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# Mission

Mission: Tickets for Kids® Charities is dedicated to enriching the lives of low-income and at-risk children and families by including them in a variety of activities and events that are sources of learning, encouragement, and inspiration. TFK facilitates equitable access to the world of ideas, accomplishment, creativity, and culture by being the partnering link between ticket providers and social service agencies. Through this intricate network of partnership, TFK contributes to the growth and well-being of both the children served and the community at large.

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Dear Friends.

I'm pleased to share with you Tickets for Kids' 2017 Annual Report.

Compiling the data for this publication always presents a great opportunity to stop and reflect, however briefly, on the scale and scope of the past year's activity. And what a year it was! An unprecedented 220,000 opportunities were made available to TFK Kids through the generous and consistent support of our friends and funders. Many thanks!

That remarkable milestone was brought about, in large part, by improvements in our tech capabilities. Time and resources were dedicated to improving these capabilities so we could offer more active, real-time, hands-on, experiential opportunities for kids to explore the world and their place in it.

As our partnerships with ticket providers, ticket recipients, volunteers, and financial supporters continue to grow, we're humbled and encouraged by how dedicated this intricate and interactive network is to ensuring that TFK Kids get to experience a concert, a play, a ball game, a corn maze, or a cavern. Our collaboration is our success, and we're grateful to every one of you. Thank you again for your investment.

Warm regards,

Jason J. Riley

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# Tickets

New organizations contributing tickets in 2017 included the SAN DIEGO PADRES baseball team in California, BALLET CHICAGO in Illinois, and Pittsburgh's **KENNYWOOD** amusement park in Pennsylvania.

TOTAL TICKETS DISTRIBUTED

**AVERAGE VALUE PER TICKET** 

**TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS** 

\$6,654,537

# Agencies

Last year TFK facilitated opportunities for YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS located in 40 STATES. Children received tickets through family support centers, after-school programs, summer camps, mentoring programs, early childhood care centers, foster care agencies, shelters, and residential and group homes.

## **TFK PARTNERED WITH**

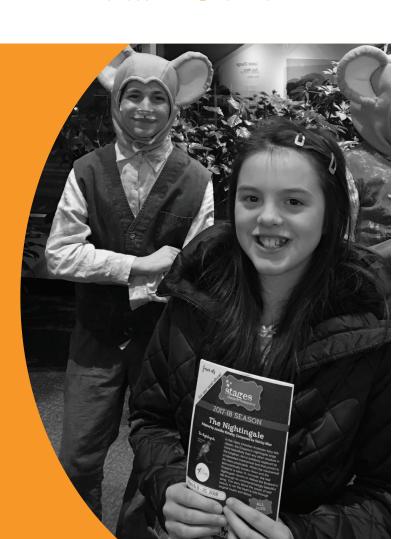
YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS



# TFK Q&A

- If all the tickets are donated, what do you need money for?
- Good question! This is usually asked because some assume A: that TFK purchases tickets. Actually, TFK purchases no tickets at all. Donation income is used to support program activity, which includes but isn't limited to:
  - Prospecting, relationship building, and negotiating to acquire tickets
  - Vetting and training agency partners
  - Maintaining and monitoring an online request portal
  - Event scheduling and ticket distribution
  - Post-event tracking
  - Donor acknowledgment

It costs us about \$4.25 for each opportunity distributed, which means we were able to generate 8.2 times our 2017 operating budget of \$812,638 in ticket value!

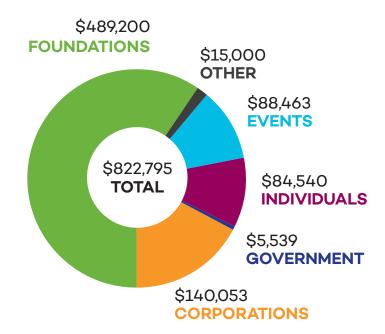


# (TICKETS RECEIVED) \$6,932,778

**IN-KIND GIFTS** 

# Income

In 2017, Tickets for Kids received charitable contributions through FOUNDATION, CORPORATE, and GOVERNMENT GRANTS, CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS, FUNDRAISING **EVENTS**, and **ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGNS**.



# Individual Donors

TICKETS A big thank you to the 1,238 INDIVIDUALS last year who, by donating as few as two tickets at a time, contributed to the 16,611 tickets valued at \$1,096,950 that sent TFK Kids everywhere for experiences ranging from ballet performances to monster truck rallies.

Likewise, more than 500 INDIVIDUALS supported TFK through annual giving campaigns, fundraising events, United Way contributions, workplace giving initiatives, and other creative ways to contribute \$84,540 to open doors for kids all across the U.S. THANK YOU!



# **MONETARY DONORS**

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**New Jersey Devils** 

**Major League Baseball** 

by Value)

**Carnegie Science Center** 10. Blue Man Group Chicago

11. Cirque du Soleil

12. Cleveland Indians

13. ProCamps Worldwide 14. Washington Revels

15. Allied Integrated Marketing

16. Philadelphia Phillies

17. Giant Eagle

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