



LEXINGTON LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

Celebrating **20 YEARS** *of Ministry*

2019 IMPACT REPORT

A City for God



Letter From Our Board Chair, John Withers

In 1998 four of us from Lexington attended a Christian Community Development Association meeting in St. Louis. One breakout session hosted by Leadership Foundations exposed me to concepts which gave me a handle for my heart. Shortly thereafter, encouraged by what we learned, we started Lexington Leadership Foundation in 1999.

Since it was founded, one of the strategies of LLF has been to partner with local churches and other organizations in order to impact the most vulnerable in our city. In the process of working together towards a common goal, we build unity among the diverse parts.

LLF's growth to date has occurred as a result of Jesus's blessing on our efforts and our response to His invitation to participate with Him in serving the broken, the vulnerable and the poor. Other significant factors have included the involvement of scores of partners and hundreds of volunteers from across a wide section of our city.

Because of committed Board, staff, partners and volunteers, LLF has become a model within the Leadership Foundations network of the things that can be accomplished when people from multiple sectors work together on issues of mutual concern. Let's keep working together on both personal and social transformation to see Lexington become more and more "A City for God!"



John Withers

*Board Chair,
Founding Board Member*

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Letter From Our Chief Executive Officer, Eric Geary

Anyone remember 1999? Maybe you're saying..."I wasn't even born in 1999!"

That's ok, let me paint the picture. You could buy a gallon of gas for \$1.33 and pick up eggs at .89 cents per dozen. You were likely to be flipping open a Motorola cell phone and probably listening to music on compact discs. It was a world without iPhones and Androids. Folks, we didn't even have Facebook. I know - it was the dark ages! In fact, it was feared that all computers would not interpret the change into the new millennium correctly and that worldwide chaos would ensue. It was called Y2K and folks were stockpiling gallons of water and military meals, prepping for global disorder.

Yet in the midst of this environment, some wide-eyed, Kingdom leaders envisioned Lexington as a City for God. A city that would be full of peace, opportunity and hope for all. A city that would reflect the royal rule and reign of Jesus, thereby fulfilling His great prayer that the "Kingdom would be on earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10). It was that clarity of purpose that birthed Lexington Leadership Foundation.

Twenty years later, we are celebrating the great influence that this Kingdom venture has had in our city. Many have joined the movement, and I believe we can see glimpses of Heaven on earth in our city. But it could also be said that we find ourselves again in dark ages, and I'm not talking about our technology. Division and polarization are winning

the day. Social and racial inequities continue to go irreconciled. Victimization and oppression remain. Once again, you could say that it feels like chaos is about to ensue.

So, while we celebrate God's great accomplishments advancing His reign, the Kingdom reality we long for is both "already... but not yet." More simply, we've got a long way to go to live into the idea we see in Zechariah 8, where the city is a playground not a battleground.

So, what shall we do then?

Well... we press on... we dig in. The Apostle Paul said it this way: "Straining toward what is ahead... press on toward the goal." (Philippians 3).

My hope is that you will review this report and celebrate what He has done over the last 20. Then, my hope is you will put it down, roll up your sleeves, and get ready for the next 20. God still wants to see His Kingdom come in Lexington as it is in Heaven today.

I pray you will join us.



Eric Geary

Eric Geary

Chief Executive Officer

Lexington Leadership Foundation's Impact

70+
partners engaged in
LLF's work

650+
active leaders and volunteers
mobilized each year

3,000+
people served annually through
strategic initiatives



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20 Years of Ministry

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

– Matthew 13:31–32

1999

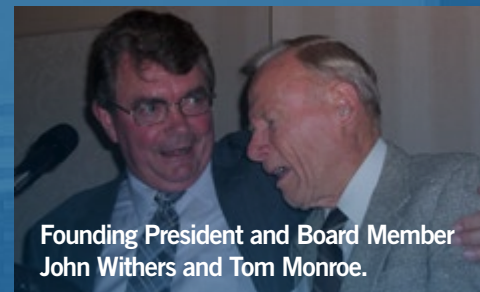
Lexington Leadership Foundation Established

2000

Read to Succeed

2004

LLF's First Banquet



Founding President and Board Member John Withers and Tom Monroe.

2011

Fatherhood Initiative

2012

New Life Day Center Launched

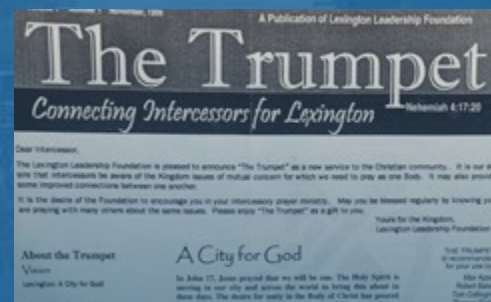


2018

City for the Nations Launched

1999

The Prayer Initiative & The Trumpet



2004

Amachi Central KY

2005

Urban Impact



2015

The Prayer Room on Broadway Opened



Woodhill Community Center Opened

2018

The Prayer Room

The Prayer Room exists to foster deep connectivity with Jesus and mobilize corporate intercession throughout the Church in Lexington. Situated with close proximity to campus, the ministry of The Prayer Room is set apart for every stream of the Body of Christ to have constant opportunity to enjoy the Lord in relationship with one another.

During a typical week an average of 75-100 people from 25 very diverse congregations visit for prayer and worship in group and individual settings. The atmosphere is multi-generational, multi-ethnic, and extremely broad socio-economically. However, young people, and in particular college students, infuse the space and inform the movement with fresh vitality.

Additionally, The Prayer Room acts as a hub for regional conferences and various ministries.

We hope in the future that intercession and worship arise 24/7/365. Pray with us – that Jesus would be magnified in the earth through the praise, adoration, and prayers of His people – even as He is in heaven right now.

The Prayer Room is located at 1218 S. Broadway Lexington, KY 40504.

SUNDAY 6:30pm	TUESDAY 6:30pm	WEDNESDAY 6am & 12pm	THURSDAY 12pm	FRIDAY 7pm
College and Young Adult Worship	Ladies Bible Study	Worship	Prayer for the Nations	Prayer for Revival in KY

Please visit our website for the most current Prayer Room schedule at www.lexlf.org/the-prayer-room.



The ministry of The Prayer Room is invaluable to our city. Tommy & Curt have hosted numerous prayer and worship retreats for our staff that refresh us spiritually and re-align us strategically. What a beautiful gift to the body of Christ.

– Gordon Walls, Southland Christian Church



Tommy Green
The Prayer Room Director

Amachi Central Kentucky

People of Faith Mentoring Children of Promise

Amachi’s mission is to assist children impacted by incarceration in achieving their highest potential by engaging them in consistent and committed mentoring relationships. For the past 15 years we’ve been working to match people of faith with children of promise. Mentors commit to spending at least one hour per week with one young person participating in a variety of positive goal-driven activities. We work hard to express in a myriad of ways to our kids that they are children of promise and hope. Children have deep need for positive voices reminding them of what they are capable of. Together with families, parents, schools, and others, our mentors seek to remind their mentees that they are beloved children of God and they are capable of greatness. Sometimes it just takes knowing that others care and see great things in them. That is what our mentors do.

Amachi’s Impact

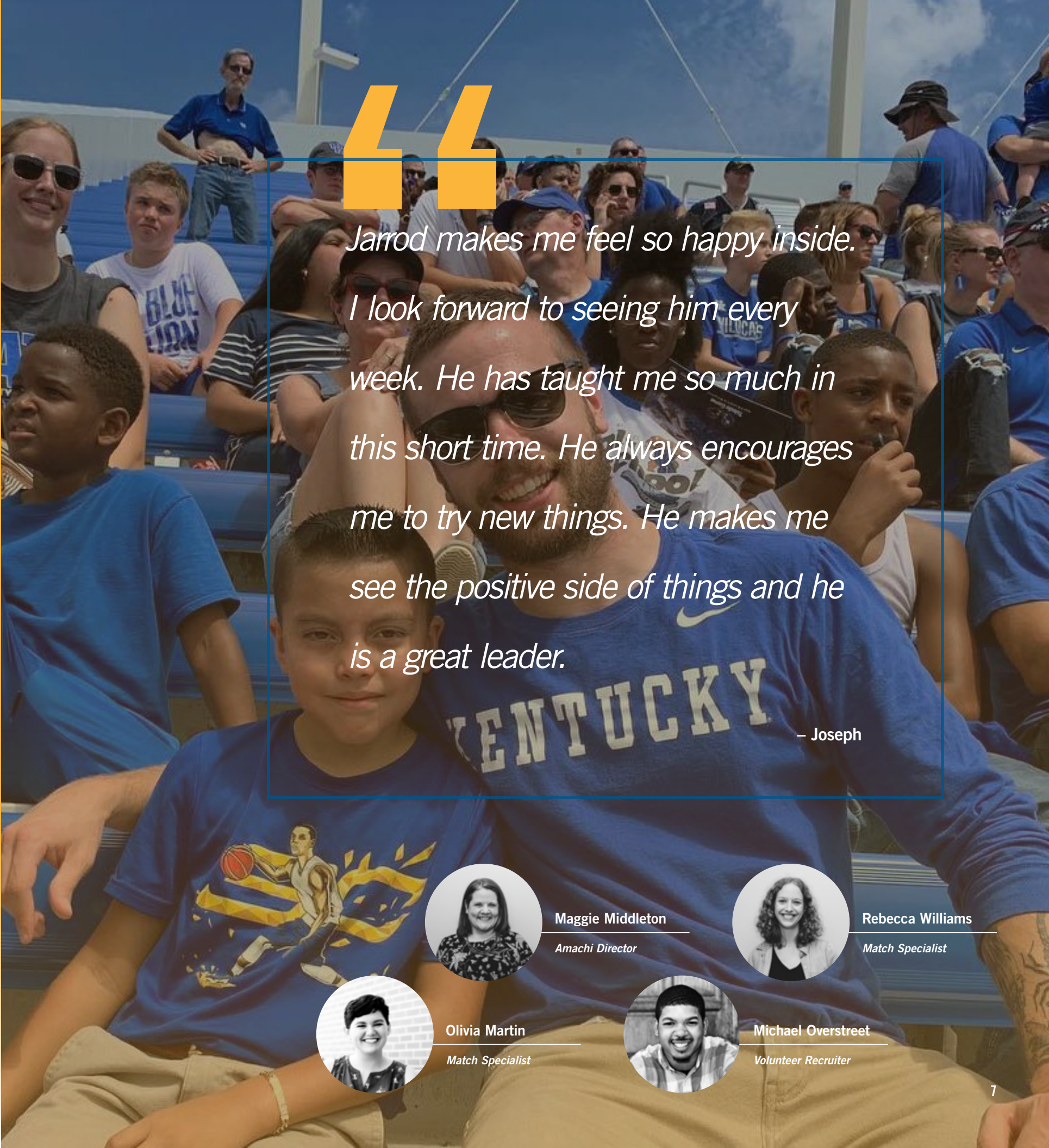
163
matches this
past year

#23
matches who have
been matched
for 5+ years

64
Children currently
on the waiting list
37 Boys – 27 Girls

“My mentor likes to try new things. She always makes my day with her big smile. She always listens to me, and pays attention to me. I like that she teaches me a lot of different stuff.”

– Dulce



Jarrold makes me feel so happy inside. I look forward to seeing him every week. He has taught me so much in this short time. He always encourages me to try new things. He makes me see the positive side of things and he is a great leader.

– Joseph



Maggie Middleton
Amachi Director



Rebecca Williams
Match Specialist



Olivia Martin
Match Specialist



Michael Overstreet
Volunteer Recruiter

Urban Impact

Urban Impact exists to enable children and youth to **GROW, SUCCEED, and LEAD**. We value relationships with these students, as well as with the others who make-up their supportive village. Through holistic programming, we seek to impart skills necessary for youth to overcome the obstacles that exist within their communities.

It is our vision to see young people become leaders within their neighborhoods. For instance, because of years of investment in relationship and commitment to one another, young adults that were once students in our program are now taking on positions of leadership at Woodhill Community Center. This past summer, six out of 10 summer youth helpers were former participants. They're taking the reins of leadership! Middle and high school students also serve in our Read to Succeed Program, alongside some incredible adult leaders. We're seeing students and their families engage in service within their neighborhood. Our Village is growing, and there is still room for you to get involved!

U.I.'s Impact

This past year there has been

557

students engaged in after-school and in-school programming

772

students participating in athletic activities

3,000

families and youth served and involved in community events



Marcus Patrick
Urban Impact Director



Debbie Glenn
Academic Coordinator



Chloe Martin
Youth Coordinator



Rona Scott
Administrative Assistant



Woodhill Community Center

Presented by The MAP Foundation

We recently celebrated our one-year anniversary of occupancy at Woodhill Community Center! The Center has become the hub for our work with elementary, middle and high school youth, offering increased opportunities for Athletics, Arts and Academics.

For example, the Center has connected us with many young people through open gym basketball and, new this year, futsal soccer. Our partnership with the Lexington Tennis Club continues, offering tennis to our elementary students. Summer campers were able to experience soccer and volleyball clinics as well. In partnership with Breckinridge Elementary we offered a creative arts camp, focusing on visual art, dance, music and the spoken word. Local schoolteachers also partnered with us to host a seasonal community market, offering fresh produce to the Woodhill neighborhood. And our afterschool programs offer academic enrichment to elementary, middle and high school students throughout the week.

We are continually grateful for what God has provided through the Woodhill Community Center and the many ways we are able to utilize the space as a vehicle to help Lexington become a city for God!

1,400

people served at the Woodhill Community Center through all LLF initiative programming, community partners, and events this past year

Fatherhood Initiative

A father’s positive involvement in the life of his child, both by direct engagement with the child and positive interaction with the mother, can lead to better child outcomes in multiple areas. The Fatherhood Initiative raises awareness and promotes this notion both locally and statewide. Our goal is to create a culture that encourages and supports fathers in becoming more involved in the lives of their families and the community.

In addition, the Fatherhood Initiative provides direct services to fathers and families. Since 2011 our program has faithfully served nearly 3,000 participants. We have mobilized over 100 committed people of faith and goodwill to provide thousands of hours of fatherhood education and related enrichment activities. Most of these hours occurred within small group sessions held for 12 weeks in locations throughout the city. These groups address real and real-time issues that both custodial and non-custodial fathers experience. Together, men explore how they can learn and grow into the most positive father possible. We believe that as we promote fathers, we will also be promoting the well-being of children, families, and communities.

Fatherhood Initiative’s Impact



300

Men Served This Past Year

1,000+

Children Represented

“After taking this class me and my wife have had the best conversations we’ve ever had and haven’t had an argument in forever, and even my daughter mentioned how happy she is to see us getting along so well.”

– John

Of those fathers completing a Fatherhood Initiative group:

91%

report a more positive self-image

88%

indicate handling conflict in a healthy way

95%

express being a better parent

92%

report better stress management skills



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FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

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It’s so nice to hear the struggles of the other men in class and know that I am not the only one going through this storm or the only one that feels this way, it’s awesome how not just the class has helped me but all the guys in the class have helped; we’ve all helped each other be better dads.

– Ira



David Cozart

Fatherhood Initiative Director



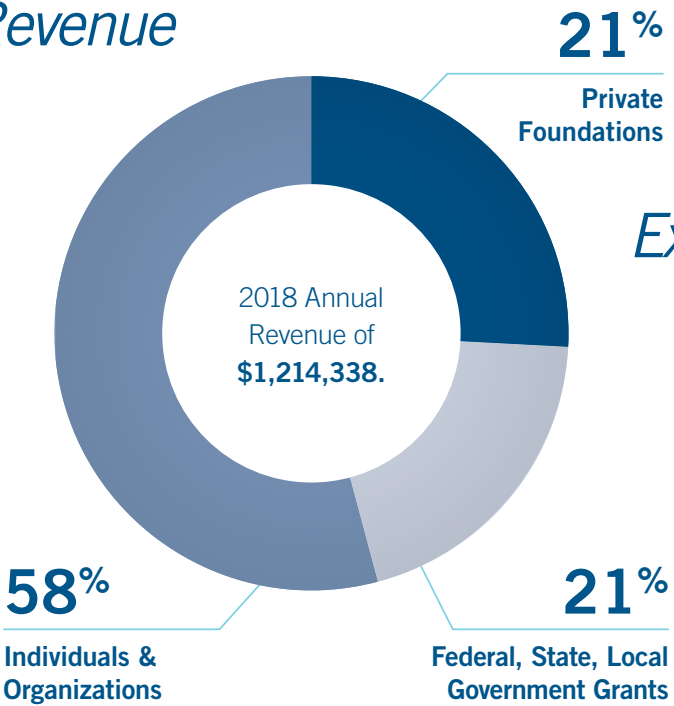
Lee Shepherd

Fatherhood Coordinator

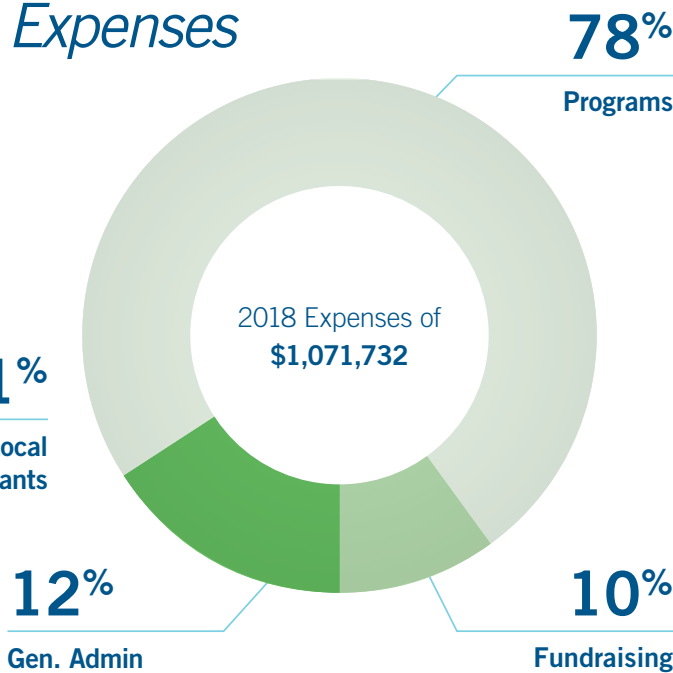
Financial Summary

Lexington Leadership Foundation is committed to faithfully steward the gifts and resources given by donors. We count it as a privilege to be entrusted with these resources for this Kingdom work.

Revenue



Expenses



Sally Davenport
Administrator



Damon Mazza
Director of Development



Kelly Ansted
Special Projects Coordinator

Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are the driving force of our work in the city. Lexington Leadership Foundation engages volunteers on a variety of levels.

Details on these opportunities and more can be found on our website at www.lexlff.org/volunteer or call us at: 859-277-3087.

Amachi

Become a mentor. Engage in positive weekly activities with the mentee you are matched with.

The Prayer Room

Commit to a weekly time of worship and intercession at the Prayer Room.

Urban Impact

Engage with youth to grow, succeed, and lead. There are multiple opportunities to volunteer in-school and after-school in group settings with kids ages 6-18.

Fatherhood Initiative

Lead a responsible fatherhood or healthy relationship group of 10-20 adults. Be a mentor/ambassador to fathers requesting additional support and guidance.



LEXINGTON LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

mission

**“Through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit we
connect leaders, unify the body, and mobilize people
to transform Lexington into A City for God.”**