

Dear Friends,

I'm excited to share with you our Annual Report for 2019, which marked Tickets for Kids' 25th year!

From grass-roots beginnings in Pittsburgh, to joining forces with great, like-minded organizations in Minneapolis and New York, the passion and enthusiasm of those who make this work possible has spread to all corners of the country. As a result, 206,663 experiences were provided last year to our nonprofit agency partners in 40 states.

This milestone year also provided an opportunity to reflect on how to grow our mission and impact for the next 25 years, while maintaining the same levels of professionalism and service you have come to expect. To that end, we've begun targeting four key markets for focused growth — Pittsburgh, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York, and Sarasota/Tampa (more on this inside).

In meeting with ticket donors, financial supporters, and agency partners in each of these markets, the reception that this mission continues to receive has been awe-inspiring. In sharing our vision with new audiences, the resounding chorus of "yes" we almost invariably hear is a humbling affirmation that the TFK mission is more relevant and necessary than ever.

Thank you for believing in the power of experiences, and for ensuring that all kids have access to a diversity of formative opportunities through the Tickets for Kids program. Together with you, we look forward to building our next 25 years.

Warm regards,

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## Tickets

Many new ticket providers from across the country joined us in 2019 including the MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NEW YORK YANKEES, URBAN AIR (many locations), UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT, and the MIAMI MARLINS.

**TOTAL TICKETS DISTRIBUTED** 

206,663

**TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS DISTRIBUTED** 

\$5,858,948

# Agencies

In 2019, TFK provided opportunities to 1,349 **AGENCY PARTNERS** located in **40 STATES**.

Our AGENCY PARTNERS (ticket receivers) come in many shapes and sizes including large national organizations like YMCA/YWCA programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Boys and Girls Clubs. In addition, tickets are received by thousands of smaller programs serving kids and families through family support centers, Title 1 schools, afterschool programs, summer camps, mentoring programs, early childhood care centers, foster care agencies, shelters, and residential and group homes.

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Taking Stock of TFK Markets

While most of TFK's expansion over the course of its first 25 years has occurred organically, a Strategic Plan adopted in 2019 included an initiative toward targeted growth. Four markets were identified to receive focused plans for expansion. Here's what we achieved at the end of year one:

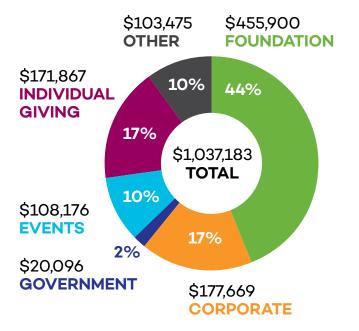
- ➤ Pittsburgh 79,000 experiences provided, and the launch of the Tickets for Kids ConnectAbility program, which focuses on connecting children with developmental disabilities to cultural experiences
- Minneapolis/St. Paul 30,000 experiences provided, up from 20,000 in 2018
- New York 15,000 experiences provided, with a goal of exceeding 20,000 in 2020
- ➤ Tampa/Sarasota 5,000 experiences provided in 2019 with a goal of exceeding 10,000 in 2020

As we work toward our goals in these specific markets, we will continue to provide experiences to our nonprofit agency partners located throughout the United States.

Tickets for Kids is only able to provide an abundant variety >>> of enriching experiences thanks to the generosity of those who donate tickets and/or money. Here are the corporations, businesses, institutions, and foundations that helped us meet our mission in 2019.

## Income

Donation income was received through FOUNDATION, **CORPORATE, and GOVERNMENT GRANTS, CORPORATE** SPONSORSHIPS, FUNDRAISING EVENTS, and ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGNS.



### **IN-KIND TICKET DONATIONS** \$5,963,108.99

# Individual Donors

TICKETS We sincerely thank the 1,187 INDIVIDUALS who donated 7,639 tickets worth \$454,285 in 2019. Kids enjoyed a huge variety of experiences last year ranging from "Bat Out of Hell — The Meatloaf Musical" to "The Barber of Seville." Something for everyone!

**MONEY** 

Individual monetary donors numbered 478 in 2019, and together they gave \$171,867 in mission support. Last year also ushered in our new PATRON'S CIRCLE program, enabling donors to make recurring monthly contributions. Many thanks to everyone who joined this new initiative.



## **MONETARY DONORS**

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## Mission

To provide at-risk children with experiences that inspire hope, dreams, and achievements for a lifetime.

## Mission Moment

"We had so much fun at Urban Air! There was a snowstorm the day of our event, so we had the venue largely to ourselves. My favorite moment was seeing some very small children (perhaps 6 or 7 years of age) showing our kids how to do flips on the trampolines. They were all so engaged and genuinely eager to learn from the little ones. At the end of the night, one of our kids remarked that she hadn't gotten any Christmas presents, but this made her break special, and others chimed in in agreement. Thank you!"

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