



KIDSAVE[®]
Because Every Child Needs a Family

2018 Report of Activities



Kidsave's Mission

Create change so that children grow up in families and connected to caring adults.

Dear Supporters of Kidsave,

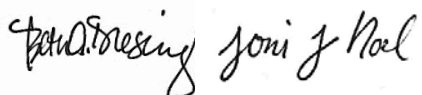
As Kidsave's 20th anniversary year closes, we are excited about what we have accomplished and look forward to the future. Kidsave seeks to build awareness of and engagement in activities that move children out of orphanages and into families. To build this engagement our focus is on increasing professional training in Kidsave's models, using the Weekend Miracles Los Angeles program as a demonstration site. As Trustees we are so proud of the work that went into serving all of the kids we helped, but especially the 122 children in our Weekend Miracles program in Los Angeles.

The other 2019 highlight was the launch of Kidsave Texas. Two Texans joined us as Trustees in 2018, Tracy Steelman and Eric Vega. Our Texas Director, Tabitha Chariton, joined Kidsave in 2018 as well. She is an inspiration for everyone. Together this Texas team is making a huge difference in Kidsave's ability to find the funding needed to give families to older children in Texas who are languishing in the system.

The type of activity we have experienced in Texas this year makes us excited for the future. Kidsave hopes to harness this type of energy in more communities moving forward – as it definitely takes a village to save a child.

Thank you for your help and continuing support. We look forward to 2019 and increasing our footprint in the U.S. and worldwide.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Dresing and Joni Noel,
Co-Chairs, Board of Trustees



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Kidsave's Family Visit Model

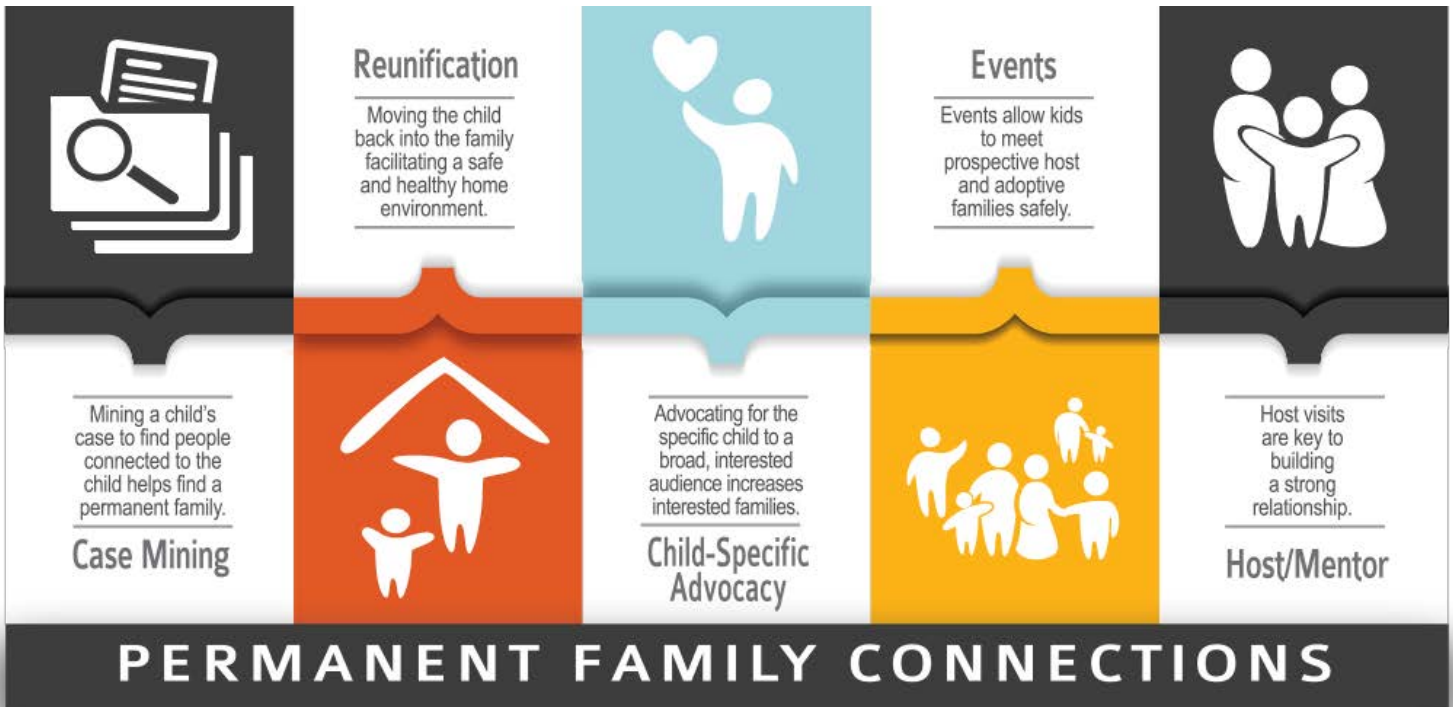
Older children, ages 9 to 18, are considered hard-to-place. Prospective adoptive parents often look to adopt babies rather than teens and preteens, so the pool of interested families for older kids is small. Older kids have opinions, their personalities are shaped, and many have experienced significant trauma. Working to find families for these youth is time-consuming and challenging. Consequently, a large proportion exit the child welfare system without the safety net of a family or a mentoring relationship. Without the support of caring adults, the odds are against system-involved youth graduating from high school or college, finding a good job, or having the example of a successful family life from which to build their own.

Kidsave's goal is to demonstrate and create change. Our Family Visit Model gives kids in foster care and orphanages, ages 9 through 17, short-term visits with families during school vacations and weekends. **The model is unique in child welfare because it:**

- welcomes people without home studies to meet kids without excessive paperwork;
- enables people to host children without committing to adopt them;
- introduces kids to others who might be open to adoption;
- provides interactive events that give children and adults a safe space to become acquainted and
- gives kids a choice in adults with whom they might want to be connected.

Kidsave applies this model worldwide.

We start by ensuring that all attempts to reunify the child with the biological family have been made. When reunification fails, relationships in the child's history are reviewed to see if a relative or friend might be the permanent family solution for that child. If that fails, then children are introduced to host families who become that child's partner in finding a permanent connection. Weekend events and child-specific advocacy help expand the reach to find the child a permanent family.





Dear Friends,

We've had a wonderful 20th-anniversary year, yet the summer of 1999 seems like yesterday when we gave 177 older, foreign orphans summer vacations with host families in the United States. We were testing the idea that introducing older kids to adults through hosting would result in adoptions. And that test succeeded! The result of the first Summer Miracles Program was 97% of the children who traveled were matched for adoption.

That summer changed our lives and defined Kidsave. We have worked to build our "Family Visit Model" in key cultures around the world ever since. It has helped older kids find families in their own countries – in the USA, Russia, Colombia and Sierra Leone. This year we began development of programs in Texas and Tanzania. We planned a Family Visit Model pilot and launched a national mentoring association in Ukraine.

Kidsave has directly served 13,165 children since 1999. We pride ourselves on collaboration and have influenced placements for over 560,000 children through programs, training, and advocacy.

We are extremely grateful for your friendship and support. **Thank you** for helping us reach this important milestone. We invite you to watch "20 Years, 20 Kids" on our website under Kidsave videos to see the impact of our work.

We are asking for your continued support to help us put more children in families over the next 20 years.

Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Randi Thompson and Terry Baugh, Co-Founders

Please Donate at [Kidsave.org/donate](https://kidsave.org/donate)

Or send a check to Kidsave, PO Box 39293, Los Angeles, CA 90039-0293

Results

13,165 children served, 1999-2018

80% of Summer Miracles children who have ever traveled have been matched for adoption

76% U.S. foster youth connected

49% through adoption or guardianship

27% via hosts/mentors

95% of children reunified in Sierra Leone are in stable placements

Kidsave is all about...

Training!

In 2018 Kidsave's training focus for the Family Visit Model centered in Colombia, where 439 professionals were trained in the Super Amigos program. In Ukraine we trained 90 professionals in our Family Visit Model and over 100 professionals in corporate mentoring. We also began sharing the model more broadly among professionals in Texas and throughout California. We believe that demonstrating our Family Visit Model in action, providing classroom training and hands-on consultation will help local child welfare organizations find more adoptive families and extended family connections for the teens and pre-teens in their care.

Volunteering!

Opportunities for volunteering abound at Kidsave. Volunteers are needed to host children, recruit families, create events, serve on committees, find auction items, build attendance, get the word out, support fundraising, support programs, and help with logistics. From community volunteer teams, to event volunteers, to hosts, we appreciate every person who helps make our programs possible each day!



Thank you Chloe and Ken!

We send a special thanks to our families who do double-duty as hosts and as supportive volunteers.

Chloe and Ken have been hosting two brothers in the Weekend Miracles program since October 2017 and continue to see the boys on an ongoing basis. The dynamic duo also volunteers on a year-round basis to assist with event and volunteer management. At the events, you will find Ken stirring up laughter and leading rounds of trivia while Chloe gracefully orchestrates a room of 100+ attendees. Ken and Chloe are both dedicated to the boys they are hosting and to Kidsave's mission. How lucky we are to have them on the team.

100% of Public Contributions to Programs!

Many people who donate to charity are concerned about the costs it takes to operate a nonprofit – and don't want their donations going to overhead. To address this concern, Kidsave has a special group of donors, The Guardians, who cover Kidsave's operating costs. **These donations allow Kidsave to allocate 100% of donations from the public to our programs.**

You can learn more about becoming a Guardian by contacting Stan Baratta or Randi Thompson at 1-888-KIDSAVE.





Jesus and Grant became a family in 2018 after meeting through Weekend Miracles

Weekend Miracles USA

Over 123,000 American children in foster care are waiting to be adopted and are unable to return home. Kidsave’s goal is to help more older children in foster care find permanent families. We operate our Weekend Miracles Program in Los Angeles County as a demonstration as to how change can occur. We then use Los Angeles as a training center to support expansion of Weekend Miracles to jurisdictions nationwide. California and Texas are two states with the most kids in foster care in need of families. Consequently, these are two areas where Kidsave is focusing.

Weekend Miracles Los Angeles, based on Kidsave’s Family Visit Model, is a partnership between Kidsave and the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. Kidsave recruits interested hosts and introduces them to the youth during our managed weekend events. The program gives youth the choice to engage through hosting with adults that they like and select after several events. Having any choice is something new to most kids in foster care. Host families also appreciate the program because they can volunteer to help a child in foster care without the lengthy review process that comes with traditional fostering.

Who are the Kids?

Kids who participate in Kidsave’s Weekend Miracles program in Los Angeles have exhausted their chances to move back into their biological families. They live in large residential facilities, group homes, and foster families. The average age of the children when referred to Weekend Miracles LA is 13 and the kids have been in foster care for an average of six years.

Children currently in need of families in Los Angeles can be viewed at Kidsave.org under “Meet Kids, U.S. Gallery.”

Results

518

children served in Los Angeles, 2006-2018

122

children served in 2018

76%

of active participants found a permanent connection through adoption, legal guardianship, family reunification, or a lasting connection to a host

Ty's Story

Ty grew up in foster care. At 16 years old, he was living in a residential facility for foster youth, struggling to maintain an education. Ty wanted something different for his life and had dreams of a military career and a run for Congress. After expressing his desire to be adopted, his social worker referred him to Kidsave right before his 17th birthday. After a few months of attending events, Ty was matched with a host family who began spending time with him on weekends and focusing on his educational needs. They were not interested in adoption but loved mentoring Ty.

Ty took the stage at Kidsave's LA Gala in June to share his story. Ty emphasized that he would not let his past define him. "I can't own up to those stereotypes people have," he said. "I am learning to trust and to believe in my dreams and make them my reality."

Mo and Jessica Mora were in the audience that evening, and when they heard Ty speak, they opened their hearts to him. The Moras made the decision to have Ty move in and give him a fresh start. Ty now proudly calls the Moras his family and is a junior at his new school. Whether it's helping him finish homework or picking out the right suit for Homecoming, Ty has family to cheer him on! He is finally headed in the direction of his dreams.



Family Visit Model Across the USA

Kidsave's goal is to increase the number of children in foster care who have one permanent connection to a caring adult. We encourage use of our Family Visit Model to do that. Here's where you can find kids in foster care benefitting from Kidsave's Family Visit Model in the USA.

❑ Colorado

CHOICE is a program of The Adoption Exchange, in partnership with the Colorado Department of Human Services.

❑ Los Angeles

Kidsave's flagship Weekend Miracles program serves Los Angeles County, California.

❑ North Carolina

Facilitated by the Congregation for Kids Network (CFK), North Carolina Weekend Miracles is a collaboration of the For Charlotte Mission Network and Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.

❑ Texas

Kidsave Texas opened in 2018 and began planning and raising funds to start helping older kids in foster care in Harris County (Houston) find families and build connections using Weekend Miracles.

❑ Washington, DC

The DC Family and Youth Initiative (DCFYI) supports children in foster care in DC, providing them family and extended family connections.

Summer Miracles

Kidsave Summer Miracles is a Family Visit Program for children from foreign countries. It provides the opportunity for older children living under government care in orphanages and foster families to meet an adoptive family in the United States. These visits are most frequently the only chance these children will have to be adopted.

Summer Miracles is a volunteer-powered program. Guided by Kidsave staff, volunteer coordinators in communities across the U.S. engage other volunteers to operate summer hosting programs in their areas.

In 2018 Kidsave gave 50 orphaned children from Colombia a summer vacation to the United States to live with host families. The children, ages 9 to 15, stayed in communities across the country. After a whirlwind of activities, new experiences and getting to know their hosts and visiting families, the children went back to Colombia. At the end of 2018, 76% of children who traveled had been matched for adoption and families are proceeding with their adoption processes.

In 2018 Kidsave worked with the following seven communities powered by our amazing volunteer coordinators:

- Chicago, IL - Maru Braemer
- DC Metro (DC, VA, MD) - Amanda Mason
- Des Moines, Iowa - John and Karen Erikson
- Southern California - Jo Moyer
- Minneapolis - St. Paul Metro Area - Marie Kelly and Amy Ferreira
- New York Tri State (NY, NJ, CT) - Cathee Gelman and Mary Massaro
- South Florida - Mercedes Jimenez

From Hosting to Adoption

In 2017 Carolina Avendano and Aric Smarra heard about Kidsave's Summer Miracles program just in time to meet older Colombian orphans who would soon return to Colombia. There they met siblings Sofi, 14 and Emmaus, 10. They spoke for only a few minutes, but the couple immediately felt a connection. They hosted the siblings in their home for two weeks at Christmas. **"They were the best presents life could offer,"** said Carolina. They submitted a letter of intent to adopt in January 2018. Just after Thanksgiving, they went to Colombia to bring their children home in time for another Christmas, this time permanently.

"Family integration is just starting and will take time," said Carolina. "But we are not alone. With Kidsave, we found a huge family that supports us in this new journey. We encourage each other by sharing our experiences, and our family continues to grow in love and strength."



Results

1,883

total children traveled from 1999-2018

50

children traveled in 2018 and

76%

were matched for adoption

Summer Miracles Kids Give Back



Gustavo before his Summer Miracles trip

Gustavo Grams was part of Summer Miracles when he was 12 years old. His adoption had many miraculous moments. He met his parents the last night of his visit, thanks to the outreach of his host family. His need for a permanent family was covered by WBAL-TV 11 and the *Baltimore Sun*. Now part of the Grams family and a young adult, Gustavo decided he wanted to give back to Kidsave. He reached out to those media outlets to share the rest of his story and spread the word about Kidsave kids in need of families. His outreach resulted in a front-page story in the *Baltimore Sun* and a segment on WBAL-TV 11.



Bravo Gustavo!



Dayana enjoying Summer Miracles

Dayana Hubbard was adopted by Gerald and Mary Hubbard. After being in the United States for only a few years, she shared her story at Kidsave's DC Gala. In addition to her school work, cheerleading and engagement in ROTC, she supports Kidsave whenever the opportunity arises. On Giving Tuesday 2018, Dayana felt it was time to give back – so she started a fundraiser for Kidsave and raised \$565.



Go Dayana!



Nina visiting the Teeds during her summer trip

Nina Teed has always wanted a career in helping people, because of her tough experience living in an orphanage. During the holiday season, Nina started a gift-wrapping service at her mom's toy store, which provided the proceeds to Kidsave. Now a college graduate, Nina's passions continue. She was wrapping gifts again this holiday season to support Kidsave and the Lund Foundation, a Vermont organization that helps kids find families. At her day job, she supports adults with disabilities. Something tells us it won't stop here!



Thank you Nina!



Raisa (L), Olga and Constantine in the orphanage

Raisa Yarborough came to Kidsave because her brother and sister were hosted and adopted through Kidsave. She was 20 before she found a family. Now a mom herself, with siblings adopted in the U.S. and siblings who remained in Russia, Raisa says that Kidsave changed her family's life. In 2018 Raisa bravely told her story at the DC Gala and her words touched all who attended.

You can watch Raisa's story on Kidsave's website under videos.



Constantine, Olga, and Raisa in 2018



Jeremiah and his new family in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone is one of the poorest countries in the world. After their extended civil war many children were placed in orphanages. And while their government believes children belong in families, officials do not allocate the necessary resources to support children living in families. Consequently, the government in Sierra Leone depends on nonprofits to support moving children into families.

In 2010 Kidsave began placing institutionalized children in Sierra Leone into new families through our Family Visit Model. When Ebola hit, children whose parents were sick with the virus were taken from their villages to regional care centers with their parents. After their parents died from Ebola, the children remained in the regions and were moved to orphanages where thousands have remained without connections to their home villages and relatives.

Kidsave currently trains and supports partners in Sierra Leone who reunify Ebola orphans with members of their families or extended family back in their villages. Many of these family members are very poor, so Kidsave supports the most vulnerable with small loans that enable them to build their businesses and feed and support the child or children they have taken in. Social workers also visit the families regularly to help manage adjustment challenges and keep the child's placement intact.

In 2018 Kidsave worked with the Federation for Integrated Development to reunite 75 Ebola orphans with relatives and extended families in their villages. Kidsave also supported a group of Sierra Leoneans who live in the United States to begin fundraising to launch a program in the Bombali District. The goal is to move institutionalized children back into their biological families, extended families or into new families.



Sarah and her new family

Results

639

total children served since 2010

165

children served in 2018

75 of 75

Ebola orphans reunified in 2017 – **95%** are in stable placements

Ukraine

The Government of Ukraine has embarked on a reform effort to deinstitutionalize approximately 106,000 children. Moving children from institutions into family-based care is a new concept in Ukraine. It is challenging as many of the kids are disabled, older and part of sibling groups.

As part of the reform effort, Kidsave is implementing a pilot program in the southern regions of Kherson and Mykolaiv to test our Family Visit Model among 30 children (ages 8-14).

Along with local partners, Kidsave is working to develop systems whereby social workers, citizens, and faith-based communities, collaborate to move children into host and, ultimately, permanent families. The priority goals for this pilot program are to:

- ❑ obtain legal status for adoption for these youth,
- ❑ match at least 75% of youth with a caring host or mentor, and
- ❑ successfully move children into adoption or family-based care.

The pilot will be rolled out in 2019.



Kidsave's Randi Thompson and Tatiana Stafford visit some of the children selected for the pilot

Mentoring Makes a Difference

For children who have no adult connections, mentors can help put them on track for education and employment. Kidsave operates the Employment Pathways to Success Program supporting individual and corporate mentoring. This program helps Ukrainian orphans and at-risk youth develop workforce readiness, improve economic self-proficiency, and find internships and job opportunities.

In 2017 Kidsave co-founded the National Mentoring Association in Ukraine to provide an institutional foundation for connecting older, at-risk youth with caring adults and high-quality mentoring relationships.



Kidsave's Tatiana Stafford during the media launch of the National Mentoring Association

Results

230

youth trained in financial and social skills

100

youth assessed and counseled for future job training

100+

professionals trained in Corporate Mentoring in 17 regions

90

professionals trained in the Family Visit Model



Malenkaya Mama 2018

Russia and Colombia Sustainable!

Kidsave's goal is to demonstrate and create change so children grow up in families and connected to caring adults worldwide. After careful planning, Kidsave closed our offices in Russia and Colombia in 2018, leaving behind a strong local organization in each country with Kidsave's mission.

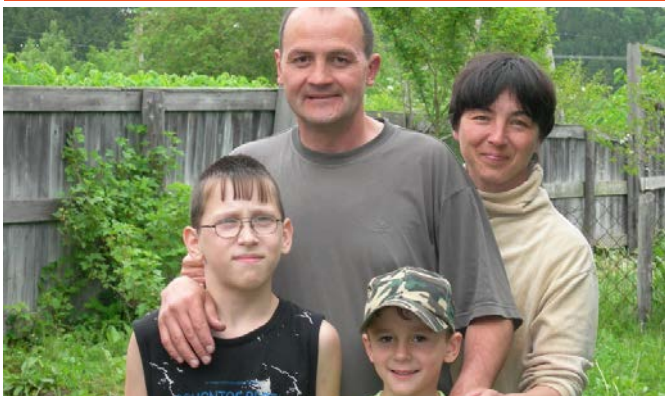
Russia Childhood Keepers



In Russia, Childhood Keepers continues Kidsave's Malenkaya Mama (Teen Mother) program in Moscow and Saint Petersburg. The goal is to break the cycle of child abandonment by providing support for young women who find themselves pregnant and without emotional or financial support. Through this program, young women work with trained social workers and psychologists who assist them in establishing strong, healthy parent-child relationships, obtaining and completing the documents needed to access government benefits, find housing and get a job. The program recruits and trains individual mentors who help the teen moms live independently, become financially independent and successfully employed.



Strong Shoulder Mentoring



Family Visit Program, Russian Far East

Results

4,705

children served, 1999-2018

300+

youth served via corporate mentoring

Corporate mentoring in **17** regions

40

teen moms and babies served in 2018

935

teens and babies served in last 10 years



Super Amigos 2018



Colombia Fundación Apego

In 2018 the Kidsave Colombia Foundation became independent from Kidsave International Colombia and their name was changed to Fundación Apego with Kidsave International/Colombia's long-time Director, Martha Segura, at the helm. Kidsave is proud of the growth of Apego which, among other things, supports Kidsave's mission in Colombia across 17 regions.

Super Amigos

Apego's Super Amigo (Family Visit) program works to connect children living in orphanages with adults through hosting or regular orphanage visits. The program's goal is a connected, caring relationship with an adult for every child.



Mama Mentora

Apego evolved its Mama Mentora program to a pilot project in Ciudad Bolivar with Javeriana University. It will support 50 pregnant teens over 18 months. In 2018, 10 pregnant teens participated and 10 mentors were trained. The teens participating showed positive changes in their selfcare and infant care. They have been matched with health services for pregnancy prevention in addition to their mentor. Twelve local organizations partnered with Apego in the program promotion.



Mama Mentora pilot participants

Results

5,038

total children served

499

children served in 2018

2,832

total professionals ever trained

475

professionals trained in 2018

Statement of Financial Position 2018

Kidsave’s fiscal year ends December 31. We strive to complete our annual audit by July. Our Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities for FY 2018 follow. For a complete view of the audit, see Financials on our website.

**Kidsave International,
Inc. Statement of Financial
Position December 31, 2018
(with comparative totals for
2017)**

Assets	2018	2017
Current Assets	Total	Total
Cash and cash equivalents—Note 4	\$ 675,916	\$ 566,495
Investments—Note 5	60,197	69,922
Contributions and grants receivable—Note 6	2 83,545	249,490
Accounts receivable	259	
Prepaid expenses	13,104	23,635
Security deposits	6,842	5,092
Total Current Assets	1,039,863	914,634
Non-Current Assets		
Contributions and grants receivable—Note 6	117,919	149,003
Total Non-Current Assets	117,919	149,003
Total Assets	\$ 1,157,782	\$ 1,063,637
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 106,468	\$ 59,762
Deferred revenue		37,900
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,051,314	\$ 965,975
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	459,311	385,677
With donor restrictions—Note 10		
Purpose-restricted	264,314	195,695
Time-restricted	327,689	384,603
Total Net Assets	1,051,314	965,975
Total Net Assets and Liabilities	\$ 1,157,782	\$ 1,063,637

Statement of Activities 2018

For a complete view of the audit, see Financials on our website.

Kidsave International, Inc.
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2018
(with comparative totals for 2017)

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>2018 Total</u>	<u>2017 Total</u>
Operating Activities				
Support and Revenues				
Contributions and grants	\$ 1,248,676	\$ 1,088,739	\$ 2,337,415	\$ 2,333,619
Government contracts				114,822
In-kind contributions—Note 13	116,974		116,974	212,511
Interest and dividends	60		60	290
Miscellaneous income	1,729		1,729	1,383
Net assets released from restrictions	1,077,034	-1,077,034		
Total Support and Revenues	2,444,473	11,705	2,456,178	2,662,625
Expenses				
Program services	2,009,981		2,009,981	2,015,273
Management and general	188,825		188,825	183,981
Fundraising	176,933		176,933	184,286
Total Expenses	2,375,739		2,375,739	2,383,540
Change in Net Assets from Operating Activities	68,734	11,705	80,439	279,085
Nonoperating Activities				
Income (loss) on Lake Show investment—Note 5	4,900		4,900	-954
Total Nonoperating Activities	4,900		4,900	-954
Change in Net Assets	73,634	11,705	85,339	278,131
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	385,677	580,298	965,975	687,844
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 459,311	\$ 592,003	\$ 1,051,314	\$ 965,975



LA Summer Miracles 2018 Airport Arrival



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