



2021 Annual Report



ABOUT SHINING STARS

Our mission is to transform lives through year-round recreational and social programs for children and their families challenged with pediatric cancer or another life-threatening illness. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for the patient and their family while helping to meet their needs for emotional and social health.

The Shining Stars Foundation is currently one of few nonprofits nationally providing long-term, year-round care for children and their families through recreational programming at any stage in their cancer battle, including treatment, relapse, or remission.

OUR SERVICES

- **Family Services:** We provide single-day events and overnight programs throughout the year for children battling a life-threatening illness and their entire immediate family.
- **Child Services:** We provide week-long adventure camps just for the child battling cancer or another life-threatening illness.
- **Awareness and Educational Services:** We educate the public about challenges faced by children battling cancer through regular presentations at community events. This includes presentations at local schools to help students understand the challenges some of their peers are facing and to promote acceptance.
- **Young Adult Services:** We provide a year-round mentor program and retreats for young adults ages 18+ who are survivors of pediatric cancer and struggling to transition to adulthood.



OUR IMPACT IN 2021

2021 has been another difficult year for the Shining Stars families, as they have grappled with the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic while also navigating the trauma of pediatric cancer. Thanks to our supporters, Shining Stars has proven that no matter the challenge we will be there for these families, providing hope, connection, and support.

Here at Shining Stars, we have used the challenges of the pandemic as an opportunity to adapt our programs in new and exciting ways. Throughout 2021, we continued to provide virtual programs, many of which have become permanent fixtures in our yearly program offerings. We have also safely hosted in-person programs by utilizing new safety measures which our medical team has worked tirelessly to implement.

The last year has highlighted the resiliency of the families we serve, our volunteers, and our donors. We optimistically look forward to 2022, when we plan to take all we have learned to return to a full schedule of in-person programs while continuing to provide virtual services and support.

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

provided in 2021, including 16 virtual programs

35

DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

provided in 2021, from hiking and rafting to backcountry Jeep tours

2,406

PARTICIPANTS

served in 2021

100%

OF PROGRAMS

were provided at no cost to participants



We are so grateful for the support you have given our family! With each turn of unforeseen events and life's challenges, you are by our side! During the COVID-19 quarantine, we have loved staying in touch through game nights and our budget has had a bit of relief with the grocery store gift card that was given to us! Goodness, we are sure glad the foundation and all of the people who help keep it running are part of our journey! I'm not sure where we'd be without all of you!

- Mother of Shining Star Lorelai and family of 4

CLAIRE'S STORY



Claire was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 5. After months of grueling treatments, she relapsed at just 7 years old and her Leukemia was deemed to be very aggressive. She received a bone marrow transplant and had a difficult recovery, spending a week on a ventilator in the pediatric ICU.

Claire is now 22 years old and, while her cancer has not returned, she has been living with severe, long-term effects from her cancer. This includes cataracts in both of her eyes, arthritis in most of her joints, stage 3 kidney disease, and anxiety.

Claire had not attended a program for pediatric cancer patients since 2011. She didn't realize how much she still needed support, even though she was cancer-free. In 2020, she was offered the opportunity to attend a retreat for young adult pediatric cancer survivors through the Shining Stars All-Stars Program.

Claire shared that "before the young adult program, I hadn't thought much about how my anxiety and difficulty making friends could be attributed to being sick and my treatments. I also hadn't really thought that much about secondary cancers and other life-long late effects that I need to be aware of and need to watch out for."

For Claire, the greatest impact of the program has been "being able to talk and spend time with people who have shared experiences." She reminisced about how "being able to laugh and talk about things like how much an abdominal CT scan with contrast sucks was really refreshing because I can't have conversations like that every day with people that understand." Claire continues to participate in the program, deepening her connection with her peers, while gaining the tools she needs to thrive in adulthood.

The SS All-Stars Program

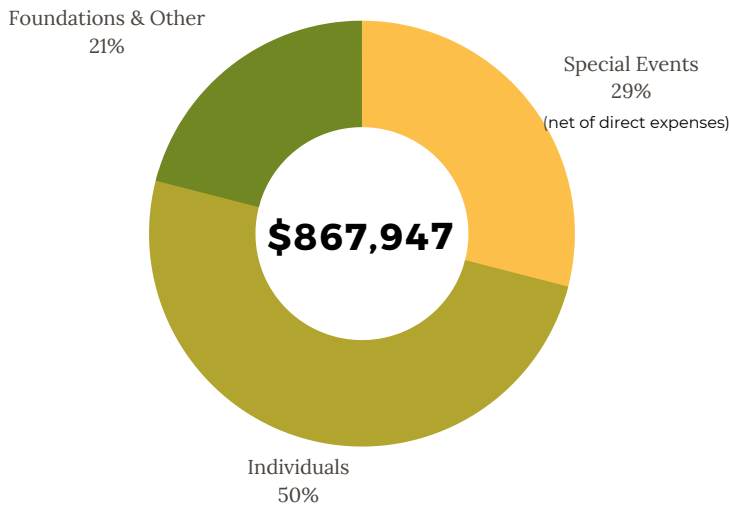
The purpose of this innovative, new program is to transform the lives of pediatric cancer survivors as they transition into adulthood. This is accomplished through overnight, retreat-style programs, education workshops, single-day events, and a mentorship program.

The program gives young adults the tools and support to lead successful adult lives, despite the emotional, social, physical, and psychological challenges they face as a result of their pediatric cancer.

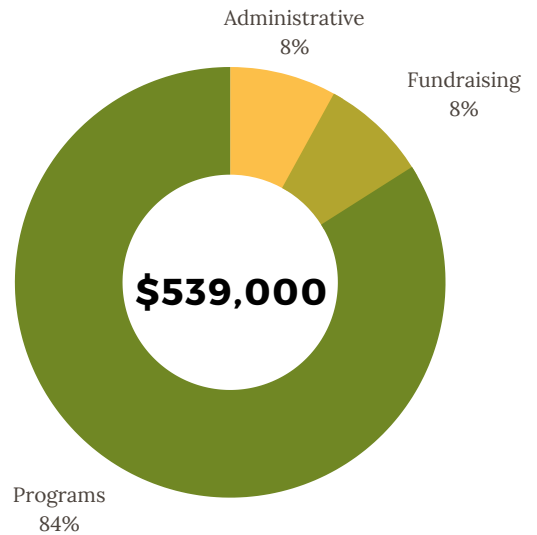
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The data shown below is derived from the Shining Stars Foundation's 2021 financial statements, reviewed by Taylor, Roth and Company, PLLC for the year ending December 31, 2021. Complete financial statements and tax returns are available at ShiningStarsFoundation.org. The charts below reflect revenues and expenses, net of contributions in-kind and Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness.

TOTAL REVENUE



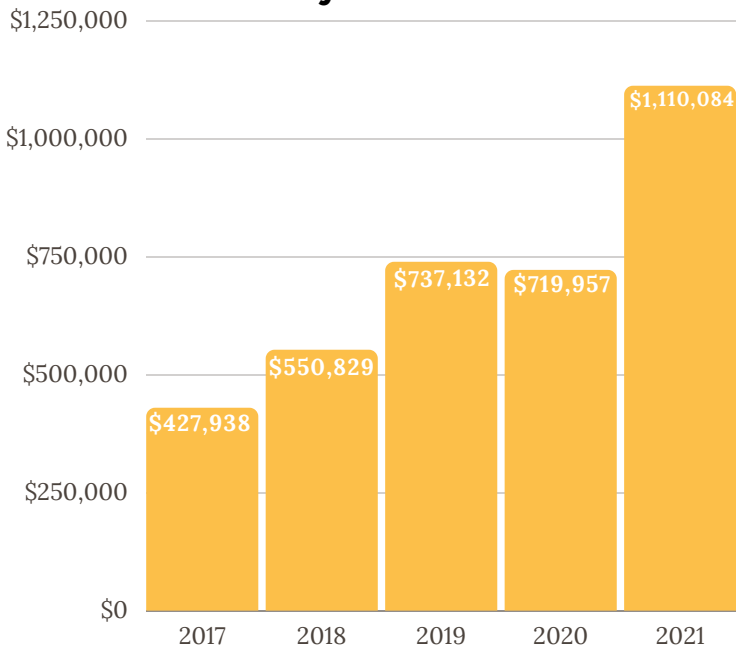
TOTAL EXPENSES



CONTRIBUTIONS IN-KIND

In addition to the cash revenue and expenses in the above diagrams, Shining Stars Foundation also received in-kind contributions totaling \$148,646. This primarily represents medical support, activities, rent, marketing, and special event expenses.

NET ASSETS at year-end



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