

2018 - 2019



Girls in STEM  
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# LETTER FROM WENDY

The 2018-2019 school year was the year of growth, as an organization and for the girls we serve; we are happy to report that our second wave of graduating high school students is thriving and pursuing STEM majors in college. We also started a transformational process looking inwards and outwards with the goal to solidify the goals and objectives of our organization that permeate all we do, impacting all areas and people that collaborate with us, from our board to the staff and volunteers. We are certain that this new found clarity will allow us to achieve the next level of success.



This year, we opened a new chapter, and we are now serving girls in seven chapters in the Denver metro area, and we strive to reach more girls. Part of our transformational process included a thorough evaluation of our programs. This evaluation confirmed some of our strengths such as our hands-on activities which enhance girls' confidence, collaboration, problem solving, and leadership abilities. This aligns with 21st century learning skills that are clear ways to enrich the lives of the girls we get to work with. The evaluation also revealed opportunities such as the need to have more in-depth conversations with our speakers. This is why in the near future we are inviting professional women to collaborate with us in a formal mentorship program where they will receive coaching to better enable them to pass that knowledge on to the young women at our chapters.

We are excited by what the future has in store for our organization. We have begun to pivot in a direction that will allow us to reach the ultimate goal to work with 1 million girls by 2030. When we go hand in hand with our community and partners we are stronger, more able to grow, and poised create long term change, and for that we are grateful. We are certain that together we can create mutually beneficial relationships by increasing opportunities for them and the next generation of girls we serve.

Finally, we want to emphasize that we have improved our communication pathway to connect with you. We are ready to meet you and listen to your ideas, plans, and thoughts. Please reach out!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy', written in a cursive style.





# MEMBER'S TESTIMONIAL



Emma Goodwill. Alumni. Majoring in Computer Science and Math at University of Colorado, Boulder.

While Emma was a sophomore at STEM Highschool, she attended one of Girls in STEM's events. In her junior year, she became a member,

and by the time she became a senior she served as a student officer, supporting communications and community outreach. Through our programs and events, we make sure that our members' involvement and opportunities grow evenly and steadily.

**"Girls in STEM impact was pretty impactful in ways I didn't necessarily see at the time, until I graduated, particularly in my confidence. When I started the program I didn't feel comfortable speaking in a crowd, I didn't feel comfortable voicing my opinion as much. By the end of it, just having to take that leadership role surrounding something I was passionate about... It was helpful in feeling more like I could depend on my own voice. I think that was pretty substantial and a big benefit I got from it."**

# CREATING CHANGE



5



years and  
counting

7



chapters

100+  
hours  
of learning



200+  
girls  
served



6

field  
trips



9  
chapter  
leaders



139

registered  
members



46

more than the  
previous year



**350**  
volunteer  
hours



**~35**  
volunteers



**6**  
events



**Nicole Chen finalist for the Colorado Tech Association award, sponsored and awarded NCWIT award.**



**3**  
college  
scholarships



**80+ hrs**  
of Interactive  
Discussions





# K-12 School Districts Served

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Cherry Creek School District

DSST Public Schools

Jefferson County School District

Douglas County School District

Littleton Public Schools

Adams 12

Denver Publics School District



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**Thank you to our outgoing members who supported our work in 2018-2019:**

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Women in Cable Telecommunications

Structural Engineers Association of Colorado

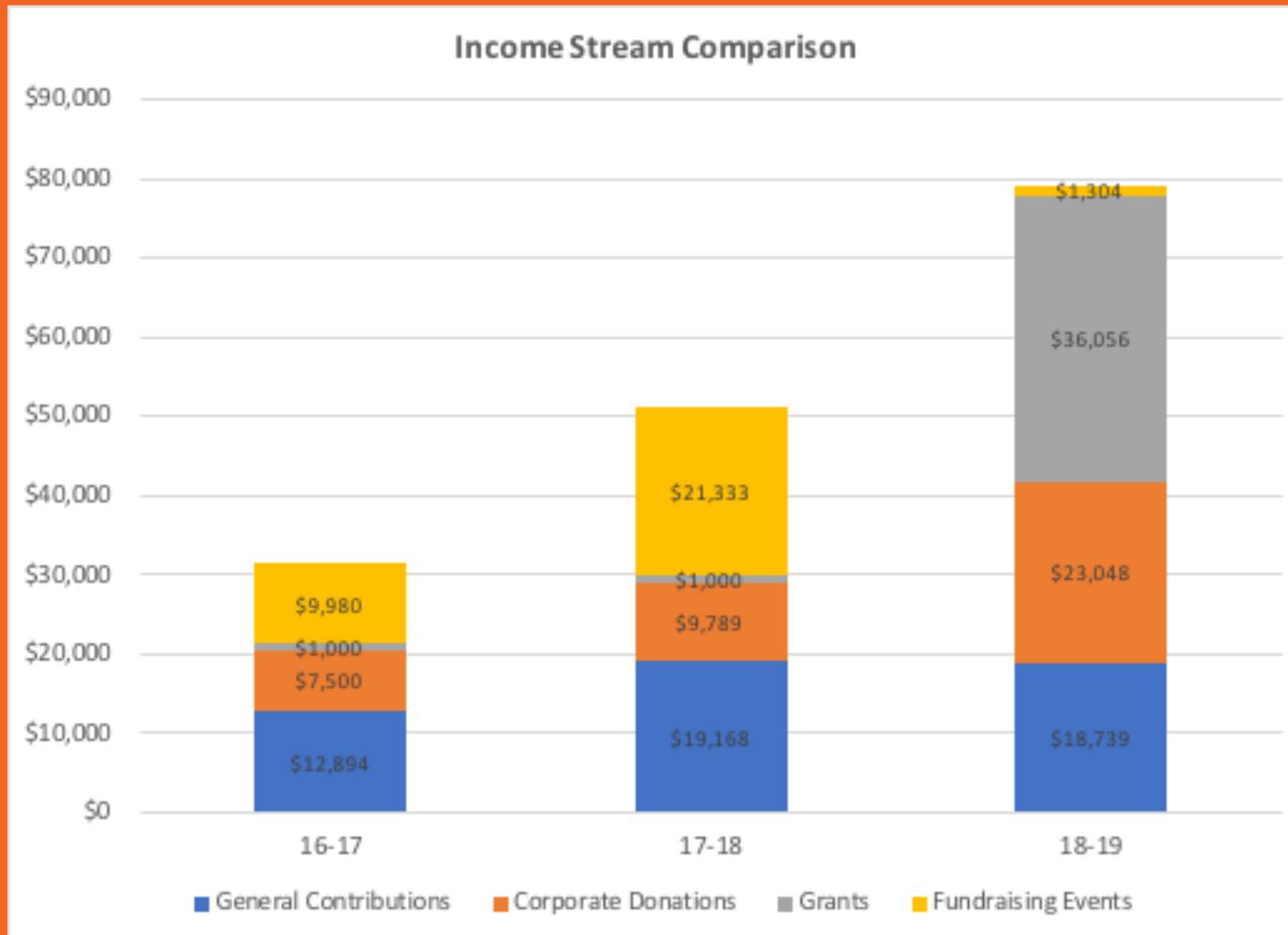
Society of Women Engineers

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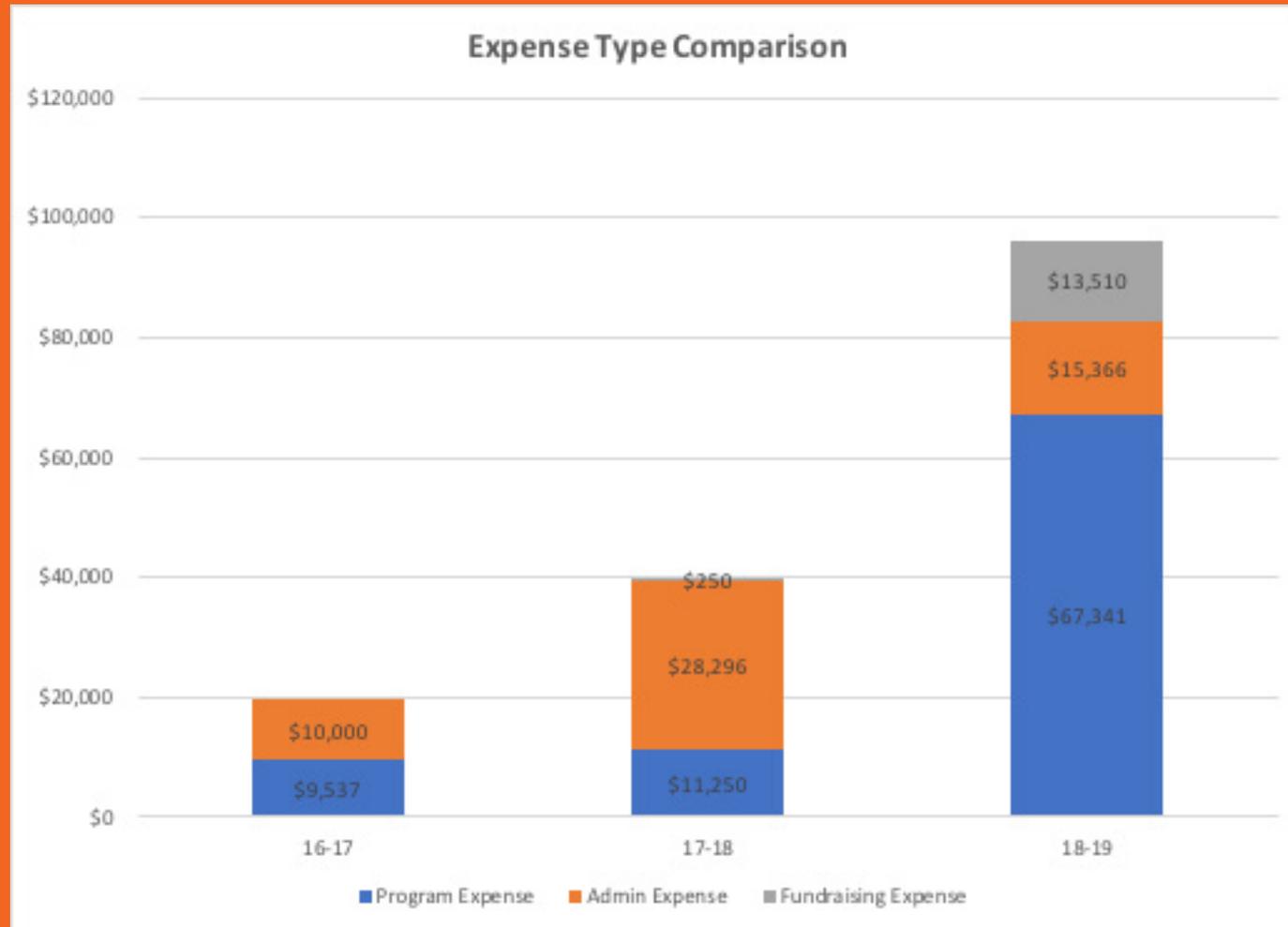
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