

# Impact Report 2019/20



# TEEN CENTER



**TOGETHER, A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

We promote opportunity for students through intentional after school programming that provides education, exposure, and mentorship.

(402) 333-6886 • [stlukeumc.com/teencenter](http://stlukeumc.com/teencenter) • [facebook.com/stluketc](https://facebook.com/stluketc)



## Message from our Director

**It is with great pride and gratitude we share the progress and momentum of the St. Luke Teen Center during the 2019-2020 school year.**

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, donors and partners, we have a great deal to celebrate:

- Increased internal scholarship funds
- Additional access to food and food programming
- Increased average daily attendance
- Expansion of critical need programming
- Providing intentional and quality programming during the Covid pandemic

These efforts reflect the commitment of our program to our students, their parents and guardians, investors and community in making futures brighter together.

Looking ahead, we continue to strategically plan for greater success. On the horizon is a rebrand and creation of our own 501c3.

Your support is vital to making all of this happen.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abbey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Abbey Jackson**  
Director

# Teen Center Experience

Our program includes balanced meal served, daily tutoring, one-on-one mentoring, intentional programming including driver's education, ACT prep, cooking, and fitness classes, leadership opportunities, exclusive scholarships, and alumni/family support services.



## Advisory Board

Rabbi Steven Abraham  
Holly Barstow  
Charles (Chuck) Biddle  
Tre Brashear  
John Deardorff  
Nancy Joekel  
Fred Olney  
Kelley Patton  
Shirley Petersen  
Kristi Reimers  
Larry Uebner

## Collaborators

Burke High School  
Nebraska Methodist College  
Upward Bound  
Collective for Youth

## Funders

21st Century Community  
Learning Center Grant  
Hawks Foundation  
James C. Semerad  
Foundation  
Lozier Foundation  
Midwest Housing Equity  
Group  
Omaha Schools Foundation  
Pinnacle Bankcorp, Inc.  
Peter Kiewit Foundation  
Scott Family Foundation

## Gala Honorary Chairs

Connie and Chuck Biddle



## Volunteers of the Year

Kelley Patton and  
Dr. Becky Reilly



## Teen Center Staff

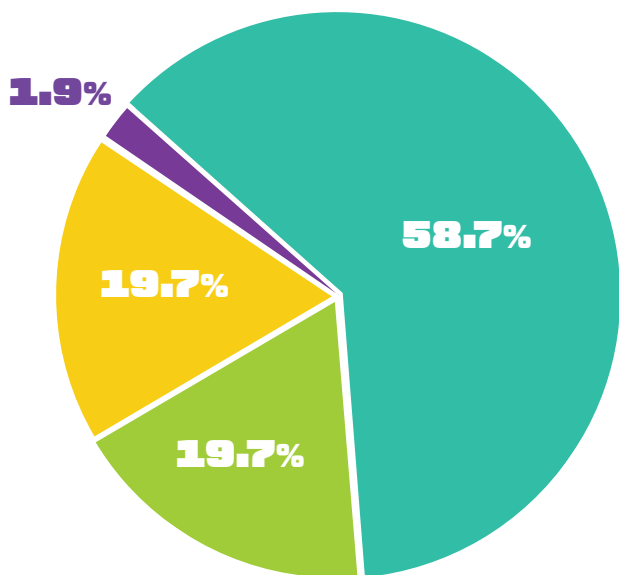
Julie Butler  
Abbey Jackson  
Matt Joppa  
JaLisa Sanford

## Upward Bound Staff

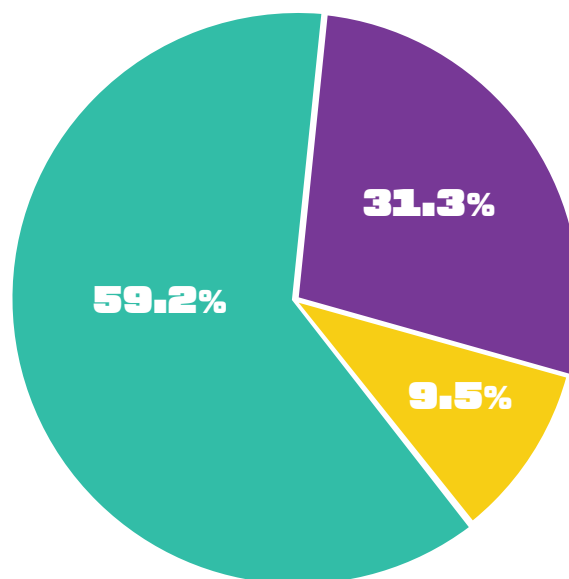
Jackie Lee  
Tori Lindley  
LaTina Rencher

## 2019/20 Financials

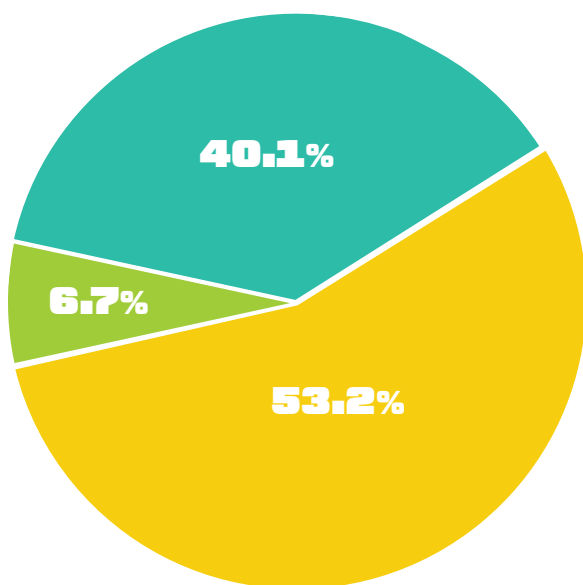
Annual Fundraiser \$65,389  
 Private Contributors \$65,149  
 Program Services \$6,307  
 Grants \$194,283  
 Revenue: \$331,128



Burke High School: \$94,450\*  
 Upward Bound \$50,000\*  
 Food Bank of the Heartland \$15,186\*  
 \*In-kind estimates



Management & General \$173,922  
 Programming \$131,139  
 Fundraising \$21,871  
 Expenses: \$326,932





Teen Center for the last 13 years has established itself as an institution which supports and nurtures young adults; and has become a pillar in the lives of the students its staff educates by creating lifelong learners. The statistic which I believe is the most telling of the Teen Center's commitment, dedication, and focus on the well-being towards the children it serves, is that students feel that they have a trusted adult to talk to at the Teen Center. This program is devoted to its mission of making our community a better place one young person at a time, which is why I fully endorse the St. Luke's Teen Center. ”

Kris Kahlandt, Dean of Students  
Omaha Burke High School





## Facts and Stats

**40% of Teen Center families** make less than \$30,000



**5,062**

Number of meals served annually. **34% of Teen Center families** have income below the poverty line. The warm meal our students receive daily is just one additional way we try to lessen the burden on parents.

There is an adult in my after school program who cared about me. Research shows that **89% of those mentored go on to mentor others.**

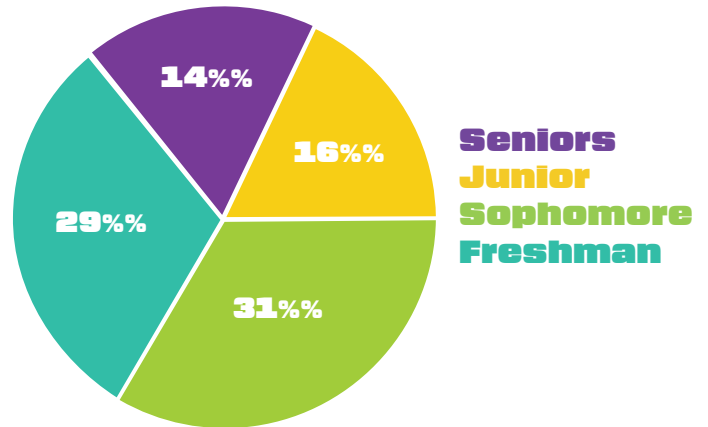


On a typical day, **58 Students attend Teen Center.** This was a 66% increase compared to the 2018-2019 school year. 40% of our enrollment was from incoming freshman.

**88% of the 2020 seniors** are now **enrolled** in post-secondary education.



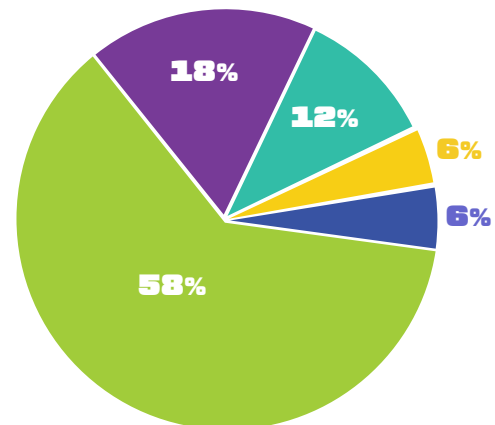
## Who We Serve



### She/Her/Hers



### He/Him/His



**African American**  
**White**  
**Hispanic**  
**Bi-racial**  
**Asian**





“

Teen Center is more than a place or location. It is a culture, a commitment, a community. It is assumed that when a student comes into the Teen Center that they are person of incredible potential. Each one has talent, intelligence and life experience yet to be understood and appreciated. The staff is committed to meet each student where they are emotionally and tailor a response and program to fit their needs. And at the end of the day, the work is not about individuals it is about families and the creation of community. The Teen Center thrives because each person is seen within the context of their relationships. When growth and maturity happen relationally, then generations are changed. ”

Pastor Marshall Johnson, St. Luke UMC

---



(402) 333-6886 • [stlukeumc.com/teencenter](http://stlukeumc.com/teencenter) • [facebook.com/stluketc](https://facebook.com/stluketc)