



# *Annual* **REPORT 2018**

## **Mission**

The Carousel of Happiness is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to inspiring happiness, well-being, and service to others through stories and experiences.



When the Dalai Lama visited Boulder, Colorado, in June 2016, a student asked him, "What is the purpose of human life?" Tough question. I was surprised by the answer: "Happiness. Everyone wants to be happy, so it must be the purpose of life."

If you agree with the Dalai Lama, then what we do at the Carousel of Happiness really matters. Over one hundred thousand people visit the Carousel every year and leave much happier for the experience.

Every day at the Carousel, we see the kids and old folks, families and friends, special needs people, and tourists from around the world get happier. And we feel very, very HAPPY to be part of it.

Thank you for your support in this most important endeavor.

*Charles Wood*

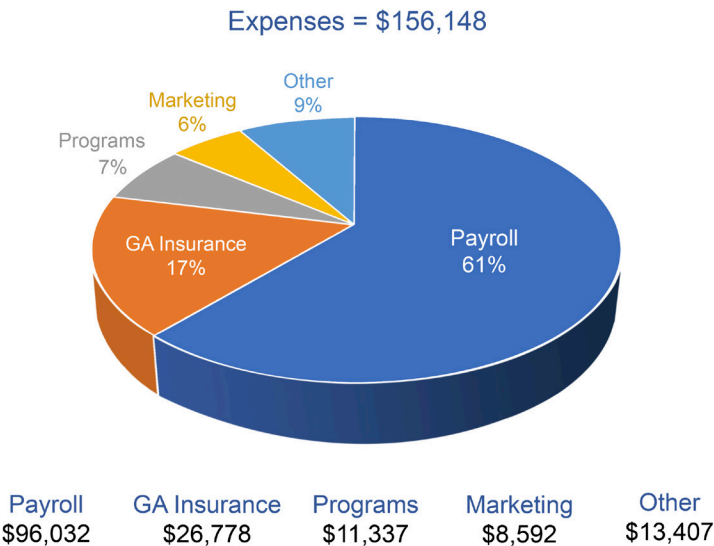
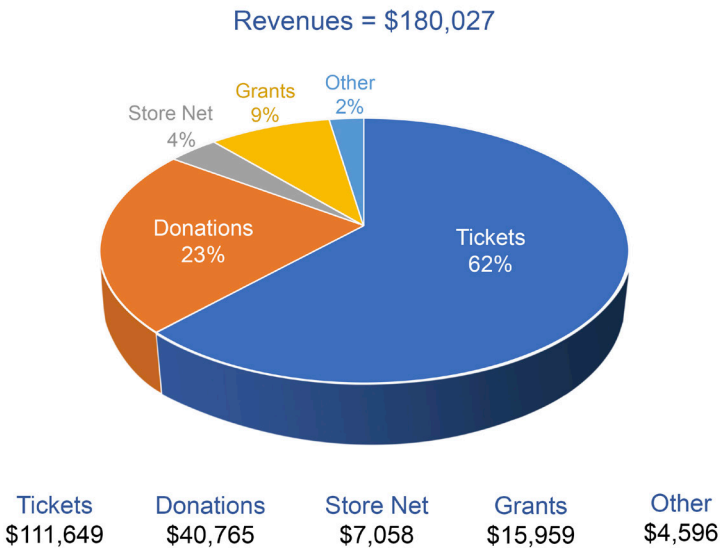
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## Financial Highlights 2018



## Highlights from the year

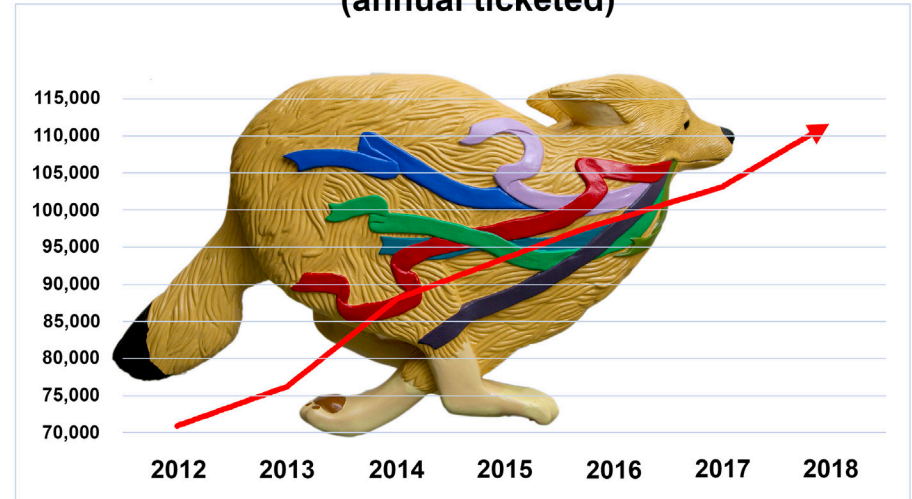
We began 2018 with a remodel of our store. Our goals were to refocus the store on carousel-themed merchandise and to make the store more profitable to better support our primary programming.

In June, we opened the Story Catcher Booth in further support of our mission and have been encouraging visitors to record their own unique stories in a professionally designed sound booth for sharing with family and friends.

At the same time, carousel ridership has continued to grow, reaching an all-time high of 111,649 tickets sold by the end of the year.



**Carousel Rides  
(annual ticketed)**



**The Carousel serves many special needs, senior living and school groups in addition to the general public. Some of the groups that visited the Carousel in 2018 were:**

Academy at Bella Vista  
Alta Vita Senior Residences  
Balfour Senior Living  
Caribou Mountain Preschool  
Colorado Senior Connections  
Denver Montessori Jr/Sr High School  
First Descents  
Frasier Meadows Memory Care  
History Colorado  
Imagine! Out & About  
Jarrow Montessori School  
Lafayette Elementary School

MedBridge at ManorCare  
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Temple Grandin School  
The Bridge Assisted Living  
The Inn Between of Longmont  
The Peaks Lafayette Memory Care  
University Hill Elementary School  
Westminster Recreation Center  
Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center  
YMCA



# Thank you to our generous donors!

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2018 Black Tie  
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