

“The Village Group presents curricula in a very creative, fun way. The kids love the program and look forward to it.”



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us in 2018 in celebrating 10 years of making a difference in children's lives through Plantersville Summer Academy. We could not have changed the lives of close to 3,000 children/families over the past decade if not for the strong partnerships and commitments of so many. 2018 was not only a milestone for Plantersville Summer Academy, but for The Village Group as an organization.

Many firsts for The Village Group in 2018!

- Our first pair of Meehan Scholarship recipients spent a week in Manhattan – a life-changing experience that they brought back to Plantersville and shared with their peers.
- The first Tour de Plantersville took place in April. Our largest annual fund/friend raising endeavor introduced people to the uniqueness of the Plantersville community through history, habitat, harmony and health.
- We hired Nanci Conley as Chief Operating Officer. She came to us with a wealth of knowledge based on over 30 years of experience in the non-profit profession.
- Consultants worked with the Board of Directors and staff in exploring roles and responsibilities, setting goals, strategic planning and focusing on the future. *Where do we want to be in 2025?*
- We had 77 K-5th graders enrolled in our Plantersville Enrichment Academy after-school program.
- We continued a collaboration with the Georgetown Historical Society to secure what will be a historical cultural center in Plantersville.
- Our first Year-end Appeal was hugely successful thanks to a challenge from the Jackson Family/Companies that was met by many of our wonderful partners. The campaign generated over \$31,000!



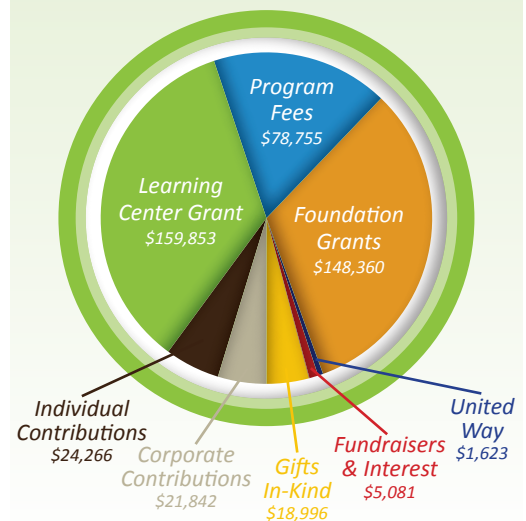
The Village Group is excited to look towards the future. None of this would be possible if not for the tireless efforts of so many dedicated volunteers, financial supporters and collaborators. **The vision is strong and the drive even greater** to ensure that children are afforded the opportunity to have a safe and nurturing environment, while at the same time improve performance on standardized tests and increase the number of students who graduate from Georgetown County high schools.

Thank you,

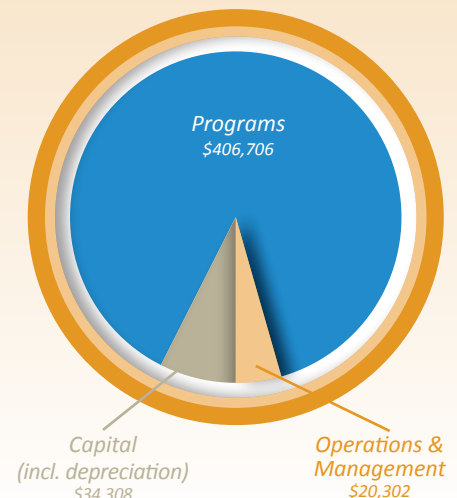
Ray C. Funnye, Executive Director

2018
a year of
many firsts
and even
more
smiles!

2018 REVENUE TOTAL: \$458,776



2018 EXPENSES TOTAL: \$461,316





PSA - A PERFECT BLEND

Plantersville Summer Academy balances studies with fun to give students a full, memorable experience while preparing them for the next school year.



TOUR DE PLANTERSVILLE

"Tour de Plantersville was a fantastic experience. It was beautifully organized and highlighted a unique part of our county that is too often overlooked. Our group had fun and cannot wait until next year."

- Geales Sands, Executive Director, The Frances Bunnelle Foundation



HANDS-ON STEAM PROJECTS BROUGHT A WINTER WONDERLAND TO PLANTERSVILLE!

K & 1st Graders learned about the color wheel, color coordination, patterns and gained organizational skills. 2nd & 3rd Graders experimented with 2D and 3D construction – building a Geo-Christmas tree and a snowman. The projects improved fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination as well.

STAY CONNECTED!

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