



THE CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE YOUTH JUSTICE

# ANNUAL REPORT 2017

A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY & GROWTH  
FOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY



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# DEAR COMMUNITY,



In 2017, your support created opportunities for local youth to make meaningful changes in their lives, and in turn, created a safer and more connected Flathead Valley.

Because of you, in 2017, *CRYJ's Restorative Justice and Youth Empowerment* program was recognized for being an innovative and effective community-based youth diversion program on local, state, and national levels.

CRYJ's continued success, effectiveness, and recognition comes hand-in-hand with an invitation to bring Restorative Justice into schools and communities beyond the Flathead Valley. Together, we will continue to explore opportunities to expand the reach and positive impact of combining youth Accountability with Empowerment.

CRYJ's community of volunteers, staff, and supporters is thriving. In 2017, Youth Program participants continued to report positive experiences, emotional growth, and increased connection to our community.

These outcomes are only possible because of your belief in youth & community.

Thank you for your continued support!

*Burket M. Kniveton*

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Executive Director



*Burket with previous Executive Director, Shareen Springer, at the 2017 Harvest Dinner.*

# PROGRAMS



## Restorative Justice

A justice system diversion program that promotes meaningful accountability and supports youth in addressing victims and the community when crime occurs.

Restorative Conferences | Community Impact Circles |  
Impact Letters | Restorative Agreements



## The Trellis Project

Empowerment workshops and service projects that encourage youth to develop new skills and increase their connection to peers, families, and the community.

### TRELLIS WORKSHOPS:

Life Skills | Mind-Body Skills | Job-Readiness | Garden Entrepreneurship | Drug & Alcohol



## School Justice Partnership

Training and programs that provide **alternative accountability** and support school connection for youth who commit certain non-violent offenses on campus at participating schools.



# 2017 STORIES



## 182 Youth Participants

66% Live in 1 parent households

10% Have spent time in Juvenile Detention

33% Have had 'serious problems' at home or school

50% Live at or below the federal poverty level

13% Have parents involved in the Justice System

100%  
of CRYJ youth are  
**RESILIENT**

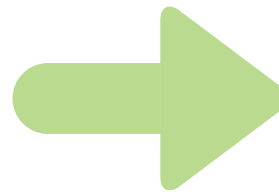
## Youth Programs

176  
Restorative  
Conferences

45  
Drug & Alcohol  
Workshops

34  
Community  
Impact Circles

135  
Empowerment  
Workshops



390  
Workshops &  
Conferences

620  
Youth  
Program Hours

## What youth are saying

“CRYJ...

had a positive impact on me 94%

allowed me to forgive myself 62%

improved my outlook on the future 73%

helped me realize that my actions impact others 92%

*"In the future I want the community to view me as an intelligent kid who has moved on. I want them to know that my heart is very soft."*

- CRYJ youth, from his Community Impact Letter

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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*"I just want to say thank you.... You guys are something very special, and I wouldn't take back anything because it led me to see the beauty in this place and these people."*

- CRYJ youth, March 2017



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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## Foundations

Charlotte Martin Foundation  
Flathead Community Foundation  
Gianforte Foundation  
Montana Health Care Foundation  
Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation  
Whitefish Community Foundation

## Partners

Montana Board of Crime Control  
11th Judicial District Youth Court  
Kalispell Public Schools  
Care Farms (A+ Health Care)

## Volunteers

Community members volunteered more than **250 hours** during youth conferences & workshops in 2017!

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## Business In-Kind

Chef Seth Bostik & Thomas Cuisine  
Two Bear Farm  
Sweet Peaks Ice Cream  
Wheat Montana  
Great Northern  
Brewing Company  
Bonsai Brewing Project  
Highline Design  
Rose Mountain Floral  
Center for Native Plants  
Purple Frog Gardens  
Lindsey Jane Photography  
Fun Beverage  
Wasabi Sushi Bar  
Flair Boutique

## Board of Directors

Dave Bailon - President  
Claudine Johnson - Vice President  
Marj DeZort - Secretary/ Treasurer  
Valerie McGarvy  
Betsy Cummings  
CJ Cummings  
Rick Flink

## Youth Interns & Apprentices

Tony P.	Sophia H.
Meredith W.	Haven G.
Connor H.	Anna C.

## MSW Practicum Student

Kari Beagley

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## Staff

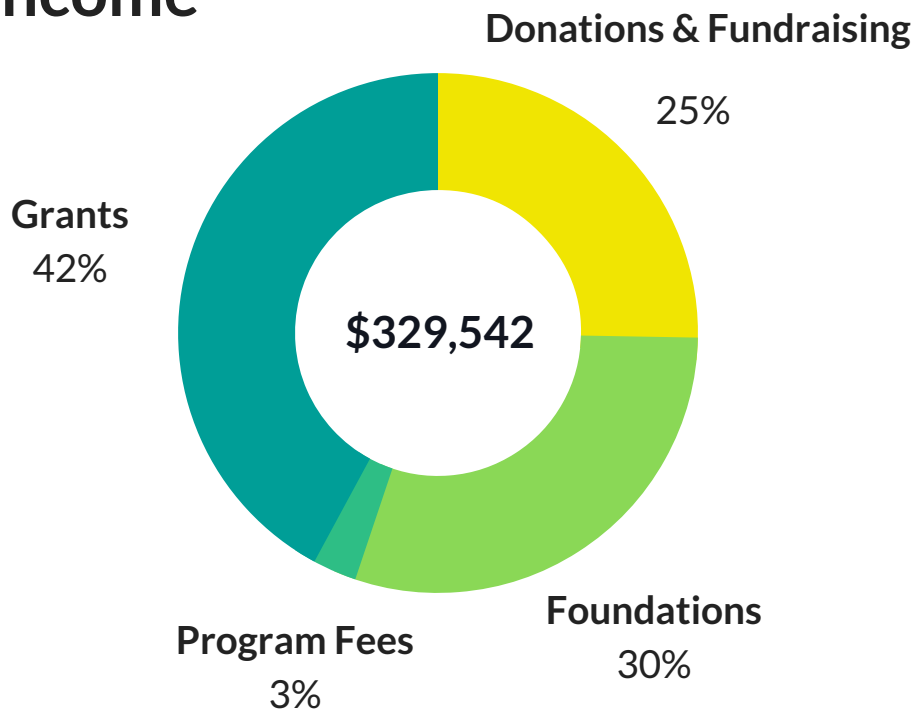
Burket Kniveton - Executive Director  
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Tracy Roberts - Trellis Project Director  
Kelsey Gockenbach - Communication Specialist  
Rachel Grant- Central Kitchen Garden Manager

# FINANCIALS

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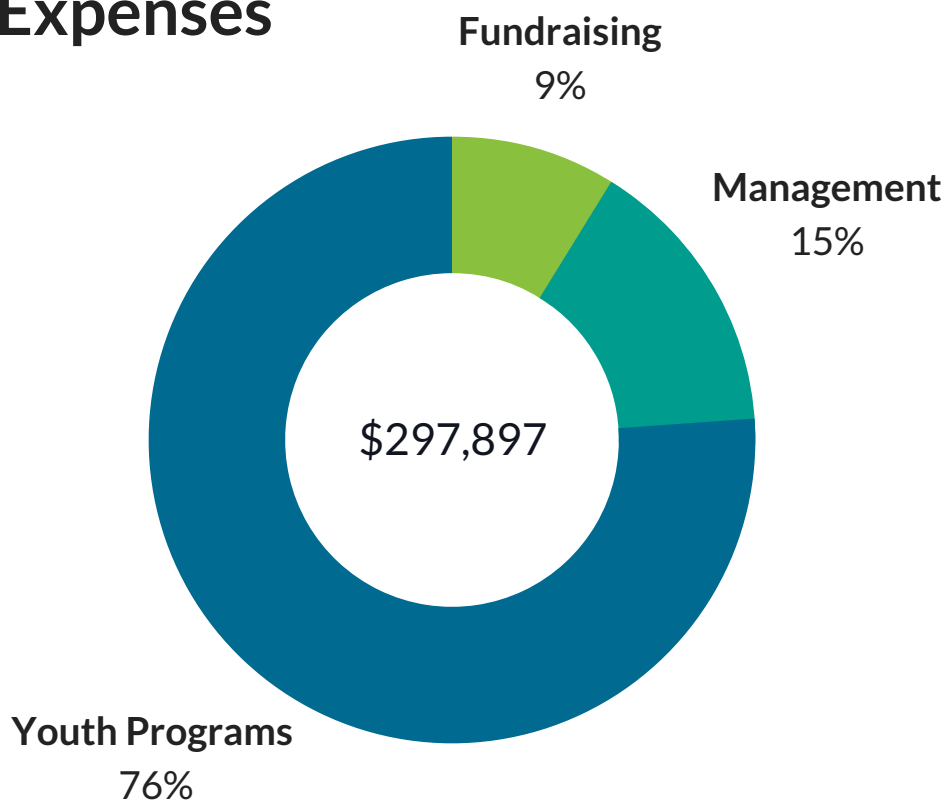


## Income



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## Expenses





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