



A Shared Vision

Partners in Pediatric Blindness &
Visual Impairment

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Friends,

We began A Shared Vision in 2016 because there was a critical gap in early intervention vision services provided to Colorado's families. Now, as the leading provider of these services, and in some rural parts of Colorado, the ONLY provider, we just want to say, "thank you."

Thank you to the families who have welcomed us into their homes. In 2019, more than 200 families received 2,241 service visits from our licensed Early Intervention Teachers of the Visually Impaired – an increase of 38% in visits from the prior year! That's more than ten times the number of vision services provided by any other center-based organization or EI provider group. Even with this growth, we recognize that **too many very young children with visual impairments are still not being identified or receiving much needed services.**

Thank you to our donors, both individuals and foundations, who nearly doubled in numbers in 2019. Total donations and grants increased 37% from the prior year. This generosity is critical to the growth and sustainability of our young nonprofit.

We are grateful for our donors who recognize the value early intervention brings to the Colorado families we support in 50 counties across the state. Early intervention is the proven model to improve outcomes for children with disabilities or delays. And, vision services are central to achieving those outcomes through specialized strategies towards a child's cognitive, social, emotional and physical development.

Also, thank you to the Lions Club of Denver who generously provided King Soopers gift cards to six of our families as they faced challenges at the end of the year.

While we occasionally say goodbye to teachers, we welcomed two new EI-TVIs who balance their caseloads with school district responsibilities. We also added three board members to bring fresh, outside perspective to our nonprofit.

Finally in 2019, we co-hosted the Western Regional Early Intervention Conference, which supports professionals working with, and families of, children birth to five years old who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired or deafblind. WREIC is the premier early intervention conference in the country. It was an honor to collaborate with so many dedicated professionals.

With your continued partnership we look forward to another year of growth in support of Colorado's families with very young children who are blind or visually impaired.

From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU** for enabling us to inspire and empower these wonderful families.

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Paula Landry
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Steven Lindauer
Founder,
Executive Director

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Our Impact

43% Increase in Services Provided

202
Children Served



2,259
Services Provided



Children Served:
71% Denver Metro, **29%** Rural



14 Family Fun Days in Denver, Grand Junction, Greeley, Sterling

“ We are beyond fortunate and grateful to have been assigned A Shared Vision as our vision provider through our local Denver County early intervention program. Our son's vision diagnosis has been very scary, and so far in just a few short months a reassurance and much needed confidence has been gained with A Shared Vision.

We absolutely love and appreciate our vision provider and are so lucky she's the vision teacher in our lives! ”

94%

of families recommend A Shared Vision to other families with a child who is blind or visually impaired

A Shared Vision is Colorado's leader of early intervention vision services

More than **10X** number of children served compared to other Colorado center-based organizations or EI provider teams

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Our Programs

EARLY INTERVENTION VISION SERVICES PROGRAM

Our Vision Services program supports the key principles of early intervention by providing **education, inspiration and empowerment** to families with very young children who are blind or visually impaired **in their homes and in community settings**. Services are provided throughout metro Denver and in 74% of Colorado's rural counties. Our licensed teachers are unmatched in skills and experience. They work closely with families to nurture the strengths of each child and build skills for lifelong success. Our educational services are family focused, strengths based and developmentally appropriate. The goal is **kindergarten readiness** and a **positive trajectory for the development of children with blindness or visual impairments**.



EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our Education program builds the community of highly skilled and collaborative professionals who serve very young children with blindness or visual impairments throughout the state. Experts in Colorado's early intervention programs believe that many children with visual impairments remain unidentified because of insufficient screening and a lack of qualified vision providers. A Shared Vision's goals are to identify and support all children with visual impairments and to **improve the collaboration and transdisciplinary teaming of all early intervention providers**.

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FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Through our Family Support program, A Shared Vision provides education, community connections and support for families of children with visual impairments through group activities and social media. **We bring families together** in community settings – libraries, parks, grocery stores -- to educate and support caregivers of children with vision needs through fun, sensory-learning activities led by our teachers or another licensed therapist. The events are at no cost to families. The goal of this program is to **improve the capabilities and emotional health of the caregivers who raise children with visual impairments**.



Our Team

EARLY INTERVENTION TEACHERS OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Janet Anderson
Kerry Auld
Suzan Barlow
Sally Burch
Lorraine Chevarria
Caitlin Geoffrion
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Paula Landry

Tina Martin
Janis Mountford
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BOARD

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Our Partners

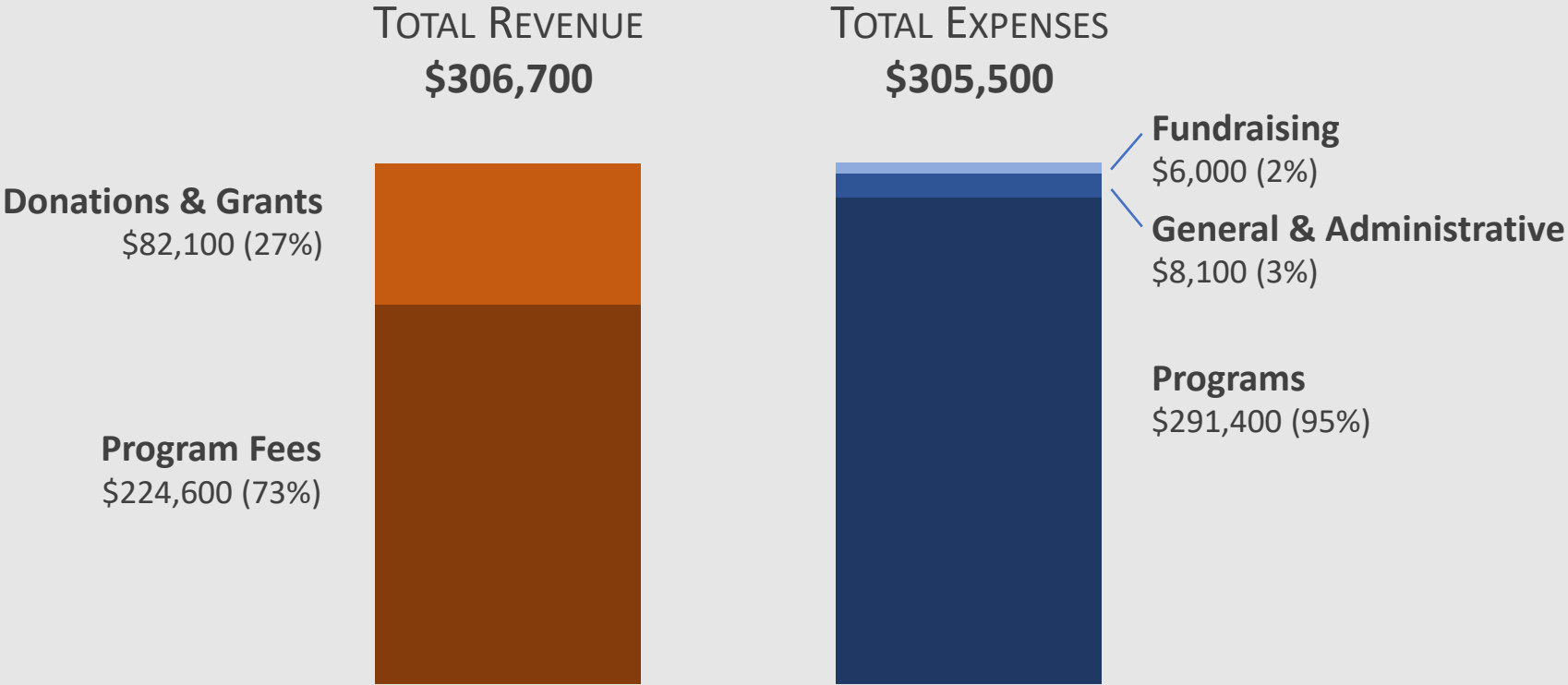
Through partnerships with these local Community Centered Boards (CCBs),
A Shared Vision supports 50 counties in metro Denver, northeast and the Western Slope –
representing 81% of the state's population

- Blue Peaks Developmental Services, Inc. (Alamosa)
- Community Connections (Montrose)
- Community Options, Inc. (Durango)
- Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (Lakewood)
- Developmental Pathways (Englewood)
- Eastern Colorado Services (Sterling)
- Envision (Evans)
- Foothills Gateway, Inc. (Fort Collins)
- Horizons (Steamboat Springs)
- Imagine! (Lafayette)
- Mountain Developmental Services (Glenwood Springs)
- North Metro Community Services, Inc. (Westminster)
- Rocky Mountain Human Services (Denver)
- Strive (Grand Junction)



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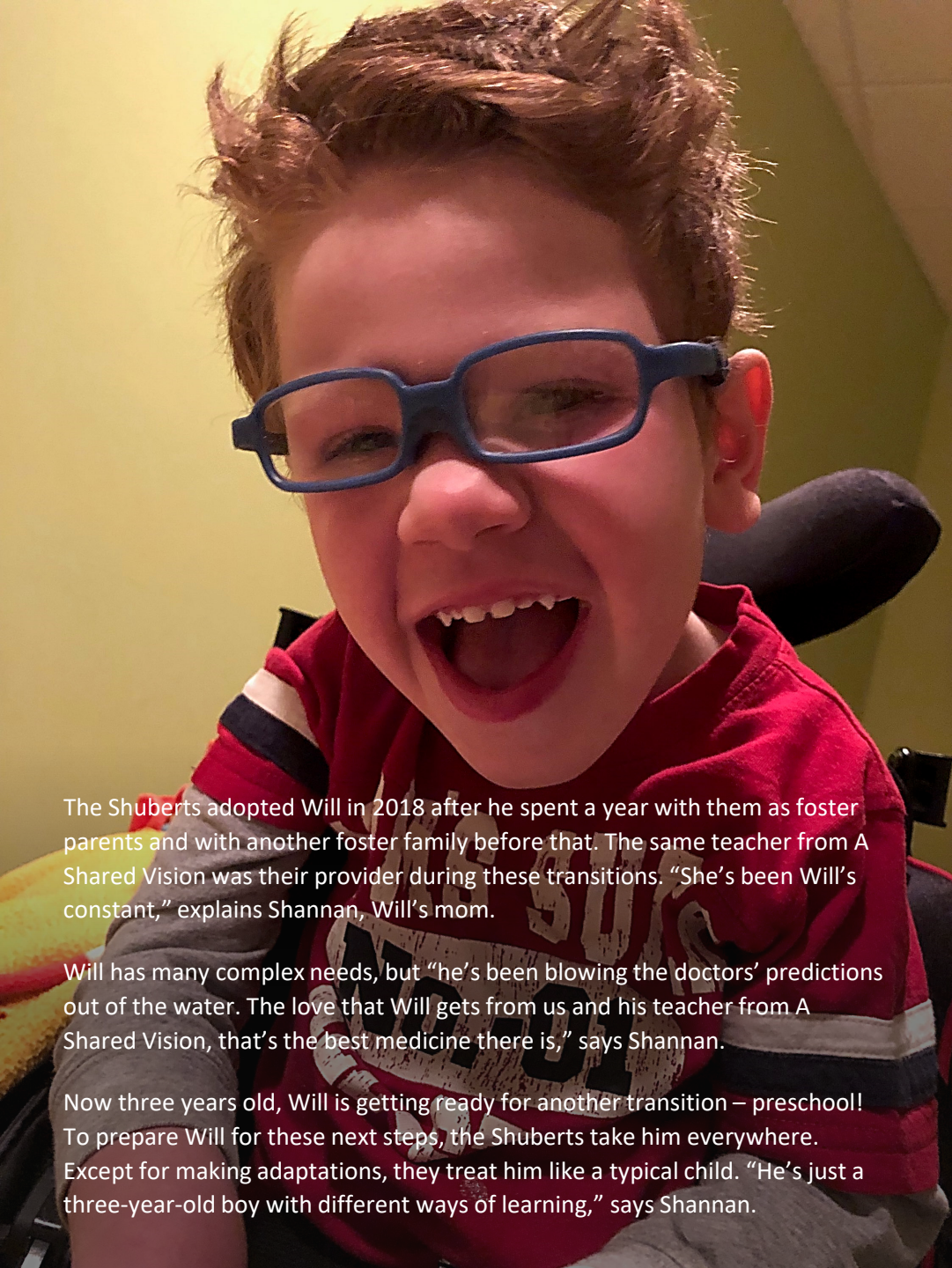
Our 2019 Financials



49% GROWTH
OVER 2018

\$1,441
PER CHILD SERVED

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The Shuberts adopted Will in 2018 after he spent a year with them as foster parents and with another foster family before that. The same teacher from A Shared Vision was their provider during these transitions. “She’s been Will’s constant,” explains Shannan, Will’s mom.

Will has many complex needs, but “he’s been blowing the doctors’ predictions out of the water. The love that Will gets from us and his teacher from A Shared Vision, that’s the best medicine there is,” says Shannan.

Now three years old, Will is getting ready for another transition – preschool! To prepare Will for these next steps, the Shuberts take him everywhere. Except for making adaptations, they treat him like a typical child. “He’s just a three-year-old boy with different ways of learning,” says Shannan.



Our mission is to inspire and empower families to nurture the development of their very young children who are blind or visually impaired so that all children may discover their brightest future.

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