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Gratitude Report

2018-2019



WE ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE

Those of us who work at ONFE get to see the impact of our programs every day. We hear stories of kids in our School Breakfast Program who get their most nutritious and dependable meal of the day at school. We hear about JA Ottawa youth using their new business skills to address environmental concerns. We hear about volunteers who are changed through their experience of volunteering.

Sometimes we have the great pleasure of sharing these stories; sometimes we can't share them due to privacy concerns. As often as possible, we strive to give you a window into our work so that you can see the huge impact your donations, volunteer hours, and partnerships make.

This is an exciting time for ONFE. We are moving forward intentionally and strategically. With this comes a natural shift with staff, board recruitment, and strategic planning for our future success. As we say goodbye to dedicated people and consider our next steps in growth, we are taking a moment to reflect and share our gratitude for everyone who has helped us come this far.

This year, in place of a traditional Annual Report, we bring you our Gratitude Report, featuring some of the people who make up our community of ONFE supporters. These stories are important - and they are only a small representation of the people to whom we owe a depth of gratitude.

One of the many people we are grateful for is Rob White, ONFE's Board Chair. Rob has served on our Board for 7 years and counting but is stepping away from the Chair position. We thank him for his many years of service and invaluable unwavering support.

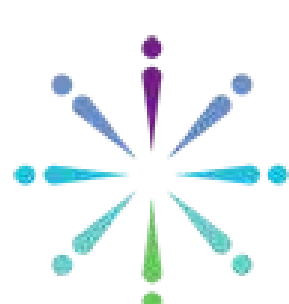
Read on to see what wonderful people surround us in Ottawa, helping K-12 students in our community learn, dream, and achieve.



Heather Norris
President & CEO
Ottawa Network for
Education



Rob White
Chair of the Board
Ottawa Network for
Education



WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY



221

BREAKFAST & SNACK
PROGRAMS SERVED OVER

2.5
MILLION

MEALS

1,637

VOLUNTEERS PLACED IN
SCHOOLS THROUGH
OTTAWA VOLUNTEERS IN
EDUCATION

14,097

STUDENTS &

2,631

PARENTS

RECEIVED SUBSTANCE
ABUSE SUPPORT

1,363

STUDENTS
CONNECTED WITH

111

EMPLOYER VOLUNTEERS

FOR CAREER
EXPLORATION

5,653

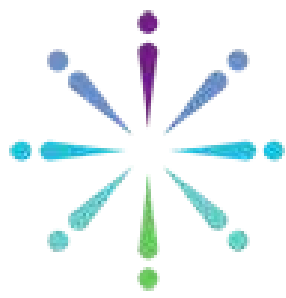
STUDENTS

RECEIVED FINANCIAL
LITERACY
& ENTREPRENEURSHIP
TRAINING THROUGH JA
OTTAWA

2,150

STUDENTS

LEARNED TO PLANT, TEND,
& HARVEST THEIR OWN
VEGETABLES



WE SERVED 81% OF
OTTAWA SCHOOLS



with 1 or more ONFE
programs

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Students struggling with substance abuse served by counselors without being waitlisted
100%
- Number of Classroom Gardens programs grew by
63%
- Principals who see a healthy change in eating habits in School Breakfast Program students
86%



DOUG BATES

Donor - ONFE

When asked about ONFE, Doug says, “I am taken back by the impactful programs offered. I became a believer in these programs in the early spring when I was introduced to this incredible organization. I immediately wanted to help and be a part of the change and support to youth that you offer.”

Doug is a father, business owner, and musician. Though he donates to all ONFE programs, two are close to his heart: JA Ottawa and the School Breakfast Program.

As a former banker, Doug knew of the great work of JA (Junior Achievement) in teaching youth everything from money management to running a company, and more importantly, fostering commitment, confidence, and teamwork. Doug was also drawn to the School Breakfast Program: “The numbers are staggering... Study after study points to a healthy breakfast to help fuel the day. This program does that in such an impactful way.”

Thank you, Doug, for your support!





ERIC & SHEILA DUBOIS
Volunteers - Ottawa Volunteers in Education

Sheila, an epidemiologist retired from the federal government, and her partner Eric, a retired uOttawa engineering professor, were driving past Charles Hulse Public School one day when Sheila said, “That school needs my help!” That was just the beginning of their ‘retirement’ and what is now four years of volunteer service for Sheila and Eric at this diverse socio-economically challenged school.

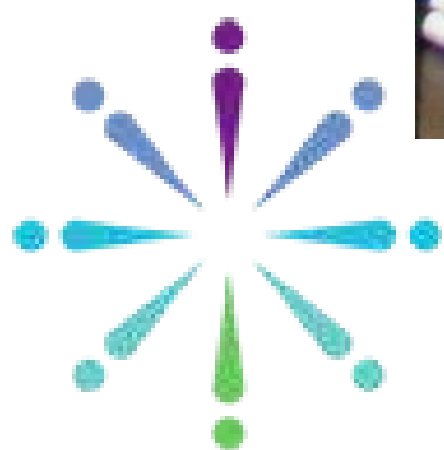
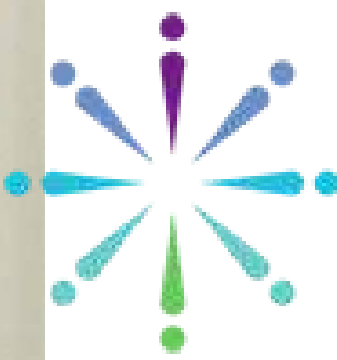
Sheila helps run a crochet knit club on Tuesdays teaching young students new skills. She also helps a student with individualized speech exercises. Eric assists the grade 6 robotics club as part of the technology education curriculum, providing a rich exposure to hands-on activities for the students.

Sheila and Eric also do volunteer work at home. In the spring of 2016, they began a 5-year plan to replace some of the dated hands-on learning materials and resources in the school’s classrooms, finding many replacement items at community garage sales.

They have begun helping the school principal Laurie Kavanagh write applications to private and business foundations for things that are needed by Charles Hulse students but are not covered in the school budget.

In addition to the volunteer work they do at Charles Hulse Public School, Sheila and Eric developed a bursary and scholarship website for students attending Ridgemont High School next door, working closely with the guidance teacher.

We are amazed by the dedication of Eric and Sheila, and so grateful!





ELI & TARA EDWARDS

Volunteers - OttawaReads

Ottawa Police Officers Tara and Eli Edwards are volunteers with the OttawaReads early literacy program at Pinecrest Public School. Volunteering together was a choice they made to make a difference in the community and share their love of reading with young children.

Tara works in the Fatal Collision Section and Eli is a Patrol Sergeant, and together they are the parents of four active school age children. Eli joined OttawaReads in 2013 and introduced Tara as a volunteer in 2016. They share a volunteer position, taking turns reading aloud each week in a very busy Kindergarten classroom.

Principal Wanda Mills-Boone raves about the support Pinecrest School receives from the Ottawa Police Service volunteers. "We love having the Ottawa Police volunteers in the school weekly. Their presence provides a whole community feel to the school."

When asked what the benefits are of volunteering as a couple, Tara and Eli beam at each other. "Because we are both in the Ottawa Police Service, coming home and talking about work can become negative. Volunteering to read with children gives us something very positive to talk about—we have a shared common experience."

Tara and Eli eloquently summarize the benefits of volunteering, "When you place yourself in different social circumstances, it has a positive effect on you. You see life from a completely different perspective, especially when you sit in the tiny chairs! There is a positive mental health aspect to volunteering. It makes you feel good!"





KOREY KEALEY

Donor & Volunteer - School Breakfast Program

Korey is a long-standing supporter of ONFE's School Breakfast Program, having volunteered as a breakfast monitor in the program. "Seeing busloads of young students eagerly arrive in the cafeteria to join their peers in an inclusive school environment to enjoy a healthy nutritious meal was all it took to make me want to do a little more to make this a privilege for more students and schools."

Supporting ONFE, and particularly the School Breakfast Program, has been part of Korey's community give back as a volunteer, partner, and donor. She has helped ONFE with numerous media awareness campaigns and fundraising dinners, and she serves on our Spark Soirée Committee.

"While we mostly focus on the health and wellness component, we are happy to know that the other 2 ONFE pillars (learning support and career readiness) also benefit from our monthly donations," Korey says. "Please consider donating your time, expertise and money to ONFE."





CATHY LEWIS

Monthly Donor - ONFE

“ONFE believes in giving every student in Ottawa the opportunity to thrive through learning and preparing for the future based on a foundation of health and well-being. Yes! We can all be proud of the significant impact made by ONFE through its talented staff and loyal volunteers.”

We are grateful to have Cathy in our corner. From volunteering, to supporting our fundraising efforts, to donating monthly, to nominating ONFE for 100 Women Who Care, Cathy has supported us in many ways. “I love ONFE for many reasons,” she says, “I love that the School Breakfast Program helps kids start their day strong and fueled to excel. I love that JA helps young people grow, create, and explore. I am impressed that ONFE identifies and fills critical gaps like providing improved access to substance abuse programs and offering school-based support for youth and families. I love how ONFE is the hub that purposefully connects thousands of volunteers in our schools.”

“ONFE is an essential organization for our youth, our schools, our communities and our city.”





DANIELLE & GREG MATTHEWS

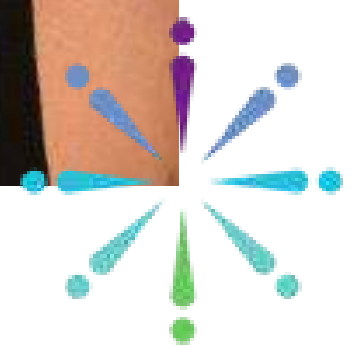
Monthly Donors & Volunteers - JA Ottawa & School Breakfast Program

Greg and Danielle believe supporting the next generation is critical to Ottawa's success, and that ONFE's programs are foundational to achieve this.

"ONFE is a pillar in the community for making a positive impact with Ottawa's youth by delivering programming targeting financial literacy and entrepreneurship," says Greg. He began volunteering his time delivering Junior Achievement (JA) programs over 15 years ago, and has done so through his employer, his Alumni, and jointly with his wife Danielle.

Along with JA, Danielle and Greg are also supporters of ONFE's School Breakfast Program, supporting both programs financially through their respective work Employee Giving programs.





LISA MIERINS

Donor - School Breakfast Program

The Mierins Family Foundation is committed to creating an immediate and lasting impact in the day-to-day lives of others by supporting programs like ONFE's School Breakfast program, that challenge the status quo with an innovative approach to caring for others and making a difference in the Ottawa Community.

Our gratitude to Lisa and her family for their ongoing support of the ONFE program that is close to their hearts!





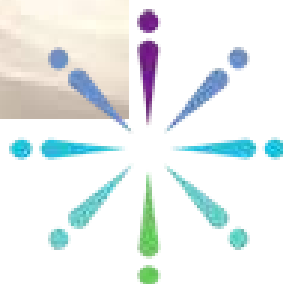
ALEXA VANVEEN

Volunteer - Ottawa Volunteers in Education

Alexa Vanveen is a one-of-a-kind individual who has volunteered since 2012 at Jockvale Public School, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from September to June. Alexa is volunteering to get work experience by assisting in the milk program for the school’s parent council – a job she takes very seriously.

As Alexa has Down syndrome, finding work experience involved connecting with several organizations. Alexa’s mother, Angela, approached Jockvale Public School several years ago, and then connected with Y’s Owl Maclure Co-operative Centre to find a job coach to oversee Alexa’s work placement. The job coach in turn connected with the Ottawa Network for Education to screen Alexa to volunteer at Jockvale.

We are thankful to have met Alexa and can see that she is a bright light at Jockvale Public School!



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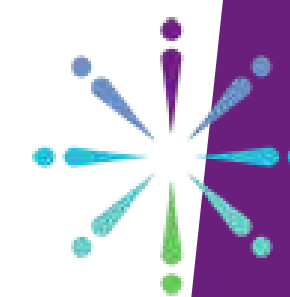
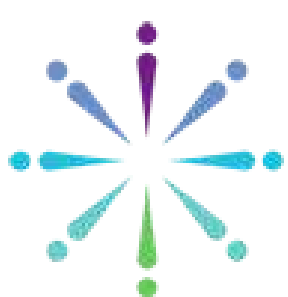
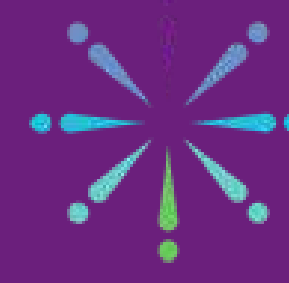
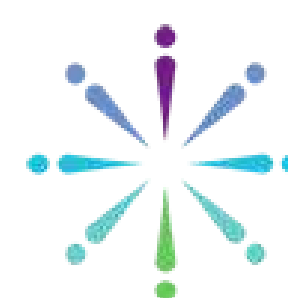
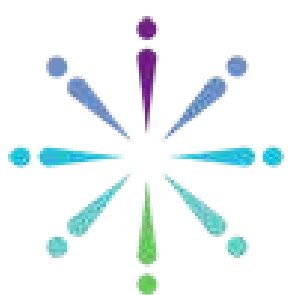


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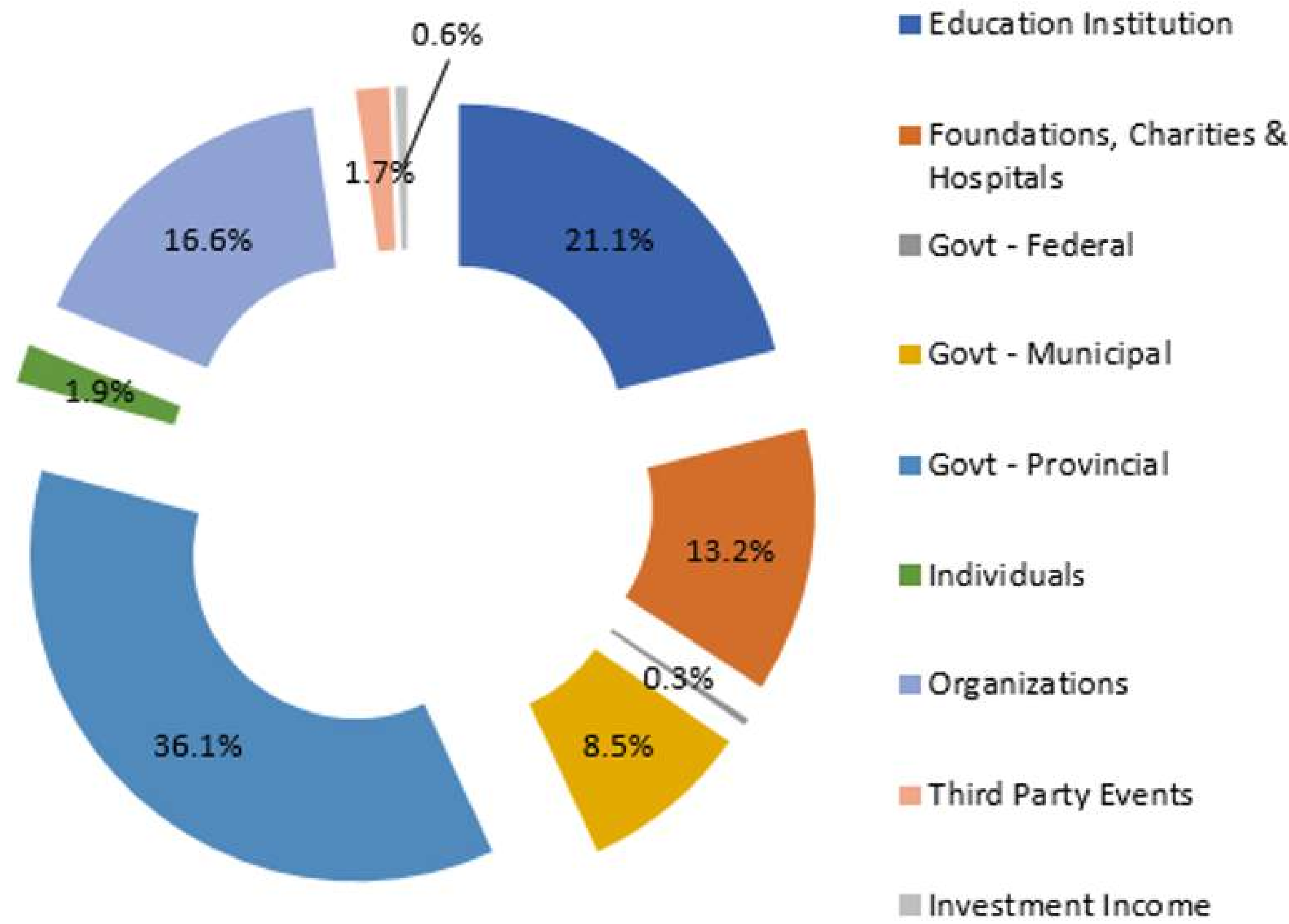
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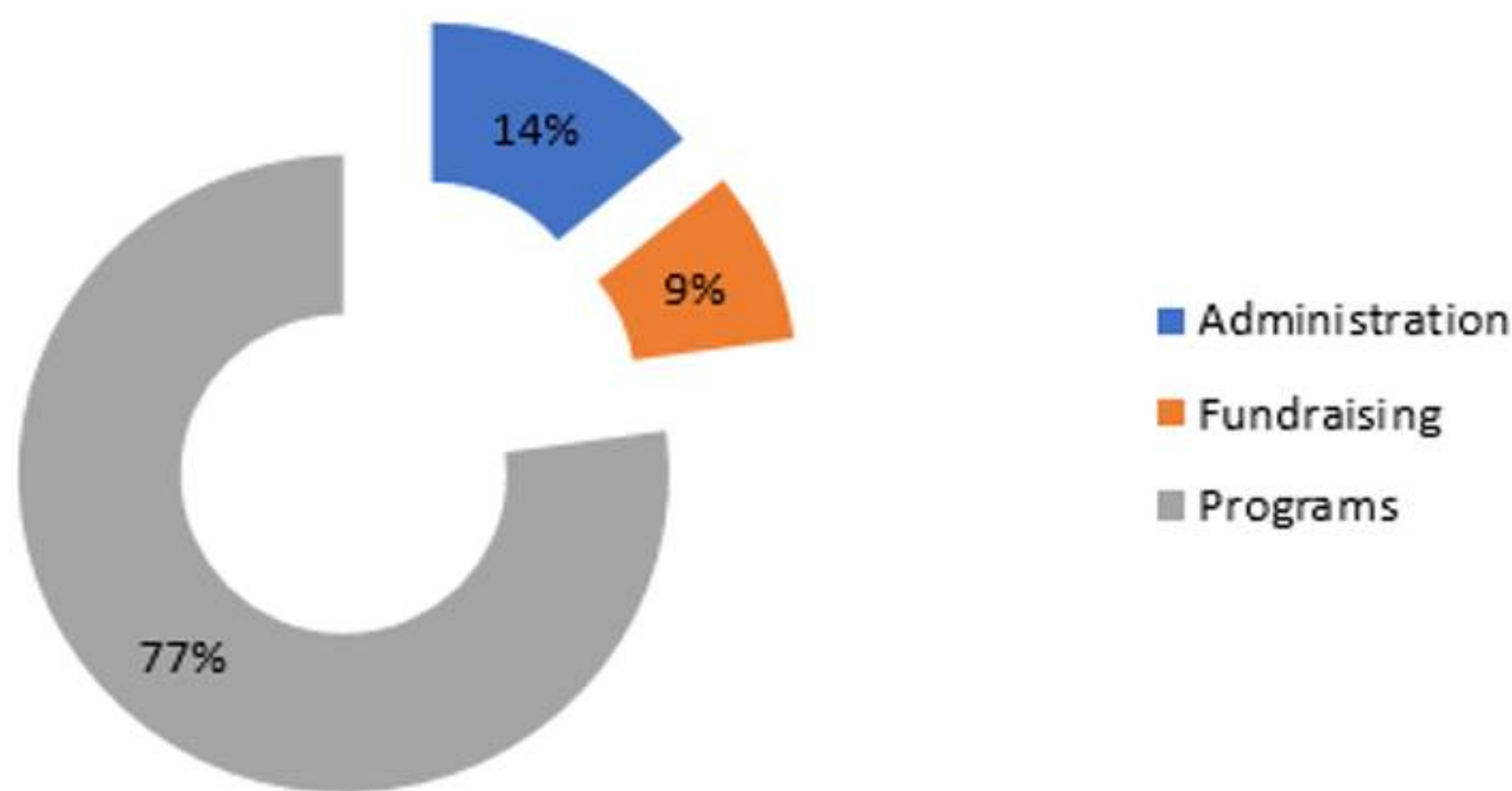
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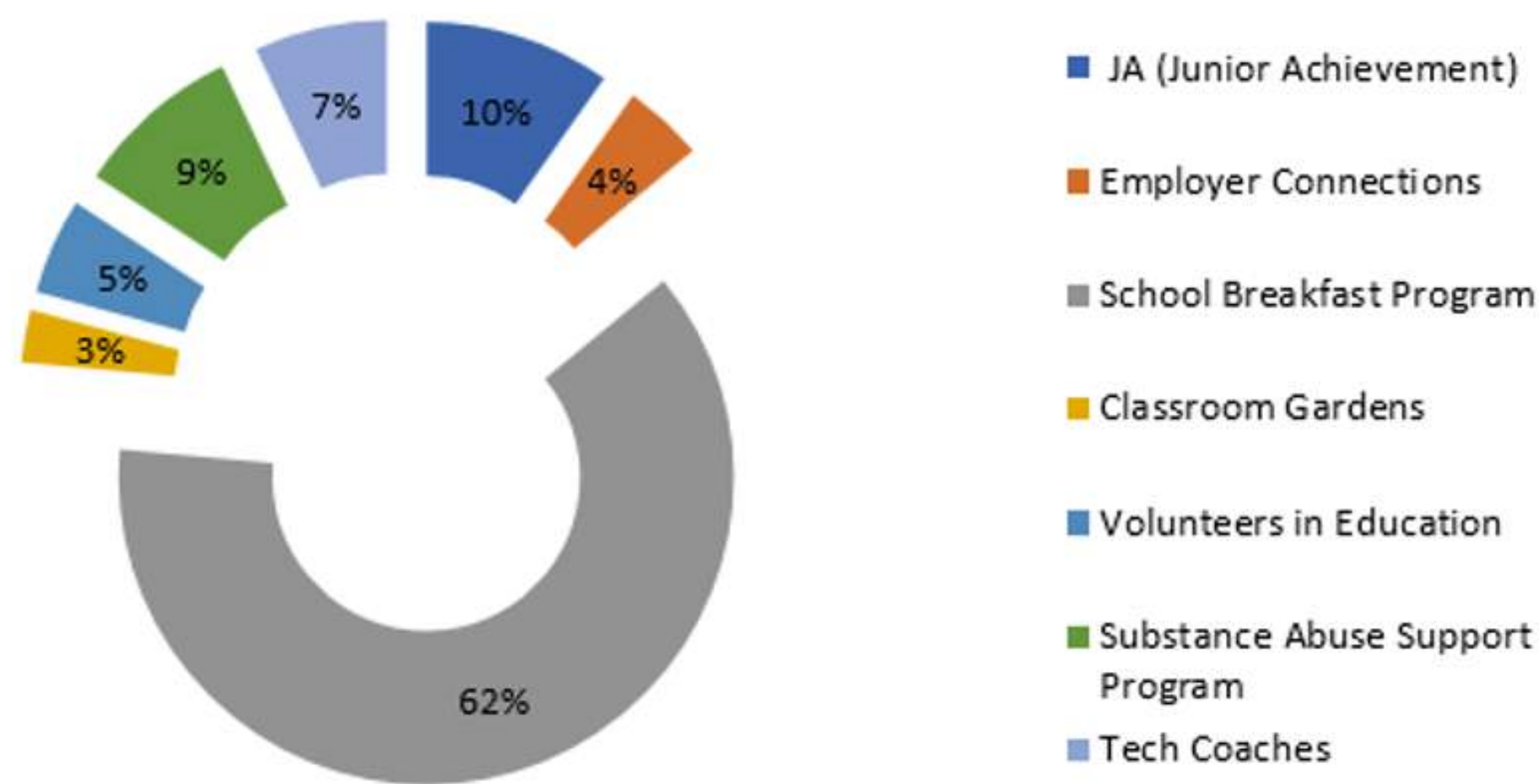
Revenue by Source



Program Expenses



Overall Allocation



In 2018-2019 the Ottawa Network for Education invested nearly \$4 million in programs that provide targeted learning support, improve student well-being, and help secondary students make informed choices and transition successfully to post-secondary studies and fulfilling careers.

We are grateful for the financial and voluntary support that we receive from hundreds of individuals, local community groups and organizations, granting foundations, and corporations. We're equally grateful for the invaluable funding provided by the City of Ottawa and the Province of Ontario. Their collective commitment is essential to our financial stability, and our capacity to innovate, collaborate, and prepare students to thrive in a globally connected world.



THANK YOU!

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