time

Partner Schools

Denver School of Science & Technology

KIPP Denver Collegiate High School

KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy

La Academia at Denver Inner City Parish

JK Mullen High School

STRIVE Prep Westwood

STRIVE Prep Sunnyside

Venture Prep High School

TO OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Denver Urban Scholars begins its 19th year of operation in a place of extraordinary growth and opportunity. What began in 1995 as a small operating foundation serving a handful of students has grown into a broadly supported public charity approaching 200 youth served each year. We have developed a network of staff, mentors, donors, and collaborators that is dedicated to improving the life prospects of marginalized Denver-area youth.

Our students are among those most at risk for dropout and delinquency. For many of our students, simply getting to school every day is a feat; keeping up in school and avoiding negative behavior requires determination and emotional support. Denver Urban Scholars identifies these higher-risk youth through our school partners and surrounds them with the resources they need to end the cycle of poverty in their families through education and positive social development.

Over the past five years, 93% of our seniors have graduated, in spite of the negative factors at work in their lives. Most of these students are the first in their families to graduate and, yet, 96% have gone on to college. We are proud of our students' accomplishments and grateful for the community support we

“Denver Urban Scholars has impacted my life in a good way because I’ve been encouraged to do better than my best and it helps me a lot in class, at home, and with the people around me. This has impacted my life because it made me feel better about myself and makes me think about the things I do. My family has been impacted by this opportunity in a great way because the relationship between my mom, dad, and I has improved and we have fun when we are together. I just want to say that I am very thankful for your donations to Denver Urban Scholars, and I appreciate what you do for Denver Urban Scholars.”

– Bryce

receive, which allows us to reach more youth each year. In the past year, we increased our number of youth served by 31% and our board and development committee worked hard to increase our income by 20% to accommodate this growth.



We now serve students middle school through high school and into two years of post-secondary education with our unique, clinical case management and mentoring model. Denver Urban Scholars is widely recognized as an effective dropout prevention program by Mile High United Way, the Colorado Department of Health & Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Youth Mentoring Collaborative, and is one of a select group of nonprofits recently chosen to participate in Mile High United Way's Performance Collaborative.

We are fulfilling our mission through the determination of the youth and families we serve and through the amazing support of our community stakeholders. Thank you for being part of our success story; if you are not yet involved in Denver Urban Scholars, let's change that! Become a donor, mentor or other volunteer today. We need your support more than ever.

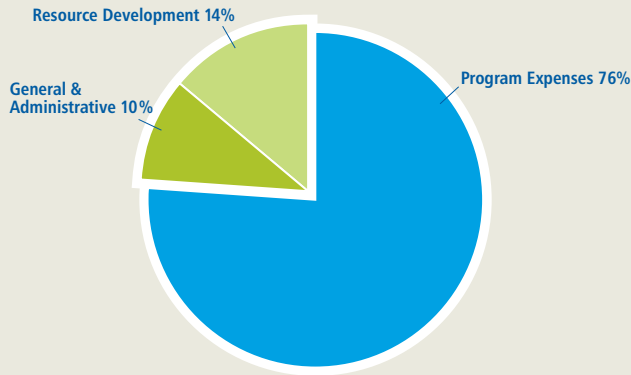
Warmest regards,

Patrick Byrne
Executive Director

Tom May
Board Chair

2013 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES



Program Expenses

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| Case Management | \$ 420,282 |
| Mentoring | \$ 77,939 |
| Student Support | \$ 33,217 |
| Professional Services | \$ 87,223 |
| Tuition | \$ 23,003 |
| In-Kind | \$ 11,336 |
| Total Program Expenses | \$ 653,000 |

General & Administrative

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| Total General & Admin. Expenses | \$ 83,000 |
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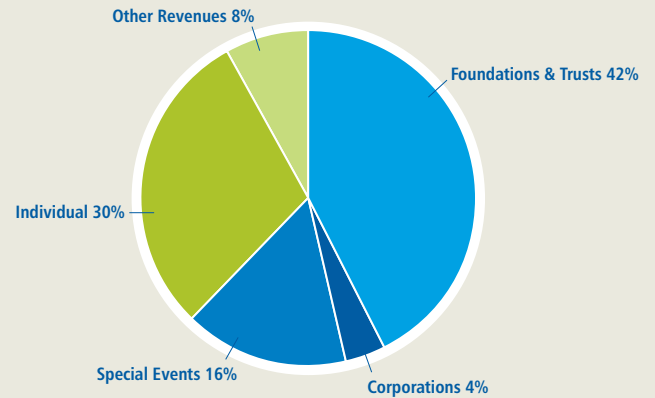
Resource Development

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| Total Resource Development Expenses | \$ 117,453 |
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| Total Expenses | \$ 853,453 |
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100% of general & administrative expenses are covered by an outside donor and our board.

SOURCES OF INCOME



Revenues

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| Contributions – Foundations & Trusts | \$ 401,515 |
| Contributions – Corporations | \$ 33,200 |
| Contributions – Special Events | \$ 150,722 |
| Contributions – Individual | \$ 287,400 |
| Other Revenues | \$ 71,772 |

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| Net Revenues | \$ 944,609 |
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“Denver Urban Scholars has made a huge impact on me and my family’s life. Without Denver Urban Scholars I would never have been to the school I’m attending or experienced some of the great things I have experienced. Denver Urban Scholars has changed my life in such great ways.”

– Angelica





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The financial commitments from our donors enable us to provide quality programs and educational opportunities for our students. We are profoundly grateful to every contributor who so kindly donated to support us.

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“Denver Urban Scholars has been like a second chance to me because I sometimes need the help on a subject, and in my family my parents don’t really know how to help me since my mom didn’t get past the 8th grade and my dad didn’t go to college. Also this program is like a chance for me for success in the future, for me to be able to make it to college with the right help I need. My parents think that this program is a great chance for me to be able to get the help and be able to understand my school material better.”

– Diana

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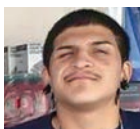
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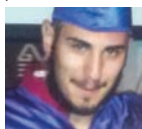
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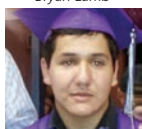
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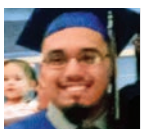
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