

# By the Numbers: 2019



## 189 Youth

**45%** lived with a single parent, in foster care, or with extended family

**36%** had ongoing conflict with a parent

**60%** used drugs or alcohol

**39%** had a change in living situation

**26%** considered or attempted suicide

**52%** suspended from school

## At CRYJ:

**97%** felt their viewpoints and needs are respected

**95%** felt encouraged to think about how their actions impact others

**87%** successfully completed the CRYJ program

**90%** felt CRYJ had a positive impact on them



"We all need to take accountability for ourselves. I want people to know my story as more than the mistakes I've made. The CRYJ experience has helped me find the truly positive part of my life, and for that I want to say thank you"

## Who is a "CRYJ Kid?"

There is absolutely no box that defines what being a "CRYJ Kid" is. Our youth represent every demographic in the Flathead Valley. Some are challenged to meet basic needs, others appear to have all the resources and support they need. The one thing they do have in common, that we ALL have in common: we sometimes make choices that cause harm, large or small. What matters most is how we move forward and who we choose to be.



# 2019 Top 10

**We couldn't decide if any of these things were really better than any of the other things, so in no particular order:**

**Youth Open Mic night** - Poetry and music, oh my!

**47 Real Talk Workshops** - Opening the floor for hard conversations about risk-taking and decision making

**96 Youth Empowerment Workshops** - Cooking workshops are a teen favorite, but these cover the gamut of job skills to emotional regulation, peer pressure to self care, and everything between!

**37 Community Impact Circles** - Restorative Practice at its finest, bringing together teens, parents, and community to talk about action, impact, and moving forward after harm has been caused

**Mentorship** - A new collaboration with Big Brothers Big Sisters, pairing a CRYJ teen with a community volunteer

**Documentary Showing: "Circles"** - CRYJ hosted Eric, the restorative justice practitioner at the center of the film, and a great dialogue about restorative practices in schools and communities

**Holiday Art Stroll** - Featuring the art of teens from several communities in the Valley

**Great Fish Challenge success!** - CRYJ had a blast raising awareness and support for lots of cool Flathead Valley non-profit organizations

**The Garden** - In collaboration with Kalispell Public Schools and the Care Farm Program, we grew 60 varieties of veggies, fruits, and flowers in 1000ish square feet!

**Supper Clubs** - Two lovely summer garden dinners where teens grew the food, cooked the food, and served the food at a community dinner!





# The CRYJ Team



## **CRYJ Staff**

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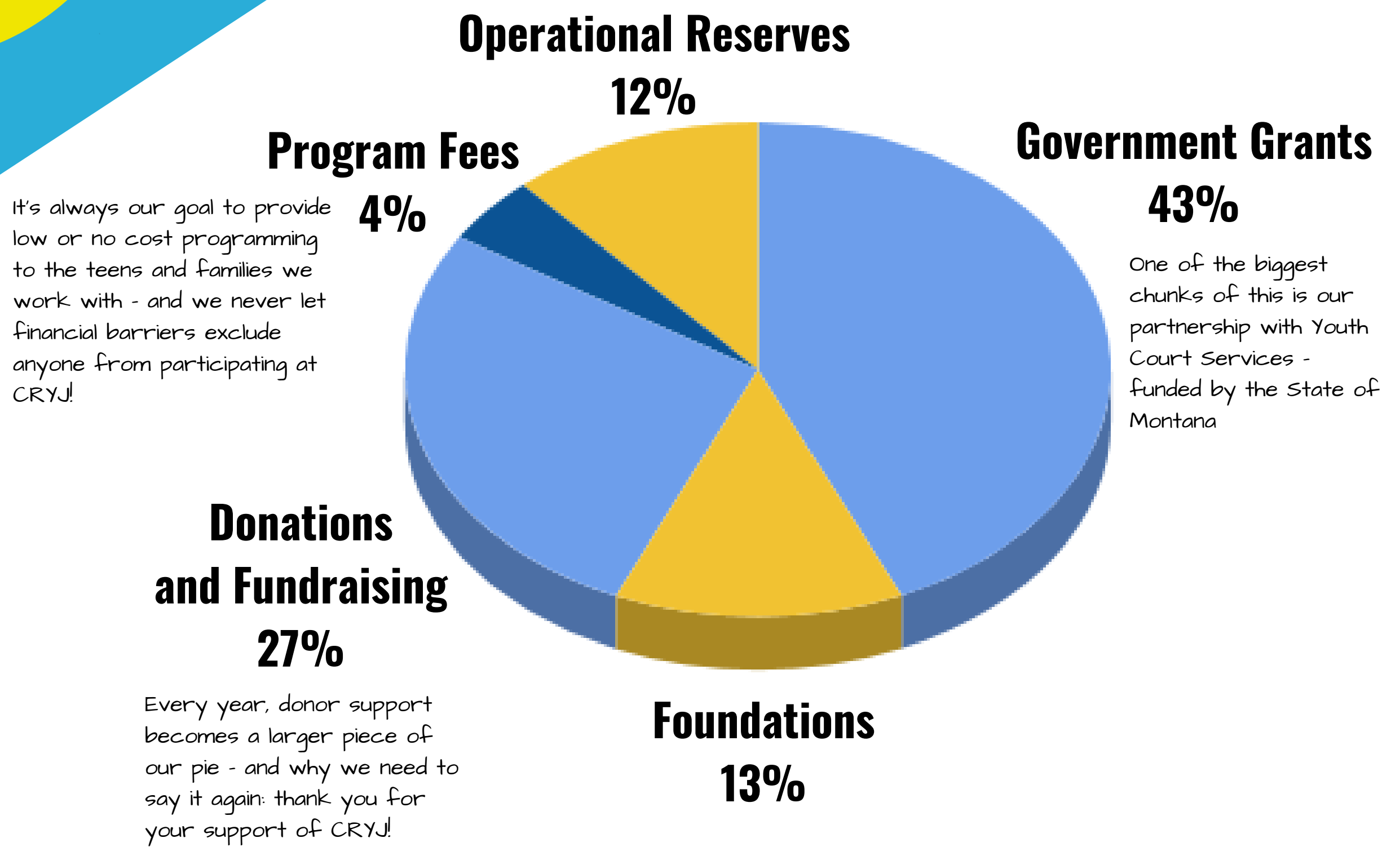
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