

WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S ASSOCIA TION Since 1914

Children's Champions



WORK WE COLLECT, ANALYZE & PUBLISH DATA to...

...LEAD A CONVERSATION that evolves into a consensus and...

...MOBILIZE WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS to push for changes that make things better for kids!

WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

OUR VISION Every child healthy, safe, and prepared for life's challenges

> OUR MISSION To identify children's needs, make those needs known, and see that they are met

OUR WORK We turn data into knowledge, build a shared agenda, and mobilize for change

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I am pleased and proud to present Westchester Children's Association's 2017 Annual Report. Each one of our 104 years has presented challenges and opportunities to improve the lives of Westchester's children, and 2017 was no exception. We worked hard to understand the needs of young people in our county, to educate the public and policy makers about those needs, and to mobilize efforts to meet those needs. WCA is a key resource for all of us who care about children.

2017 was also a year marked by a major victory: a new law changing New York's age of adult criminal responsibility from 16 to 18. WCA served as the Westchester lead for the statewide Raise the Age Campaign, which achieved this milestone victory. Our next goal is to ensure that Westchester implements the new law for the benefit of young people and the entire community. As always, we will stick with this issue as long as necessary to ensure positive changes for kids.

You, our friends and supporters, are a vital part of our success, both as donors and advocates. WCA does not accept government funding, relying on donations from foundations, corporations, and hundreds of individuals. Similarly, we rely on you to advocate with us-



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whether in-person or electronically, whether in White Plains or Albany or Washington-and to push for the changes kids need.

When our children do well, our entire community benefits. Thank you for your partnership to ensure that all young people, from newborns to young adults, have what they need to grow up healthy, safe, and prepared for life's challenges.

Sincerely,

Douglas Gould, WCA Board President

2017 AT A GLANCE...

WINTER



A winning year of educating

June: Released Home Visiting Report: *On the Home Front*

May 2017



On the Home Front:

WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION





July: READI, an employment readiness project, launched in Peekskill

July: 3rd Annual Summer Celebration with community partners



"WCA is a necessity for Westchester County. They are fierce advocates for our children."

- JARED RICE, CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE COUNCILMAN



and mobilizing our community.



Training with Nonprofit Westchester & Child Care Council



December:

Successful Advocacy to #FixtheFunding for Invest in Kids, and Community Advocacy Training with Family Ties

HOW WCA WORKS

We Educate!

We analyze data, publish information and hold events to educate the public and policy makers about children's needs.



398 attendees at our educational events

We Connect!

We convene and lead conversations to build a shared agenda addressing those needs.

Our tweets made over 430,000 impressions



We had close to **10,000** visitors to our website **2,000** Facebook followers

We Act!

We advocate and mobilize parents, youth, and concerned citizens to support effective solutions that improve kids' lives.

Over 1,400 took action through in-person and online advocacy

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

With the support of our generous donors, WCA has grown dramatically in recent years, and we are doing more for young people than ever before. When WCA succeeds, thousands of lives are improved, and we are deeply grateful to all of our donors, listed below, who make our work possible.

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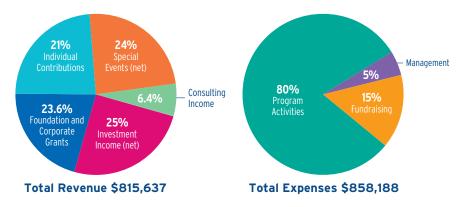
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FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR 2017



In 2017, the short fall of revenues to expenses (\$42,550.91) was funded from unrestricted endowment funds. WCA has unaudited net assets (assets minus liabilities) of \$2,895,587.76 and unrestricted assets of \$248,003.49

Note: This financial report is based on unaudited financial statements. The final audited financial statement is made available on the WCA website www.wca4kids.org and may be requested from WCA or from the New York State Attorney General, Office of Charities Registration, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

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STAY IN TOUCH

Keep up to date on issues affecting Westchester's children and youth, plus be alerted to actions you can take to help. Subscribe at http://bit.ly/WCAfriend.

SPREAD THE WORD

When you share social media posts, forward a petition to friends, or invite someone to a WCA event, you're helping us make sure that our children's needs are met. Tag us @wca4kids.

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Would you like your business to support our county's children and families? Consider joining Westchester Companies for Kids. Find out more at http://bit.ly/WestCo4Kids.



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