



GRATITUDE REPORT

2019 Fiscal Year



RITE of PASSAGE JOURNEYS

YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Your contribution to Rite of Passage Journeys is an investment in resilience, self-awareness and inner-strength. Your support opens the door to the kind of “summit-the-pass” determination it takes for youth and adults to thrive in a world full of challenges.

You give them starlit nights around the fire, an authenticity of sharing most have never before experienced, connections that become a benchmark for healthy community. **Your contributions fund Mentors** who are there every step of the way, to listen, encourage and provide a framework for the revelations that arise — offering a gentle nudge that opens a door. *They return, forever changed....*

Thank you for investing in a positive future!

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Your 2019 investment in these unique, time-tested journeys served more youth ages 8-18 than ever before — immersing them in wilderness, community and opportunities to experience profound self-discovery and deep gratitude for life. **Sharing from the heart** around council fires, **pushing up a pass** carrying a heavy pack, reaching deeper inside than perhaps ever before to **persevere through an extended wilderness solo** — these are moments that help **shape the confident, resilient, soulful adults we want our kids to become.**



From jumping into freezing glacier water to pushing myself up the side of a mountain, **every moment of this trip allowed me to grow.** This trip is something that I will remember for a lifetime.

— Lochlan, Age 13,
Mountain Quest: Coming of Age

Parents and Youth Offer their Gratitude

"Journeys trips are truly life-changing. **They teach leadership, responsibility, trust, teamwork** and self-growth, through in-depth councils and wilderness skills. **The guides on the trip were powerful role models,** and respected and treated us like adults. I'm incredibly grateful to have been able to spend 3 weeks in the beautiful outdoors with such inspiring people." — *Solo Crossing participant, Age 16*

"Jackson was heading back to school in the Fall for eighth grade and had his usual apprehension. But he said, **"Thinking about my time at Journeys helps me remember who I am."** When he talks about his trip, he stands up a little straighter and his eyes are brighter. **He is more confident and settled in himself.** He is less rattled by the social and academic side winds of middle school."

— *Parent of Mountain Quest: Coming of Age participant*

ADULT PROGRAMS

Summer 2019 delivered our 3rd two-week **Leadership Intensive, Restoring Youth Rites of Passage**. Elder program expanded with a special **weekend course with Lynne Iser** and a **new invitation for elders to partner** in supporting youth in rites of passage. Leadership Development Series year two continued with **Terrain of Transformation, Crucible of Youth and Untangling the Threads of the Past**. Paired with on-the-trail **Mentor Apprenticeship**, other essential adult programs, and capped by our transformative **Adult Wilderness Quest**, training with Journeys in Rites of Passage is a rich and robust experience!



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I can't begin to tell you how much my life has changed since AWQ last year. I've cleansed myself in the waterfalls of my own personal evolution. **My life path feels clear and strong and is full of joy.**

— *Morticia, Adult Wilderness Quest*



Our 2019 Adult Offerings

Restoring Youth Rites of Passage:
2-Week Leadership Intensive

Leadership Development Series:
Crucible of Youth
Untangling the Threads of the Past

Mentor Training Program

Adult Wilderness Quest

Counselor Camp

Conscious Eldering Series w/ Lynne Iser

Calling Elders to Mentor Youth in Rites of
Passage

Creating Soulful Ritual

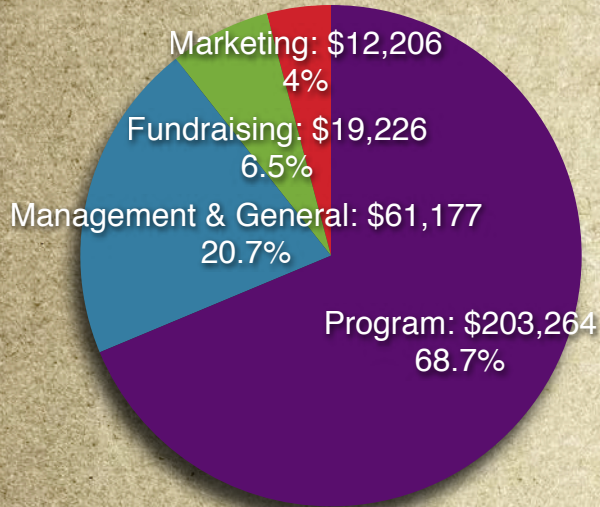
Designing Transformative Ritual

Dream Council (ongoing)

Grieving Time

YOUR FUNDS AT WORK

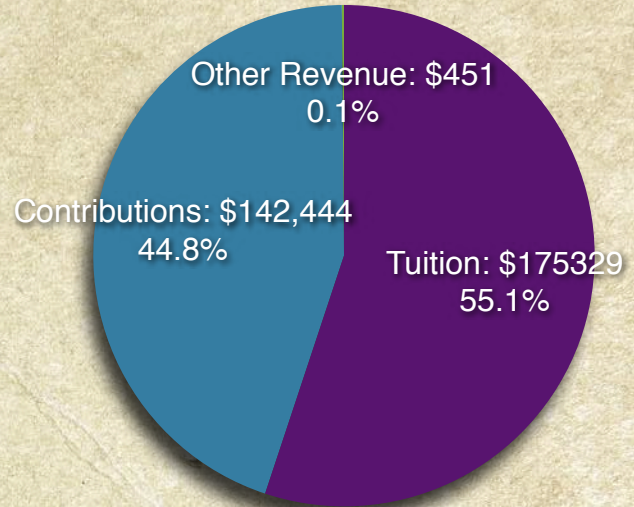
2019 EXPENSES



- Program: \$203,264 = 69%
- Management & General: \$61,177 = 21%
- Fundraising: \$19,226 = 6%
- Marketing: \$12,206 = 4%

TOTAL: \$295,873 = 100%

2019 REVENUE



- Tuition: \$175,329 = 55%
- Contributions: \$142,444 = 45%
- Other Revenue: \$451 = 0%

TOTAL: \$318,224 = 100%

(Source: IRS 990 Report 2019)

SUCCESSES your Investments created!

Guided **33,720 hours** of journeys into nature

Provided **\$29,438 in scholarships** for families in need

Continued **LGBTQ2IA+** youth **Queer Quest** program development

3rd successful 2-week **Restoring Youth ROP Leadership Intensive**

Training Hub strengthened through three weekend workshops

Expanded partnership with Youth Passageways



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