



# ANNUAL REPORT



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# A MESSAGE *from the* BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

In your hands is a brief attempt at capturing the essence of the Penns Valley Youth Center and all that it does and represents. While I recognize the futility of trying to capture a snapshot that encapsulates what this place means to everyone involved, we wanted you to be aware of the motivations that guide our PVYC team, and the impacts this organization has had for the past decade and the direction it continues to move. As President of this entity, I am privileged to have a front row seat to what goes on in this place and the stories and lives it continues to shape.

Being involved as Board President is one of the most selfish things I do. It's selfish because I get more than I give. At every event, interaction or meeting, I am better because of it. I am humbled, blessed and honored to be a part of the Penns Valley Youth Center. I thank the donors, staff, board and the kids for allowing me to serve. We would not exist without you, and because of you we continue to make a positive impact in our community and beyond!

I hope that you will take some time to read through this report, and will consider additional ways in which you can become part of the PVYC family that is continuing to be formed in our community. Whether you are local or live elsewhere, you can be a part of bringing hope, worth and friendship to students and families in the Penns Valley area.

Join us and make a difference!

Respectfully,

**J.T. Falls**

President,  
PVYC Board of Directors





## MEET THE FLECKS

I wish I could put into words what the Penns Valley Youth Center means to me and so many others. I have been blessed, not only having my two boys attend the Youth Center, but to be able to attend some of their events. I always come out of there getting much more than I've given. I've also come away realizing how much these kids need someone walking beside them. There is so much pressure and stress on these kids. I wish you could look into our hearts to see what this place means to us and how it has helped us through difficult times. The staff is there for not only kids in Kindergarten through 12th grade, but they are also there for the PVYC "kids" who have gone into the workforce after graduation, those who are in college, those who are college grads, and the parents, guardians and families of these PVYC "kids". You never age out of the Youth Center. You are never told that you haven't attended enough. They are there for everyone all the time. I have been blessed to be able to vacation with several staffers and I can honestly say there is not one time that they aren't available to help any of the kids or their families. It could be while sitting on the beach, out to eat, while sightseeing; anytime, day or night, and I do mean any time. They are always there to offer love, comfort and support to the community of PVYC. That goes for all of the PVYC staff and volunteers. Their motto is to "offer hope, worth, and friendship", but it also includes offering love, comfort, and support.

"You never age out of the Youth Center"



# MEET LILY



I started attending PVYC at the end of my 7th grade year after hearing about it from a few of my friends. By 8th grade, I was attending every After School Program, Dinner, Worship Night, Retreat, and event that I could. It instantly became a family to me. I celebrated big and little achievements, made lasting friendships with the leaders and students, and got support through the bad times.

As I entered my high school years, I was always welcomed with smiles and excitement, no matter what kind of day the staff were having. I grew in my faith during this time and developed a better relationship with God, but the best part was getting to watch others grow in their faith. As I was ending my senior year at Penns Valley, I thought I was going to have to say goodbye to the program that shaped me into who I am today, but that wasn't the case. In the spring of 2019, PVYC did a trial run of the K5 program and I was asked to be a student leader, to which I said yes without hesitation. We had an amazing first month of the program but I was unsure if I would be able to continue as a leader since I was starting college. That summer was the Life Conference, a week-long retreat with 6,000 students from across the country, that only happens once every three years. During that week, my love for the Lord and the people I was with grew stronger than I could've ever imagined, and I knew I could not say goodbye just yet.

When I scheduled my classes for the Fall semester, I made sure my Friday afternoons were open and I became a part-time staff member for the K5 program. Now, in my junior year at Penn State, I am on staff for 6-12th grade as well. I spend all of my afternoons at the Youth Center, and I would not want it any other way. I wanted to help the younger generation experience what I got to because it really is life changing. I have made new friendships with younger students and have been able to help them through some of the same situations I had gone through. Being able to give back to the program that changed my life for the better is something I cherish.



# A MESSAGE *from our* EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For the past decade, the Penns Valley Youth Center has served as a beacon of hope, worth, and friendship to students and their families in Penns Valley. While the faces of PVYC may have changed over time, our mission has not. We continue to exist to provide students and families in the community with hope, worth, and friendship. We provide a fun and safe environment in order to encourage healthy habits and promote wise choices. From the original handful of students one day per week, to hundreds of students forming lasting relationships weekly, this place has helped to shape a generation of students, their families, and this community.

Such an incredible impact was only dreamed of ten years ago when a small group of locals envisioned a place that would welcome students in its doors. Through the kindness and generosity of many, we have been recognized for our programs, continuing efforts, and willingness to step into the lives of the marginalized, the lonely, and the unseen. We have counted many students from diverse backgrounds and upbringings amongst this family, and we continue to reach into the towns, villages, and neighborhoods of our community to impact the lives and legacies of the fabric of Penns Valley.

Being blessed with an amazing staff who steps in to walk alongside people regardless of personal cost, we are fortunate and excited to be able to serve as the hands and feet of God to our neighbors. Reflecting over the past year, we want to say thank you to many who have helped make these accomplishments possible. To the families who entrust us with your most precious gifts: your children; to the staff and volunteers without whom PVYC would not exist or have built the reputation that it has; and, to the community for supporting us, especially through the difficult season of Covid-19 we want to give thanks. And thank you to everyone who has given of your time, treasure and talents to help build this organization from the ground up. Your financial support, continued prayers, and words of encouragement have made this journey bearable, even in difficult times. Our doors remain open, our arms raised in praise, and our mouths filled with thanksgiving because of each of you.

Sincerely,

**Rev. Darren Narber**  
Executive Director  
Penns Valley Youth Center





# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF HOPE. WORTH. FRIENDSHIP.

In 2011, a concerned group of parents gathered with several young community leaders to discuss ways in which to address the fatherlessness and hopelessness that existed in the Penns Valley area. From those conversations, Penns Valley Community Church led the charge to establish a location in the Old Gregg School Community & Recreation Center for teens in 7th through 12th grade to come one day a week after school to hang out. From modest beginnings, the Penns Valley Youth Center began to have an immediate impact.

Our first group of students could be counted on a single hand. Today, more than 250 students make up our current roster and PVYC has influence throughout the community and in our local schools. Our students come from every demographic and social construct imaginable. Through our After School Programs, Youth Group, LIFE Groups, Retreats, and other events, the Penns Valley Youth Center is making a difference to students and their families across our community.

**2011**
**5 STUDENTS**  
ON THE ROSTER

**2**  
STAFF &  
VOLUNTEERS

**1**  
MONTHLY  
DONOR

**\$10,000**  
ANNUAL  
BUDGET

**2021**
**250 STUDENTS**  
ON THE ROSTER

**22**  
STAFF &  
VOLUNTEERS

**OVER 70**  
MONTHLY  
DONORS

**\$347,000**  
ANNUAL  
BUDGET




# IMPACT



With your support,  
Penns Valley Youth Center is helping  
students find hope, worth, and friendship  
while helping parents and guardians  
navigate the difficult journey  
of raising a family.



# PVYC THROUGH THE YEARS

With your support, the Penns Valley Youth Center has helped to alter the course of students and families for over a decade. Without you, the following impacts would not have been possible.



## OVER 650 TOTAL STUDENTS

have attended our events and programs over the past 10 years



## \$525,000 ECONOMIC IMPACT

of donated food in Penns Valley region



## 23,000+ MILES

traveled to conferences, retreats, and events



## 11 THOUSAND MEALS

served to students and families in the Penns Valley community



## 35 RETREATS

and conferences attended



## 28 THOUSAND POUNDS

of produce shared with our community through PVYC and our Food Centre



## OVER 9.5K HOURS

of community service provided by students to local and regional neighborhoods



## 252,164 TOTAL MILES

on our PVYC van (hint: we may need to replace it soon!)



## NEARLY 400 PACKAGES

mailed out to Penns Valley homes with craft supplies and family fun activities during COVID-19 pandemic



## OVER 600 HOME DELIVERIES

of supplies for community outreach events and food made during COVID-19 pandemic



## 12.5 THOUSAND STAFF HOURS

worked in 2021 by passionate and dedicated people that believe in the mission of PVYC



## 117 ZOOM GATHERINGS

to remain connected to students in lieu of regular programming



## \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

awarded for Commitment to Community to graduating seniors

# STUDENT & FAMILY TESTIMONIES

I started coming to PVYC in 6th grade. It has been the best decision of my life. When I have needed people to talk to, I go to PVYC. When I need a place to vent my frustration, I go to PVYC. When I need to laugh, cry or figure out something, it is PVYC that I turn to. I am headed towards big things because of the encouragement and support that I receive from these people. Long before anyone saw me or thought I had talent, the team at PVYC was in my corner rooting me on. They added just about every play The ch fo d i

I came to PVYC when my parents filed for divorce. I lived close by and walked past OGS on a regular basis. When I would walk past the door into PVYC, it always sounded and looked like a lot of fun happened there. Over the years, I would stop by once per week and have a conversation with some of the male leaders. With my relationship with my dad strained, I enjoyed having man time with these guys. Over the years, we had a lot of talks about topics that nobody else would talk to me about - friends, sex, drugs, alcohol, school and more. No topic was off limits and believe me - I pushed the limits. They always welcomed me and would spend time with me, even if I knew they needed to be doing other things. It made me feel like someone cared. When I began to battle depression and needed help, they helped my mom locate me out of high school advice.

Hi there. I wanted to thank the Penns Valley Youth Center and their awesome staff. Besides their father and I, our kids have been influenced more than any other by the team at PVYC. You have helped us through a lot of drama, struggles and the teen years and have been a positive role models for our kids to look up to. I am certain that our kids are not the only students to have had such a great experience. Thank you for filling such a void in our community. Keep up the great work!

PVYC literally is my family. In January, my mom died unexpectedly from what turned out to be pneumonia. A week later, her live-in boyfriend committed suicide because he couldn't deal with her passing. This left me without a place to live. PVYC and its staff took me in, setting me up with a home to live with a staffer, and helping me deal with the funeral stuff, estate and insurance stuff, cleaning out the trailer and more. Over the summer, I was able to work through past hurts with my estranged father who had been very abusive when I was a little kid. PVYC'ers took me to Kentucky to visit with him and to reconcile as he battled cancer. This fall, I was back in Kentucky for his funeral. Despite this loss, I found closure knowing that we had made amends and had put the past behind us. If it were not for PVYC, I would have committed suicide years ago, I wouldn't have graduated from high school or gotten into college, I would not have been able to reconnect with my dad or have a relationship with my mom before they passed. PVYC truly has been a lifesaver for me, and I am so thankful for all that they did for me. Since I no longer have a family, I am now a part of the extended PVYC family and will be spending holidays with staff in their homes and have been adopted into their family. PVYC will always be a huge part of my story and the future that lies ahead.



**10,000+**  
MILES TRAVELED  
WITH PVYC

**9**  
STATES  
TRAVERSED

**1,000+**  
DAYS OF  
AFTER SCHOOL  
PROGRAM

**CLASS  
OF  
2019**

**100+**  
CONCERTS, CAMPS,  
AND EVENTS

**200+**  
YOUTH GROUP  
DINNERS

**1 YEAR**  
TO COVER  
ENTIRE BIBLE

PVYC IS HELPING STUDENTS  
**FORM HEALTHY HABITS**  
& MAKE WISE CHOICES

\*\*LAST CLASS NOT IMPACTED BY COVID-19\*\*

# COVID-19 RESPONSE

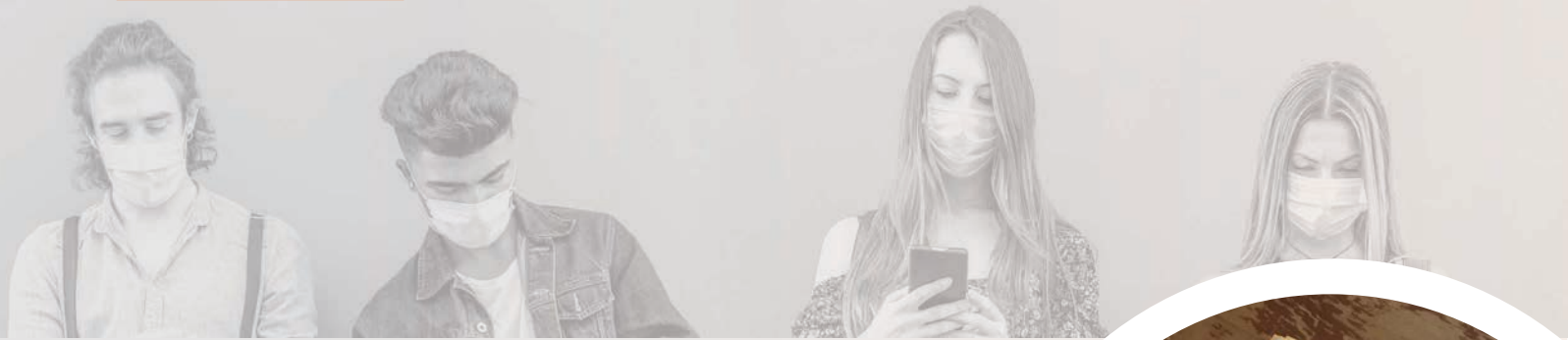


The past two years have presented themselves with unique challenges for our team at the Penns Valley Youth Center. The COVID-19 pandemic forced us to pivot rapidly which brought out the best in our team, even as it highlighted areas of improvement. Immediately after the pandemic forced our closure of programs, our staff and volunteers shifted gears, moving to a completely virtual format for After School programming, Virtual Youth Group, prerecorded Worship Nights, regular drop-by visits (usually outside, distanced, and masked), and a huge mobilization of craft and STEM activities shipped weekly to families across the community. Each Monday, the local postmaster would grin as boxes of envelopes, mailers, and packages would be shipped to students who were isolated and lonely.



As time wore on, we were able to slowly reopen our doors, reviewing and altering nearly every aspect of our programming and the way we had done things previously. Even the days of the week that we were open were impacted. Throughout this process, our leadership team worked to continue developing revenue streams to support our staff who had shifted their approach to ministry.





At the onset of the pandemic, our Board made the faith-filled decision to maintain our staffing level because of the unique nature and camaraderie of our team. When an opportunity arose to hire a couple to help shoulder the leadership duties, another faith-filled decision was made. A year later, we recognize that God has provided in some amazing ways, even as several long-time partners were forced to reduce their giving levels or stop altogether.

As we conclude 2021 and look to the future, we are confident in knowing that we are able to operate despite difficulty and hardship, that our team worked in unison, and PVYC has emerged stronger, better-equipped, and excited for what the future holds.



# 2021 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## 6-12 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Students in Middle School, Junior High and Senior High School come to PVYC on Mondays and Wednesdays for healthy snacks, homework help, gym time, free access to counseling, and a great place to hang out with old and new friends!

## K-5 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Every Friday, Elementary School students enjoy games, STEM activities, develop their artistic and crafting skills, and spend time developing relationships with their peers in a fun and safe environment.

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

Each week, members of our staff and the community partner together to cook and serve a fresh, home-cooked meal to our students. Any leftovers are packaged and sent home so that families have an extra meal!

## YOUTH GROUP

Students are invited to hang out at Youth Group each Wednesday after dinner for a time of singing and teaching. As a faith-based organization, we believe that a strong community rooted in faith in God helps everyone navigate the challenges of life.







## FOOD CENTRE

The Food Centre serves as a hub in the Penns Valley community that provides free food from Panera, Trader Joe's, local food establishments and our very own gardens. From our tables at OGS, nearly \$150,000 in free foods are distributed each year.



## CHURCH IN TEN

Each day an email is sent to recipients who enjoy a short devotional, a worship song, and prayer requests sent by community members. In ten minutes per day, people can grow in their faith, spend time in worship and pray for each other. It is like holding church in just ten minutes!



## THE TABLE

The Table is a place where PVYC families and community members are welcomed to come, have a home-cooked meal, spend time worshipping God, and engage in conversations about faith. Reservations are required, but everyone is invited!

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Encouraging students to give back and serve in the Penns Valley community is a hallmark of PVYC. We model this by helping local organizations and our local school district in many ways. We believe we honor God by loving others through service.



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



## RETREATS

One way that our students grow their faith and build relationships with each other is by attending retreats. Due to COVID-19, all retreats have been held outdoors and in a single day. We hope to return to overnight weekends in 2022 and give our students amazing experiences at places close to home and afar.

## LIFE GROUPS

By joining a LIFE Group, students can connect with PVYC leaders and peers who are seeking to grow deeper in their faith. Meeting every other week, these students are able to speak freely about the struggles of life and the challenges they face in their world. Over the years, LIFE Groups have served as the biggest impetus to spiritual growth and helping students discover who they were made to be!



Many students have limited opportunities to experience activities outside of typical extracurricular school district activities like sports, drama or clubs. We desire that every student realize the world is open and available to them if they work hard, make smart choices, and strive to do hard things. We work to help students engage in fun activities, local, regional and national trips, and find opportunities to explore their interests.



## OUTREACH

One of the best parts about PVYC is the willingness to think outside the box and be creative in engaging our community. As COVID-19 wore on, we thought about holding pop-up outdoor pizza parties using a portable pizza oven. At these events, neighborhood families could gather in someone's yard, and we would bring the pizza party. One oven has now turned into three ovens, and we have hosted gatherings of as many as 200 people. As it turns out, we make some pretty fine pies, and neighbors have been able to meet each other, some for the first time! Whether over a slice of pizza, helping to organize a fundraising drive for medical expenses, providing child care or rides, providing essential toiletries to students who would otherwise go without, or helping to work with local churches to offer family events and activities through Front Yard Mission, PVYC is striving to make our families and our community a better place to live!



# FAMILY & STUDENT SUPPORTS



## COUNSELING

Gaining access to competent counseling is difficult for many in our community. By partnering with Centre Counseling & Wellness, Inc., PVYC brings a counselor to our facility each week so that students and families can find a listening ear that can help guide them through life.

## FINANCIAL NEEDS

Everyone needs help at some point in some way. One way that is often needed in our community is financial assistance. Partnering with local organizations and using our own relief funds, we are able to walk beside families who need a little help to make ends meet.



## FOOD

We may have many differences but we all eat! At every activity, function or get-together, we serve food. For some students, it may be the only hot meal they receive or the first vegetable they actually like. Opening doors to food access is one step in helping our community build better habits and make healthy choices.

## BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

Through the generosity of a local donor, each month we celebrate birthdays for each student involved with our programs. They receive T-Shirts and Gift Cards from local establishments. This effort helps each student feel like they belong and are seen!

Growing up is tough. So is raising a family. We recognize this and work hard to come alongside students, parents, guardians and local support organizations that strive to make growing up and raising kids a little bit easier. We do this through financial support, parenting help, building connections to service and support organizations, or making connections to local churches who can walk alongside families through their most difficult situations.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## STAFF TRAINING

Our staff is unique in their backgrounds and come at problems and issues from their own experiences. This is often useful as our students each have different situations that they come from. By providing training and professional development opportunities, our staff is able to deal with some of the most difficult situations and confrontations imaginable. Over the years, we have dealt with abuse, depression, suicidal thoughts, neglect, assault, and other issues in the lives of our students and their families. Learning how to address these occurrences and the necessary coping skills that come from involvement in the lives of these students is helpful to continuing in this line of work.





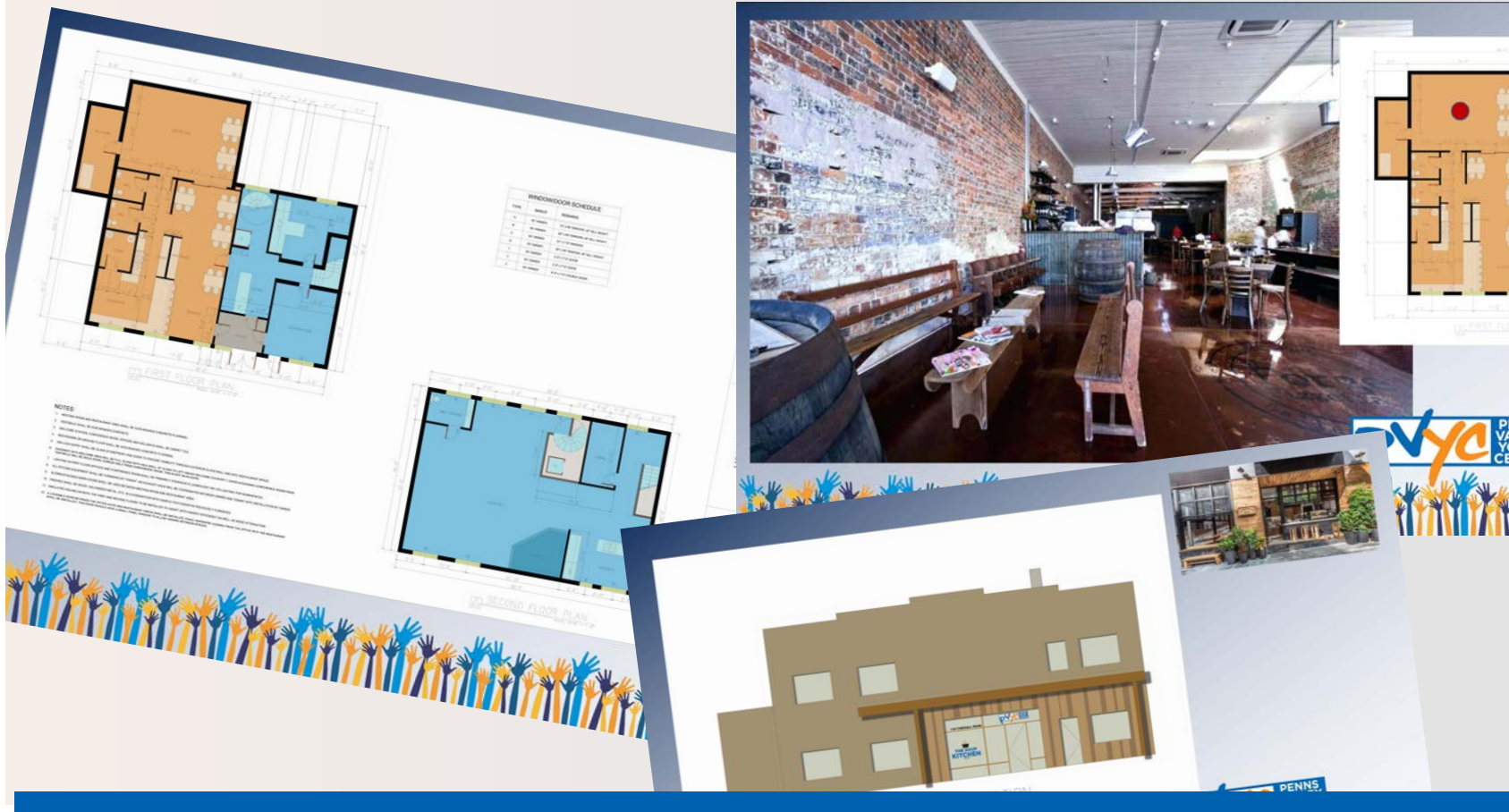
# 2025 GOALS

## PVYC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

The Penns Valley Youth Center recognizes the need to increase revenue to continue operating our programs. We also recognize the need for local jobs for students and their family members, access to healthy foods, and stable housing. It is our goal to create a sustainable business opportunity that helps us meet those needs while providing revenue streams to not only support those endeavors, but to help maintain our existing programming. The following options are being considered:

- Food Distribution Warehouse
- Affordable Housing Apartments located above Storefront Business
- Restaurant/Coffee Shop

We continue to seek direction for opportunities to impact our community in creative and relevant ways that address the real needs that exist among our families at PVYC.





## ADMINISTRATIVE HIRE

As our organization has continued to grow, it has become necessary to expand our staff to include an Administrative Assistant to keep us organized and moving ahead. Funding such a hire will be critical in order for us to maintain the pace which we currently keep, and to give our leaders the ability to cast new vision for the organization to maintain and enhance programming levels and activities.



## INCREASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Many of our students will graduate from High School with a vision and excitement for their future. This often includes college, university, or a technical or trade school education. Such opportunities are expensive and can be a significant burden to families, so much so that students decide to not go to school. We want to alleviate that burden by being able to offer additional financial support for students in need who we recognize will have a major impact on their future communities. Being able to provide a substantial scholarship to support excellence and motivation in our students is critical to building lives motivated by hope, worth and friendship.



# FINANCIALS

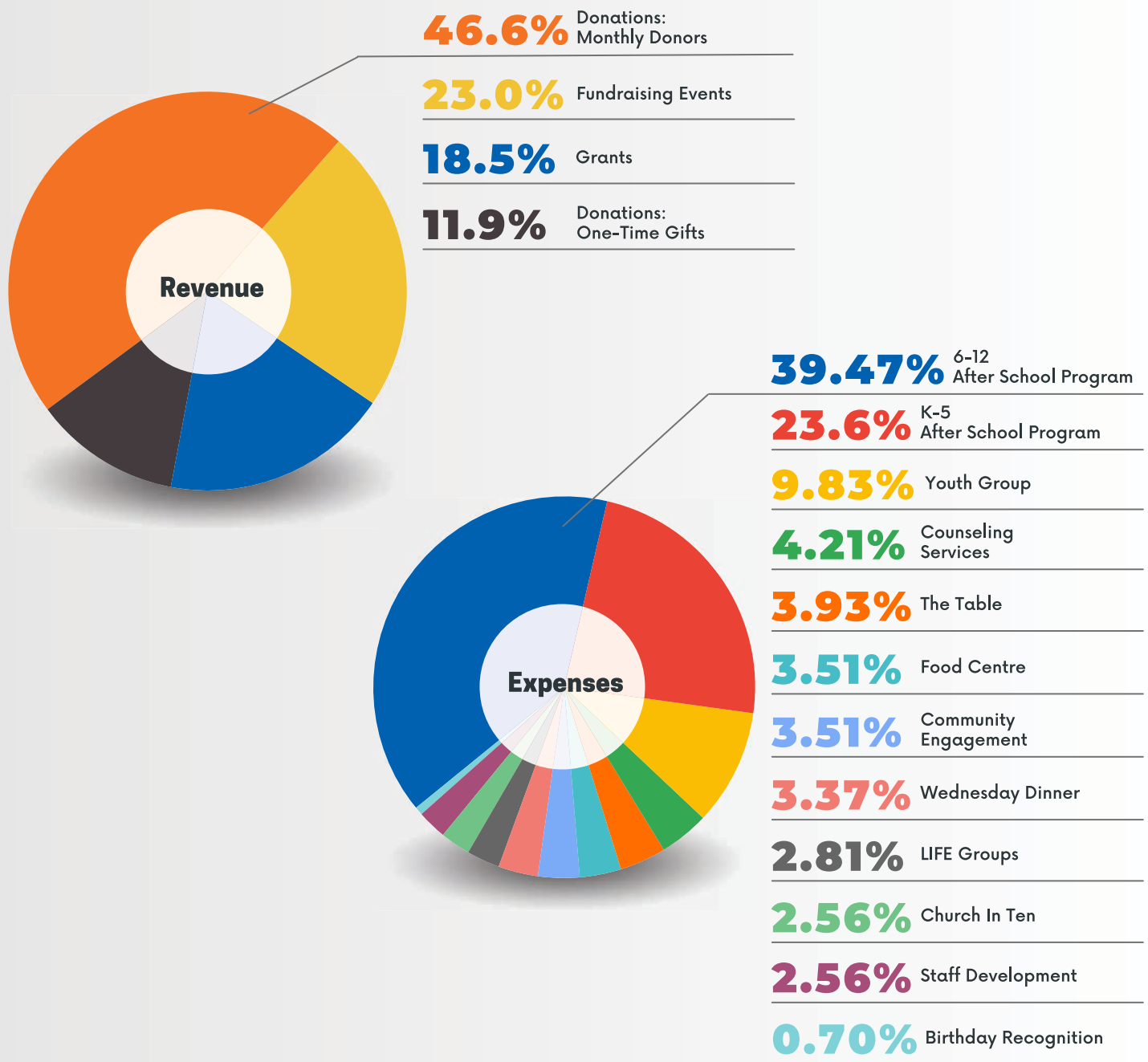


Faithful giving allows us  
to walk beside students and families.



## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Penns Valley Youth Center faithfully stewards the donations and resources we receive from partners like you. We are steadfast in our commitment to investing your contributions in the families and community we serve to bring hope, worth, and friendship to everyone we encounter.



# SUPPORTERS



Our mission and vision  
can only be achieved through  
the generous support of many.



# LOCAL PARTNERS

Today, more than ever, families in our Penns Valley community are able to access the resources they need because of your generosity and support. Monthly donors and individual gifts contribute over half of our annual revenue.



**FOUR SPRINGS  
VETERINARY CLINIC**

**MADISONBURG UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**AARONSBURG SALEM  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**GREEN GROVE  
BRETHREN IN  
CHRIST CHURCH**

**MILLHEIM  
LIONS CLUB**

**BIERLEIN  
AUTOMOTIVE**

# LEADERSHIP

A blue-tinted photograph of a group of people, likely a sports team or staff, huddled together in a group hug. The image is used as a background for the page. An orange arrow points from the word 'LEADERSHIP' towards the top right corner of the image.

More than just leaders,  
our staff becomes family.



## STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

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**HOPE.**

**WORTH.**

**FRIENDSHIP.**

**DONATE. VOLUNTEER. JOIN US.**

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Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this annual report. We would appreciate notification of any errors or omissions in order to correct our records. To report errors or omissions, please contact Anne Narber, Operations Manager, at [anne@pyouthcenter.com](mailto:anne@pyouthcenter.com) or 814.571.9907.

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