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Colorado

**Annual Report 2020**



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# From Executive Director



**Mary Frances Tharp**

Fiscal Year 2020, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. What a year!

July 1st started us off with our focus completely on Academy and Collegian programming. Our transition away from Residential programming was complete as of June 30, 2019. Summer activities and camps included Junior Achievement Business Week, Solich Leadership & Caddy program, Collegiate Prep in St. Louis, Camp Minniwanca, Middlebury Language Intensive in Vermont, MC2, TeamWorks!, and lots of service work, as well as excursions including Denver Art Museum, Saint Mary's Glacier, and the Wild Animal Sanctuary.

We welcomed new scholars at Regis Jesuit and Aurora Central High School in August. We also made sure that 13 high school graduates entered college in August-September ready to go. Colleges and universities were Community College of Aurora, Kalamazoo College, University of Colorado – Denver, University of Denver and University of Northern Colorado. Goal setting, Finance Friday, Book Club, Career Panels, service, tutoring in addition to college tours and college scholarship speakers happened throughout the first part of the school year right through the end of February.

From an organizational perspective, we welcomed eight new board members: Bob Bowman, David Card, Fr. Jim Goeke, S.J., Laurel Hammer, Frank Jedlicka, John Newland, Joanna Vosburg and Jake Zambrano. We also recognize the work of board members as they came off our board, including Colleen Curran, Joel Leege, Conor McCallin, Fr. John Nugent, S.J., and Mario Reza. You may have noticed a new look for Boys Hope Girls Hope with our branding and mission statement. While our mission has not changed, it better reflects 2020.

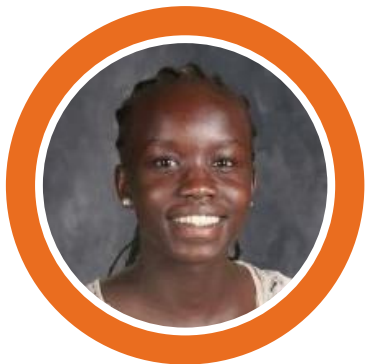
Once the pandemic and its effects became fully understood, our programming pivoted to primarily working virtually with the scholars and collegians. Our team members adapted beautifully to engaging with scholars and collegians and continuing with Career Panels, Book Club, Finance Friday and all the other activities we normally do. Adding to programming included activities like yoga, art therapy, cooking and other ways to keep scholars positive and connected. In addition, we were in regular communication with families to make sure they had basic necessities. Many of you provided funds for emergency gift cards to offset those needs.

Our Shaken, Not Stirred Martini Party was one of the last events in Denver and was highly successful. Our golf tournament did not happen but many of you did a virtual event which went viral and was a bit of fun during the lockdown. We did apply for and received Paycheck Protection Program funds (PPP loan) and that was later forgiven. We worked hard so that all staff were retained and working to make the mission happen. I have said often during the pandemic, that we need to be creative, flexible and say prayers and all did remain creative, flexible while saying a few prayers.

Thank you to all of you who made 2020 successful despite its challenges! Your commitment and your belief in our program makes all our scholars and collegians successful!



# Meet A Scholar



Achol is a junior scholar with the Boys Hope Girls Hope Academy at Aurora Central High School. Born in Egypt, she has watched her parents migrate to a new country, learn a new language, work incredibly hard, and fight to make a new life - all with incredible discipline and tenacity. The character they displayed has admittedly had a profound effect on her.

She is a conscientious student and the list of organizations and clubs she is a part of is very long. Passionate about her sport, she is a varsity volleyball player and describes her love of that community. She is also a part of Student Leadership, ROTC, the speech and debate team and recently she was awarded an internship with Women's Wilderness.

Due to the pandemic, the volleyball season has been moved to the spring and many of her other club meetings are currently held online. Fortunately, at this time, she does have the opportunity every Friday to head to Women's Wilderness where she helps mentor young girls.

Achol strongly believes in giving back and she makes it a priority. She is the community service coordinator for her squadron in ROTC and works directly with Food Bank of the Rockies to schedule their group visits. Denver Rescue Mission, Cafe 180, the Denver Dream Center, Bessie's Hope and the MuckFest for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society are just a few of the organizations she provides service hours for. While the current guidelines prevent her from volunteering on-site, she still finds the time to gather up her younger siblings and walk to the local park, where they help her pick up litter and keep it clean. Did I forget to mention she also watches after her four younger siblings? Impressive.

When asked how she continues to seemingly conquer this new normal and remain on track, she said she relies on her planner, as well as listening to how she is feeling. If she begins to feel overwhelmed, she will try and cut back her schedule. But she remains loyal to her commitments, which takes a lot of discipline. But don't think it's all easy, there are plenty of Saturdays where you will find her working on Speech and Debate. But watching her parents over the years, that discipline has been instilled in her. Achol also has the team at Boys Hope Girls Hope to keep her on point. She feels like she can talk through anything with the program team and that it is an incredible support system to have. "One of my favorite parts of Boys Hope Girls Hope is that I'm very close to my fellow scholars, and we're never alone in what we want," says Achol. "I'm surrounded by others that share my values and my goals and that has been very important."

Her objective of a college education is never far away. She dreams of attending either Colorado State University or the University of Colorado Boulder. She eyes the medical field or perhaps architecture. It's clear that this scholar will achieve whatever she sets her sights on.

## MISSION

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**To nurture and guide motivated young people in need to become well-educated, career-ready men and women for others.**



# WHO ARE OUR SCHOLARS?

## 110+ SCHOLARS & COLLEGIANS



- 15 scholars attended Regis Jesuit High School
- 51 scholars attended Aurora Central High School
- 45 Collegians

## 14 LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Amharic, Arabic, American Sign Language, Dinka, English, Falam, Fanti, Igbo, Italian, Mandarin, Mizo, Nepali, Spanish, Vietnamese

## SCHOLARSHIPS



33 Collegians earned over \$76,000 in BHGH college scholarships in 2020

## GIVING BACK

30 Service opportunities organized through Feb. 2020 including at MS Muckfest, Ronald McDonald House, Bessie's Hope, DoSomething.org, 99 Hearts, Juniper Village



## COLLEGE-LEVEL CLASS ENROLLMENT

96% of upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) took at least one college-level class

## GRADUATION STATS

### 7 SCHOLARS GRADUATED IN MAY 2020

- Accepted to 45 colleges and universities
- 86% of scholars received need or merit scholarships
- \$1,237,096 earned in need or merit scholarships
- 71% of scholars received outside scholarships
- \$181,000 in earned scholarships



## NOTABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alpha Phi Alpha  
Aurora Gives  
Boettcher Scholarship  
Daniels Fund Scholarship  
Evans & Horatio Alger & Reischer Scholarship

Colorado State University  
Community College of Aurora  
Kalamazoo College  
Metropolitan State University of Denver  
University of Colorado -Boulder & Denver  
University of Denver  
University of Hawaii  
University of Northern Colorado

## COLLEGES OF ATTENDANCE



# Meet A 2020 High School Graduate



Someday Apshara hopes to work for the United Nations as a healthcare ambassador, or perhaps help improve hospital infrastructure for refugees in Nepal. She is finishing up her senior year at Grandview High School and preparing to attend the University of Denver on a full Daniels Scholarship in the fall. If you ask her how she spends her free time, she'll casually tell you that she works as a nurses aid at a local nursing home, is learning to fly small aircraft, and hopes to get better at longboarding this summer. She also plays the violin, has been accepted into the University of Denver's Pioneer Leadership Program, and is a Boys Hope Girls Hope of Colorado scholar.

These accomplishments are certainly noteworthy for any high school student; however, Apshara's achievements are truly inspiring when one learns about her childhood. Apshara was born in a refugee camp in Nepal, where she lived with her family until she was 8 years old when her family was granted the opportunity for citizenship in the United States. Once they immigrated to the U.S., Apshara had to learn to speak English and assimilate into American culture. Though she had learned to read and write some British English in the refugee camp, she had little practice speaking the language and had to learn quickly at her first American school. Apshara worked very hard and made the honors program by the end of her middle school years when she was introduced to the Boys Hope Girls Hope program.

"Boys Hope Girls Hope gave me an extra boost that many of my peers didn't have," shares Apshara. "Through the program, I was able to attend summer leadership camps, get help filling out FAFSA applications and scholarship applications, and even get to and from my after-school activities. But perhaps more importantly, they have been my motivators and supporters throughout my high school career. They've encouraged me to believe in myself, to make connections in my community, to give back."

"Apshara is an exemplary Boys Hope Girls Hope scholar," shared Boys Hope Girls Hope program director, Laura Conti. "She has overcome incredible obstacles to graduate at the top of her class and earn a full scholarship to the University of Denver. But alongside these academic achievements, Apshara has focused her time on developing leadership skills and by giving back to her community. She is truly a model of the Jesuit ideal to be 'a man or woman for others'."

## VISION

**We believe in opportunity, education and inclusion for every motivated person.**



**JUAN**

I joined Boys Hope Girls Hope as an academic scholar when I was 15 years old. I was a sophomore at Aurora Central High School. Being the oldest of three and living under a single parent household made it difficult for me to even think about going to college. To be completely honest with you all, I thought my life would be nothing but hard work every single day until the day I died.

This is because my life completely changed when I was 9 years old. My mother passed away, and waking up to put on my clothes and attend her funeral was work. Every day, my siblings and I went to school and my dad went to work. At home, it was work trying to keep my depressed family together; and every single day that I woke up, it felt like I was working just to be alive.

But I was okay with that, as long as it meant that I was helping my dad pay the bills, helping my sisters with their schoolwork, helping put some food on table, and maybe having just enough money to buy them something nice on Christmas.

Then, one day, in my high school English class my teacher, Mrs. Summers, handed me an application to become a BHGH scholar. She told me about a new program that was coming to my high school, and it was designed to help families living in poverty send their children to college. I filled out the application that very day. I attended the information session the following week, and I made it to the final interview, praying to God that I would be accepted. When I found out that I was, I almost couldn't believe it. It seemed too good to be true, and I cried. My life completely changed again...but this time for the better.

In high school, Boys Hope Girls Hope emphasized the importance of academics. I started paying attention in class, I started doing my homework on time, I even took the ACT 3 times just so that I could get better scores for scholarships. In May 2016 I graduated high school, and that following August, I was a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado.

This past semester, all of those skills have been put to the test. Last year, I served as the Vice President of my fraternity and I also served as the President of the Habitat for Humanity club. This semester, my main focus is academics and landing a solid internship for the summer. Then, in December 2020, I will finally have my Bachelor's degree in General Business.

The future is what you make it, and my future looks bright. I'd like to finish off by saying that this is real. This is more than just "money to go to school" for someone who cannot afford it; this is impacting families, communities, and the people around me. All of you know just as well as I do by now, that life is hard work, but hard work always pays off. Boys Hope Girls Hope has empowered me, inspired me, and most importantly, given me hope.

## VALUES

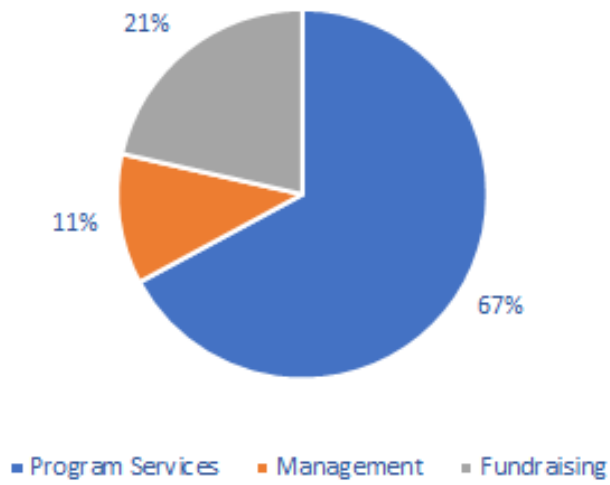
**Education, Spirituality, Integrity, Potential, Respect**



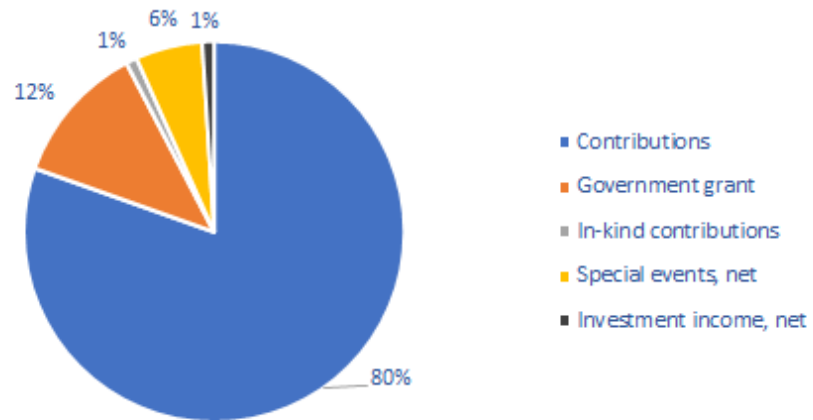
# Financial Statements

Statement of Activities							
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020							
				Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2020 Total	2019 Total
<b>Support &amp; Revenue</b>							
		Contributions		\$300,524	\$330,396	\$630,920	\$447,158
		Government grant		\$93,700		\$93,700	
		In-kind contributions		\$7,334		\$7,334	\$128,578
		AmeriCorps grant				\$0	\$3,958
		Special events, net		\$19,625	\$25,000	\$44,625	\$149,155
		Investment income, net		\$13,376		\$13,376	\$6,521
		Change in value of beneficial interest			-\$1,380	-\$1,380	-\$628
		Miscellaneous income		\$900		\$900	
		Net assets released from restrictions				\$0	
		Satisfaction of time & purpose restrictions		\$516,928	-\$516,928	\$0	
		<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>		<b>\$952,387</b>	<b>-\$162,912</b>	<b>\$789,475</b>	<b>\$734,742</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>							
		Program services					
		Educational assistance		\$537,735		\$537,735	\$699,172
		Supporting services					
		Management & general		\$91,133		\$91,133	\$101,395
		Fundraising		\$172,078		\$172,078	\$131,845
		<b>Total Supporting services</b>		<b>\$263,211</b>		<b>\$263,211</b>	<b>\$233,240</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$800,946</b>		<b>\$800,946</b>	<b>\$932,412</b>
		<b>Change in net assets before effects of discontinued operations</b>		<b>\$151,441</b>	<b>-\$162,912</b>	<b>-\$11,471</b>	<b>-\$197,670</b>
		Gain on disposal of discontinued operations					\$566,738
		<b>Change in net assets</b>		<b>\$151,441</b>	<b>-\$162,912</b>	<b>-\$11,471</b>	<b>\$369,068</b>
		<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>		<b>\$893,870</b>	<b>\$515,175</b>	<b>\$1,409,045</b>	<b>\$1,039,977</b>
		<b>Net assets, end of year</b>		<b>\$1,045,311</b>	<b>\$352,263</b>	<b>\$1,397,574</b>	<b>\$1,049,045</b>

## Functional Expenses



## Support &amp; Revenue



# Major Donors

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