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2015 TOTAL REVENUE: $1,076,958

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1. next; nearest; immediately before or after in order, place, occurrence, etc.
2. close; very near.
3. forthcoming; imminent.
4. approximate; fairly accurate.

—Webster’s College Dictionary
GETTING PROXIMATE TO BE AN ALLY TO MARYLAND’S CHILDREN

HOW WE DO OUR WORK

IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS to child welfare, education, health, juvenile justice and economic sufficiency issues so we can influence the full spectrum of youth experiences.

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THIS IS WHY

We know that our work of policy change and program improvement is more important than ever:

484 FOSTER YOUTH aged out of foster care without a permanent home

24,564 JUVENILES were appointed for nonviolent and violent offenses, and 1,643 children were sentenced to a juvenile facility instead of community detention where they could receive more effective rehabilitative services and familial support.
Source: Arrest data from the Maryland State Police. Population data from Puzzanchera et al. Easy access to Juvenile Populations (1990-2014)

40,405 STUDENTS were suspended from school a total of 70,290 times.

42,595 CHILDREN do not have health insurance
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

403,149 CHILDREN need free and reduced price meals at school

404,632 HOUSEHOLDS participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in Maryland

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• Fewer children will be exposed to the criminal justice system as disciplinary practices across the state are more equitable and appropriate.
• Fewer children living in areas of high poverty will go through the school day hungry because they are provided both breakfast and lunch in school.
• More current and former foster youth, and unaccompanied homeless youth will be able to go to college as the state’s tuition waiver covers more young people and more programs.

OUR WORK CONTINUES:

• Fully funding education—to ensure that our kids get the best education possible, no matter their zip code.
• Implementing restorative discipline practices—to teach children how to be accountable for their actions without getting involved in the criminal justice system.
• Ending the automatic prosecution of youth as adults—to ensure that children are treated as children in the criminal justice system.
• Securing earned sick days for low-income workers—to guarantee that parents do not have to choose between losing pay and taking care of themselves or their kids when they are sick.
• Accessing disaggregated data—to identify any inequalities and work on solutions to safeguard all our children’s futures.

KEy DeCiSiOn-makErS

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Case in point—Maryland is one of the wealthiest states in the nation. Yet, when you look closer, things are not quite as they seem. Concentrated pockets of poverty persist all across Maryland, and it’s affecting the lives of our children in a myriad of ways.

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