



## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



### SOS SCHOLARS

Our 16 scholarship recipients in 2023 have experienced various life challenges -- poverty, homelessness, illness, sex trafficking, family insecurity, discrimination. Yet with determination, perseverance and SOS support, they were able to begin or continue their journey to success through advanced education and training. We applaud them and wish them great success.

#### Our scholars enrolled in 11 institutions:

- Cols State Comm College
- University of Cincinnati
- Western Governors Univ
- Cols Col of Art & Design
- Franklin University
- Ohio State University
- Fortis College
- Otterbein University
- University of Toledo
- Capital University
- Mt. Carmel Nursing



#### 9 Majors of study included:

- Nursing
- Social Work
- Social Services
- Pharmacy
- Culinary Arts
- Film
- Pyschology
- Accounting
- Higher Education Management



## FUNDRAISING

#### Fundraising events held in 2023:

- Circle of Giving
- Going, Going, Gone is Back
- Opus Wine Raffle
- Gallos Dining with Scholars
- Hills Market Party on the Patio



#### Special thanks to those who made our events successful:

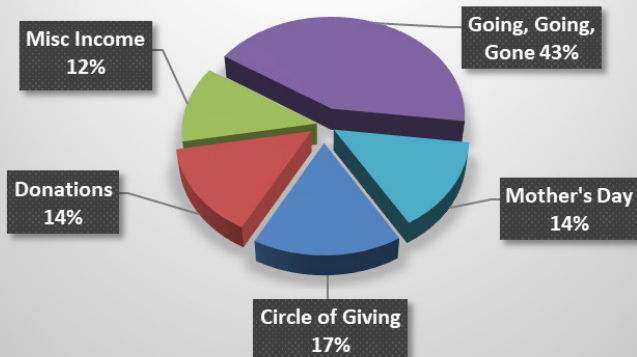
- 80 Dedicated Volunteers
- 15 Volunteer Board Members
- 6 Generous Sponsors
- Numerous Event Participants

## SPONSORS

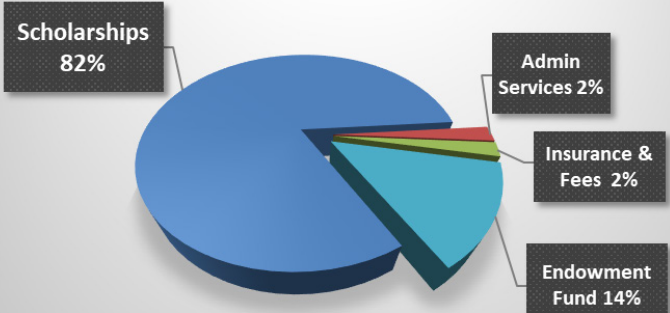
- NorthAvenue Financial Advocates
- The Gentle Dentist
- Rainbow Hot Tubs & Spa
- Parsons Real Estate Group
- Here and There Around Campus -Ravine Ridge Apartments
- Kemp, Schaeffer and Rowe Co., LPA

## FISCAL REPORT

SOS CASH INFLOWS 2023



SOS CASH OUTFLOWS 2023



Go to [www.sosgrants.org/donate](http://www.sosgrants.org/donate) to donate to SOS' General Scholarship Fund. Or contact the Columbus Foundation at 614-251-4000 for information to create a legacy fund. Thank you for your generous support!

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*In Memorandum:* SOS lost a long time friend and board member in 2023. Judy Watson worked continuously to improve the application process for scholarships. In addition to serving as VP of Scholarships for many years, Judy would always volunteer to take on a roll of responsibility at any of SOS's events. In addition to SOS, Judy was a regular volunteer at the Worthington Resource Pantry. Judy Watson is truly missed and we thank her on the behalf of all recipients for her dedication.

