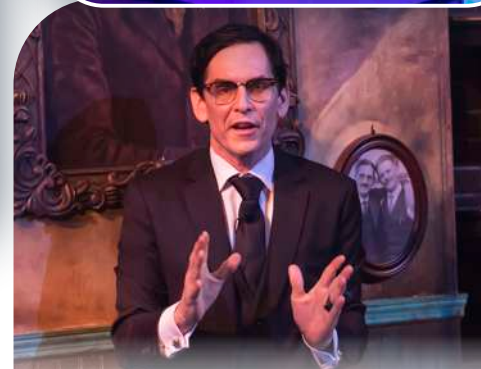


Connecting Audiences Through World-Class Theater and Film



CONSTELLATION

STAGE ✦ SCREEN



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

ABOUT CONSTELLATION



Our Mission

Constellation Stage & Screen serves the Bloomington community and beyond through the production of professional theater and film, educational programs, and venue management, and impacts the national performing arts industry through new work development.

Our Vision

Constellation Stage & Screen is an arts and culture leader rooted in the Midwest, redefining the development and creation of theater and film, while cultivating and sharing the creativity of our community.

Our Values

At Constellation Stage & Screen, our shared values serve as guideposts as we work daily in service of our audience, our craft, our community, and our organization. The array of values we share can be characterized by three core beliefs. First, we believe in the power of theater and film to simultaneously entertain and engage audiences. Second, we believe that the arts are vital to the quality of life for every individual and essential to the overall health of our community. Third, we believe these values should be lived internally by providing a welcoming and supportive workplace that nurtures our staff, artists, and board.



STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS



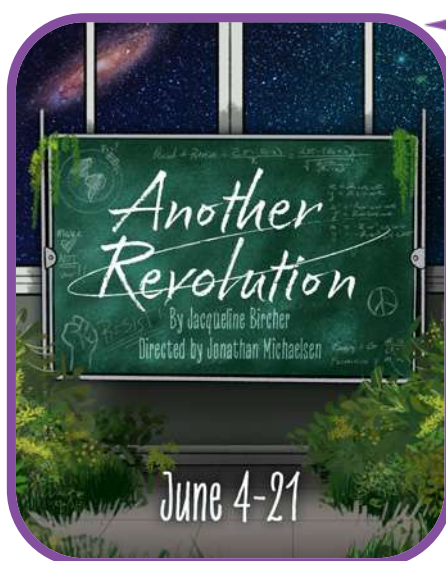
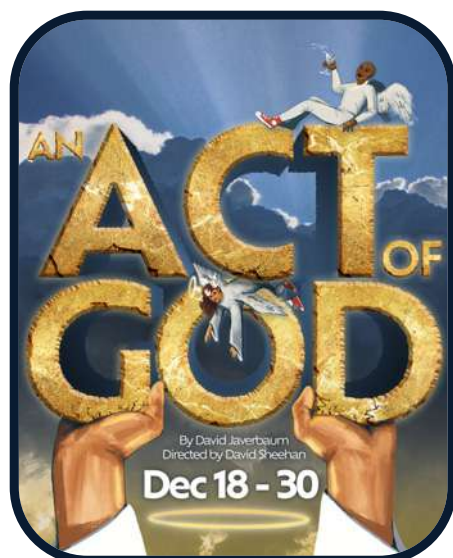
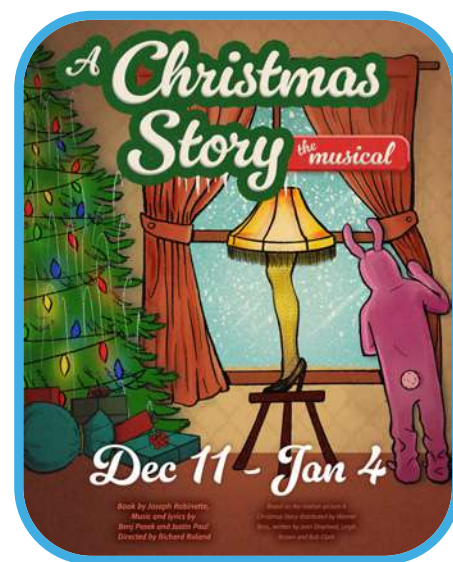
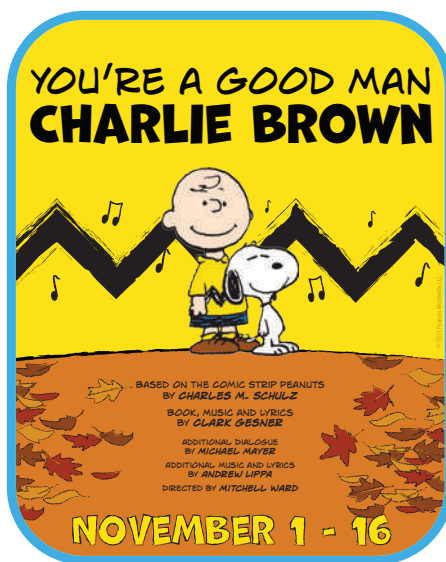
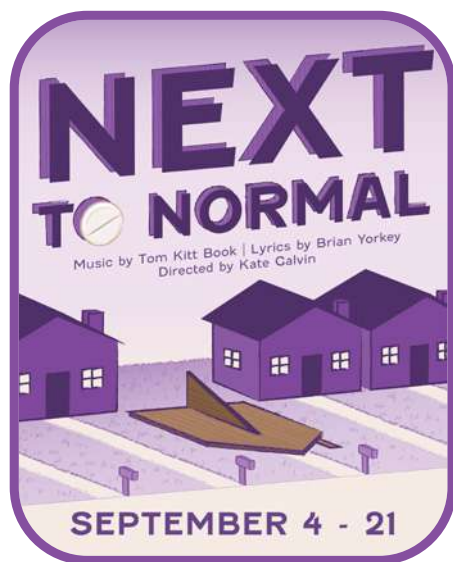
Constellation believes that a robust artistic landscape is fundamental to a strong community. The arts allow a community to express itself, to create, to dream. Through our programming and activities, Constellation continuously works to strengthen the arts network in Bloomington and its surrounding area. We do this by:

- ✦ Producing vibrant professional theater performances that draw audiences together for shared emotional experiences
- ✦ Managing the John Waldron Arts Center and growing it into a major downtown arts destination
- ✦ Providing employment and creative opportunities for dozens of local designers, actors, and other arts professionals throughout the year
- ✦ Lending our support to other area arts organizations
- ✦ Instilling a love of live performance in our community's children and fostering a lifelong joy through educational programs that inspire students of all ages



PRODUCING VIBRANT PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Our 2025 - 2026 Season



- ☐ Family-friendly
- ☐ Mainstage
- ☐ Special Event
- ★ New Works

DEVELOPING NEW WORKS

Constellation's dedication to fostering new work remains a hallmark of its mission and a significant contribution to the national and international theater community.

Séance: The Board Awakens was an exciting theatrical experiment combining storytelling, magic, and the thrill of a live interactive seance. Written and developed by Constellation in collaboration with world-famous illusionist and featured performer Rob Zabrecky, *Séance* reminded theatergoers of the exhilaration that can happen when we step into the unknown.



Finn: A New Musical tells the story of a young shark who learns that he doesn't have to hide his creative, expressive side in order to fit in with the fearsome Shark Guard. Inspirational, funny, and very, very sparkly, *Finn* was preparing for a national tour sponsored by the Kennedy Center when funding was suddenly withdrawn in early 2025. Constellation was the first theater company to pick up the reins and give this important tale of self-acceptance the audience it deserves.

Finn also ushered in the **PB&J Cafe**, Constellation's new dinner theater experience for young audiences.



THE JOHN WALDRON ARTS CENTER:

An arts destination in the heart of Bloomington

Transformed by a \$1 Million renovation in Constellation's first year of management, four years later the John Waldron Arts Center remains strategic to our idea of what the arts can be in Bloomington. Continuous equipment and facility upgrades, including **the 2026 construction of a dedicated production booth in the Auditorium**, steadily expand the professionalism and creative capacity of the two performance venues in the building.

Home to most of Constellation's theatrical productions as well as three managed art galleries, the Waldron has also become a primary venue for other area performing arts groups thanks to Constellation's robust rental program.

In 2025-2026, the Waldron hosted over 21,000 attendees at public performances and events, while also growing its reputation as a preferred site for weddings and other celebratory gatherings.



In December, the Waldron established itself as a downtown holiday destination when Constellation brought its holiday musical, ***A Christmas Story***, to the third-floor Auditorium while counter-programming the ground-floor Firebay with the edgier ***An Act of God***.

The entire Arts Center was transformed into a **Winter Wonderland** as theatrical designers and production staff created environments that included a birch forest, a snowy village street, Santa's living room, and a candlelit lounge filled with Christmas trees and gifts.



Constellation's Visual Arts program hosted a **Holiday Market** in the main-floor gallery, offering handcrafted gifts made by nearly 20 local artists.



SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS & ARTS ORGANIZATIONS



Constellation remains a major employer of local arts professionals. In addition to our staff of 13 full-time and 3 part-time employees, in 2025-2026 Constellation employed **71 other local theatrical designers, actors, stage crew and overhire workers** for wages of over **\$173,000**.

Additionally, our Visual Arts program displayed works by **106 visual artists**, including 19 first-time exhibitors.



OPEN STAGES PROGRAM

In partnership with the City of Bloomington, Constellation's Open Stages program helps ensure that our managed performance venues at the John Waldron Arts Center and the Constellation Playhouse remain affordable, thanks to significant rent subsidies available to area-based artists presenting public performances or exhibitions. In 2025-2026, **27 Open Stages grants, totaling \$38,440 were awarded to 20 area artists and arts organizations, subsidizing 225 days of rentals.**



Off Night
Productions,
Hurricane Diane

UPLANDS REGIONAL CREATIVE ECONOMY COMMONS

Working with Indiana University, the City of Bloomington, and other leading economic and arts organizations, Constellation will be participating in the development of the Uplands Regional Creative Economy Commons – an innovative \$7 million project aimed at strengthening the creative economy in Bloomington and surrounding counties. The project will include investments in a new downtown arts incubator, outdoor performance infrastructure and programming at the City’s Switchyard Park, and creation of a digital platform for arts networking and collaboration.

Constellation’s focus will be on a fourth area of investment: redevelopment and management of a 10,000-square-foot warehouse to become a shared regional production hub, providing access to dedicated space for rehearsal, recording, set fabrication and costume storage, as well as a costume, prop and technical equipment library for artists and arts organizations in an 11-county area. For many smaller arts organizations, access to this type of resource can be game-changing, both financially and creatively.

The Upland Regional Creative Economy Commons is supported by a \$3 million READI 2.0 grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and more than \$4 million in matching and in-kind contributions from the participating entities and will unfold over the next two years.



INSTILLING & FOSTERING A LOVE OF LIVE PERFORMANCE

Through a variety of community access initiatives and education programs, Constellation is committed to making theater part of the lives of both children and adults in Bloomington and the surrounding region.

Student Matinees

As with all our family programming, this year's productions of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Finn: A New Musical* included several school-day matinee performances. Deeply discounted ticket prices allowed over **2400 area schoolchildren** to attend these shows – for many, a first-time experience. Working with local educators and the Monroe County Public Library, Constellation creates and provides attending teachers with advance study guides that are specifically designed to meet curricular standards for their age groups.



Community Access Tickets and Pay What You Will Performances



Constellation works with area social service agencies and Title 1 schools to provide free tickets to children and families who cannot otherwise attend a production.

237 Community Access Tickets were distributed in 2025-2026.



Multiple performances of every production are designated for Pay What You Will ticket sales, enabling patrons at most income levels to attend affordably.

In 2025-2026, 1538 patrons purchased tickets at prices as low as \$10 each.

Constellation continues to encourage students of all ages to live more creatively

Classes and Camps

Our Education program offered **33 different classes** for children and adults in 2025-2026, with topics ranging from acting to filmmaking, singing to improv comedy. 17 different camps for kids from kindergarten to high school included Constellation's first camp-produced full musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*

In all, almost **800 kids and adults** enrolled in Constellation's educational offerings over the year, with **43 students** attending on need-based scholarships.

Fairview Artful Learning

Each semester, Constellation offers two in-school theater classes for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade students at Fairview Elementary, a Title 1 School. Participating students learn acting and musical theater skills, with each semester culminating in performances.

Employment

Over the course of the year, Constellation hired **24 instructors** for total wages of **\$73,465**.



VISUAL ARTS

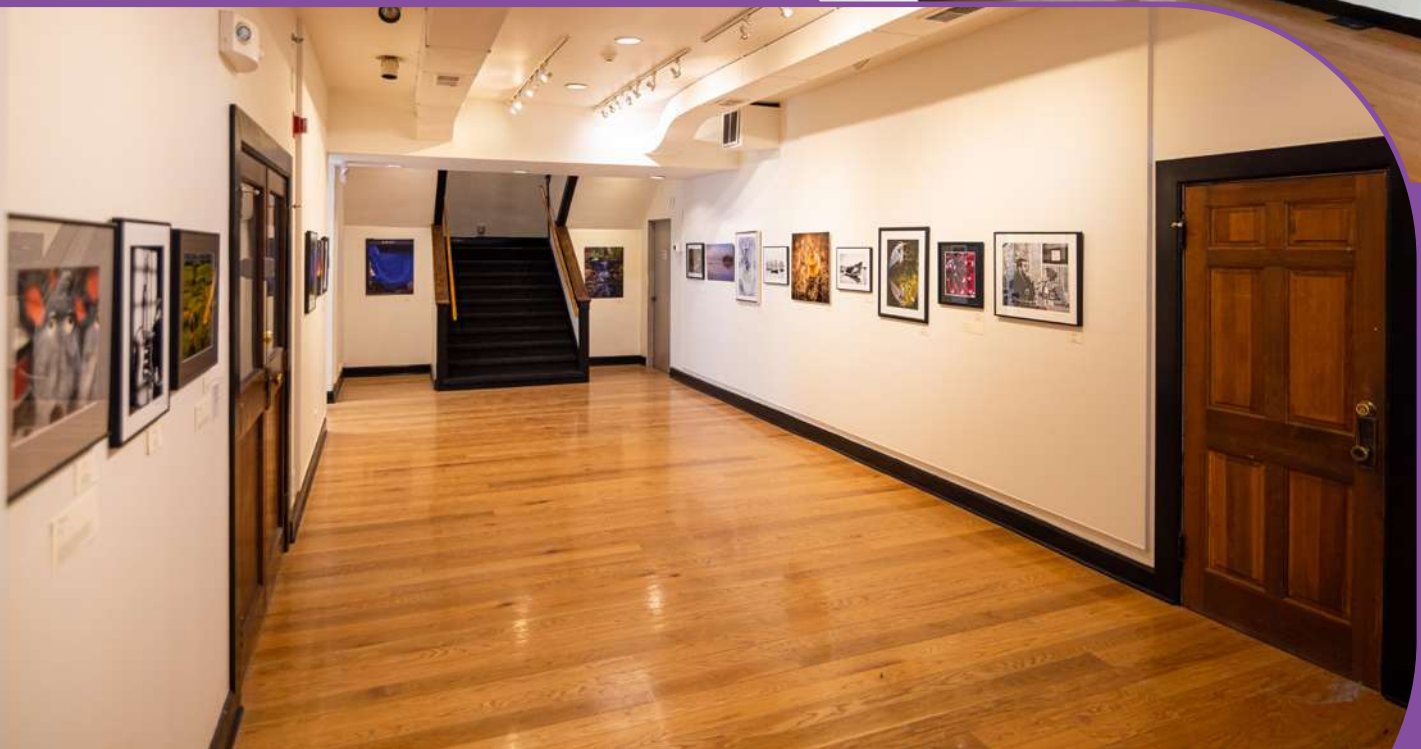
Across the three visual arts galleries it manages at the John Waldron Arts Center (Rosemary P Miller Gallery, Spotlight Gallery and Education Gallery), Constellation curated and presented **37 unique art exhibitions** in 2025-2026. Featuring **106 artists**, this year's shows directly involved the community through artist talks, interactive experiences for children and adults, and live music during First Friday Gallery Walks. Artists made **47 (commission-free) sales** during the year, in addition to sales made during the Holiday Market.

Presenting partners for this year's exhibits include ACRES Land Trust, Artists for Climate Restoration, Lotus World Music Festival, and the US Forest Service.



Calliope: Paintings Benefiting Acres Land Trust

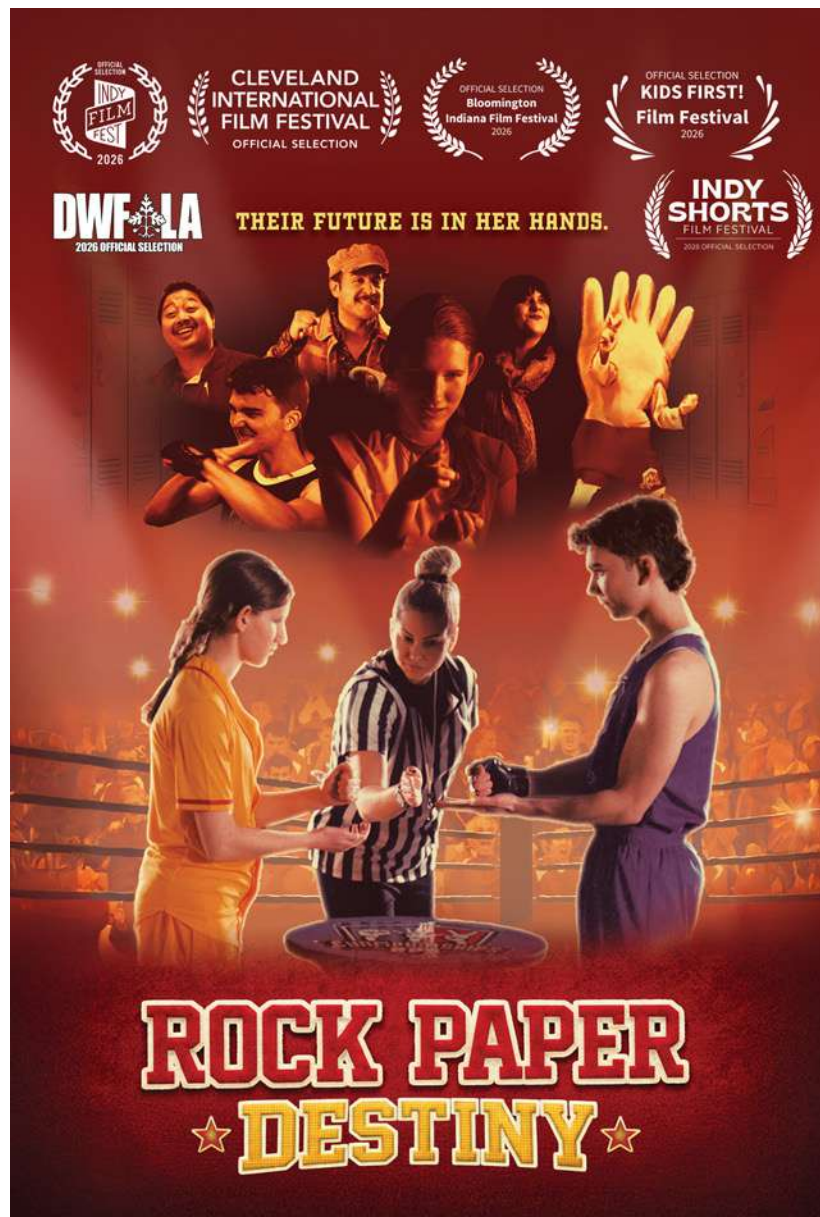
Bridget O'Brien



UPDATE

Rock Paper Destiny

Constellation's first short film, shot in Bloomington with a combination of local volunteers and Hollywood professionals, completed post-production and is now traveling the national film festival circuit. ***Rock Paper Destiny*** premiered at the 50th Cleveland International Film Festival before winning the Audience Choice Award at Indy Shorts and the Grand BIFF Award at the Bloomington International Film Festival. It also screened at the prestigious TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles as part of the Dances With Films Festival, and has been featured at the Port Townsend Film Festival, Indy Film Fest, and more than 40 venues nationwide through the Kids First! Film Festival. As of this writing, *Rock Paper Destiny*'s festival application acceptance rate is 44% (including two Oscar-qualifying festivals) - an amazing success for a first-time production!



2025-2026 GRANT SUPPORT



Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation



Constellation was proud to receive a first-time award of \$20,000 in operational support from the Indianapolis-based Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation. The AWCCF is committed to supporting the arts in the greater Indianapolis area through renewable operational grant funding.

Constellation received **additional grant support in the amount of \$175,012**, including **\$100,000 from the City of Bloomington** in support of the Open Stages and Visual Arts programs and the maintenance of the (City-owned) John Waldron Arts Center. Other supporters included:

The Shubert Foundation
General Operations

The Indiana Arts Commission
General Operations

The Smithville Charitable Foundation
Constellation for Schools

National Alliance for Musical Theater
Finn: A New Musical

Monroe County Council
Constellation for Schools

Convention & Visitor's Bureau of Monroe County
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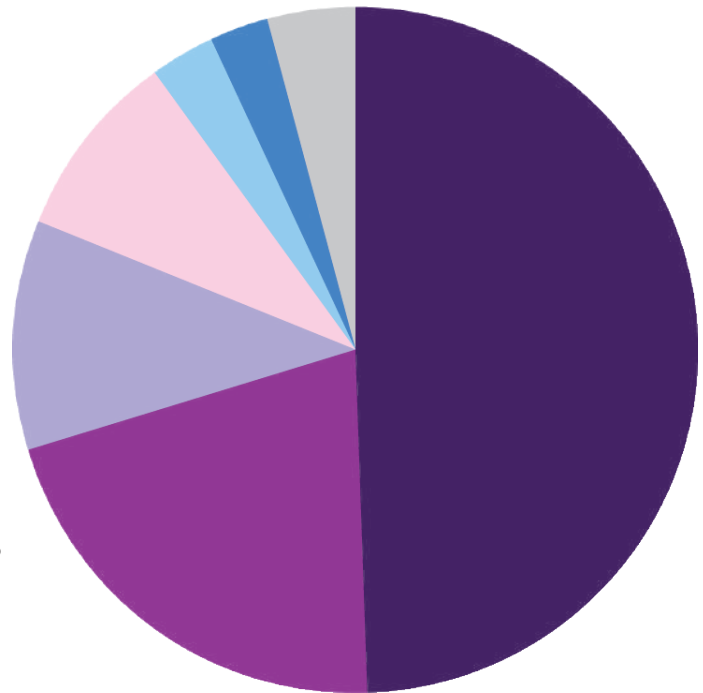
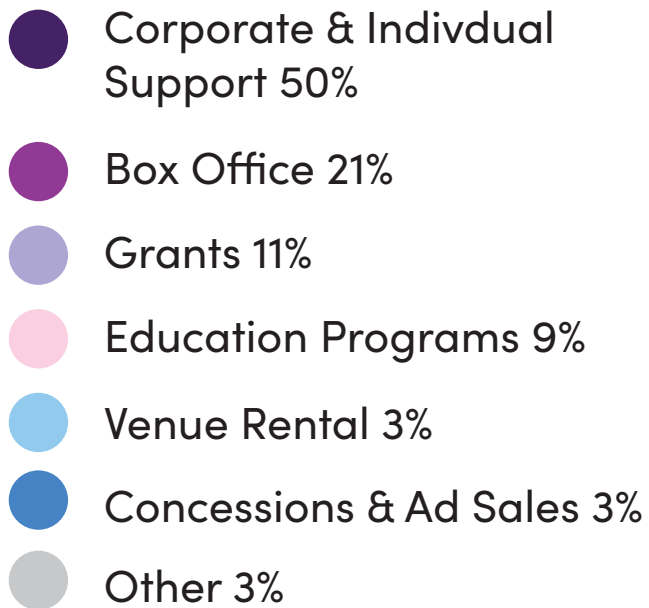
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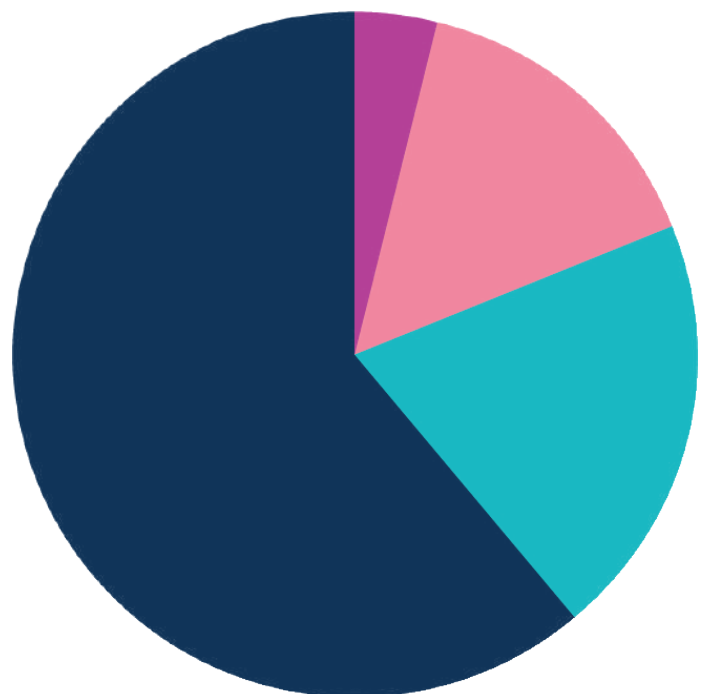
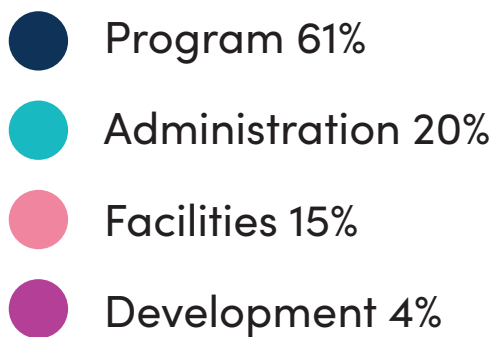
Kiwanis Club
Operating Support

2025-2026 REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Revenue



Expenses





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