



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2018

Arts of Life advances the creative arts community by providing artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities a collective space to expand their practice and strengthen their leadership.

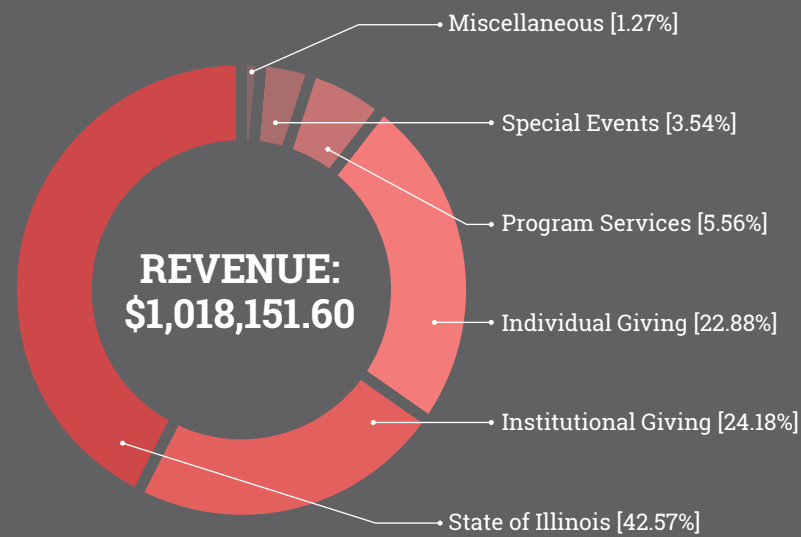
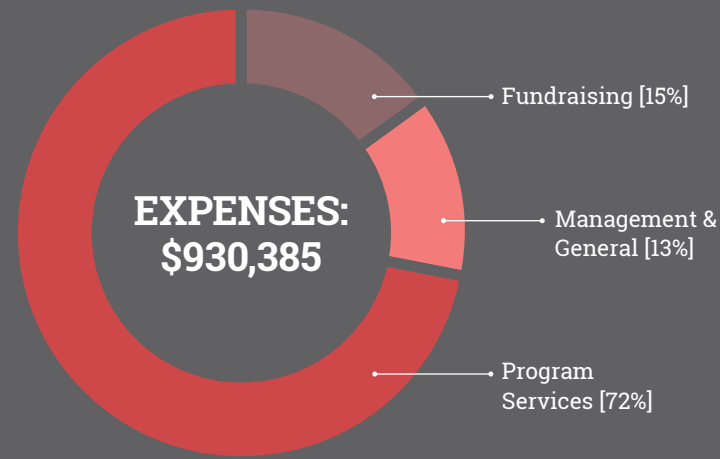
72%
Increase in
Art Sales

77,700
Instagram
Engagements

\$127,845
Total Value of
Programming
Volunteer Hours

18%
Increase in
Facebook Reach

55,159
People Reached IRL



NOTABLE DISPLAY LOCATIONS

- Chicago Athletic Association
- Gallery400
- Groupon HQ
- Heaven Gallery
- LVL3
- The Other Art Fair @Mana Contemporary
- Jackson Junge Gallery
- Office of City Clerk
- Renegade Craft Fair

THANK YOU!

As Arts of Life continued to focus on our artists' role in the larger arts community this past fiscal year, we also saw an increase in support from incredible donors like you. You played a critical role in propelling our artists into new leadership and collaborative roles. THANK YOU for helping us continue to enrich the creative landscape in Chicago and beyond.

Building on the success of Circle Contemporary, the Chicago studio gallery, we were able to launch OPEN Gallery at our North Shore studio. Our gallery program showcases a diverse range of creative practices from individuals of all talents and abilities. We strengthen the local creative community by providing a space and outlet for artistic inspiration and exploration. This offers a unique platform to position our artists alongside their contemporary peers and encourages a dialogue that will continue to inspire and direct our partnerships into 2019.

As we look to next year with optimism and an even stronger sense of purpose we're delighted to share our FY2018 Annual Report with you.

Warmly,

Denise Fisher

Denise Fisher,
Founder & Executive Director

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Barbara Goldman
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James Hammeke
Rachel Hardegree
Sheila Harrigan
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George Heller
Constance & Domitilo Hernandez
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Brent & Luis Holman-Gomez
Emily Jennings
Jewel's Friend
Karen's Hair Design *
Helen Kauffman
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Paul Marcus
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Travis McGrath
Anne McNerney
Jeanne Mervine
Nancy Michaels
Sandro Miller
Miko's Italian Ice *
Tiffany Mo ~
Anna Mort
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Northlight Theatre *
Mary O'Connell
Deirdre O'Reilly
Old Irving Brewing Company *
Ana Olivares ~
Palomino Records, Inc. *
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Decker Phyllis
Pinstripes *
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In Honor of Cindy Shanker
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Debbi & Mark Abramson
Robin Fern
Faye Jacobs
Mary McCarthy
Michele Melnick
Susan & Bob Underwood

"I keep coming back because Arts of Life is one of the most radically accepting and welcoming places I've ever been to. I love the amount of acceptance and independence given to the artists, really embracing people at all different levels and stages of life and helping them succeed in the way that's best for them."



Rita,
Volunteer

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