

# Grand Rapids Trans Foundation

Combined Financial Statements  
with Additional Information

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**Grand Rapids Trans Foundation**

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**OUR MISSION:**

*“To create opportunities for the Grand Rapids trans community.”*

## To Our Stakeholders

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### Strategic Highlights

To us, being dedicated to **trans equity** means offering **direct financial support for trans individuals** in need. In a political climate where new hardships for trans citizens are unfolding daily, it's important to remember that this community also continues to suffer extremely high rates of family rejection, discrimination, assault, violence, depression, suicide, poverty, and homelessness. Our organization believes that by removing some financial barriers to quality education, passport updates, and legal name changes, we can do our small part to help stabilize and support.

This year, we continued our focus on **community-building** and **local culture-shaping**. We tabled at a number of events, partnered with local organizations, dispersed trans resource guides, and coordinated safe and fun events where trans and gender-nonconforming people could express themselves authentically.

### Highlights of 2019

**KCAD Lunch & Learn.** In February, we presented at Kendall College of Art and Design to discuss with students and staff the work we're doing at Grand Rapids Trans Foundation.

**Trans Week of Visibility.** In March, we again partnered with Grand Rapids Pride Center and the TGNC Committee to organize six free local events celebrating the trans community:

- Books & Mortar hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Children & Family Reading Hour for gender-expansive kids
- We held a celebratory gathering on the Blue Bridge
- Grand Rapids Pride Center hosted a trans health fair
- Bend Gallery and Spiral hosted “VISIBLE: A Trans Art Showcase”
- Volunteers took part in a service project at HQ
- YWCA of West Michigan hosted our “Speak Your Truth” Open Mic event, an event generously sponsored by YWCA and Mitten Brewing. Rachel Crandall-Crocker, creator of Trans Day of Visibility, was once again in attendance; her presence and words continue to spark inspiration for us and those in our community!
- Over 100 local organizations hung trans flags in support and solidarity

**Local Representation.** We tabled at a local production of “Vagina Monologues,” BMM GSA Summit at GVSU, Grand Rapids Pride Festival, JAFAX Anime Convention, and Progressives in the Park.

**“Update!”** In 2019, we officially created our “Update!” program, a series of workshops and microgrants to assist trans and non-binary local residents with updating their name, gender marker, and documents. This year, we were able to assist 16 people through their legal name change process, with the assistance of Ginny Mikita, JD.

**Academic Scholarships.** This year, we granted a total of \$11,000 in academic scholarships. Please meet our six recipients:



**Alizae Holliman**  
*they/them pronouns*  
GRCC, Philosophy/Writing  
**\$2,500**

*"I aim to become a scholar in Buddhist Philosophy, and eventually a university professor of the subject. As an Afro-Latinx, I am already breaking the archetype of the Western Buddhist scholar, who is more often than not a white cis man. Even within Buddhist philosophy gender roles can be limiting for the spiritual expression of women and gender non-conforming people. Many Buddhist lineages today still prevent women and those of the LGBT community from becoming monastics.*

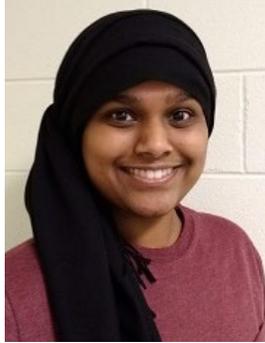
*A scholarship will immensely help my career path. I am currently working full time as well as attending to my studies. This scholarship will allow me to attend more classes, as I am currently paying my way through school. I view any financial assistance or scholarship not as a gift to myself or for my education, but rather as a gift to those I will be able to help in the future."*



**Liam Jones**  
*he/him, they/them pronouns*  
Douglas J. Aveda Institute,  
Cosmetology and Esthology  
**\$2,500**

*"Education is often a major gateway in life for community organization as well as financial stability. Having lost my familial support network, tenuous as it was, made this even harder. I love my community and I am adamant in my involvement and uplifting of it. Therefore it was necessary to find an educational pathway that would allow me to achieve that financial stability and provide a support to my community, while also being friendly to my learning disability.*

*My goal is to create a non-gendered beauty salon that caters to the needs of the queer and gender-nonconforming community. My first step in completing this goal is to finish my beauty school education and receive my beautician licensing. The scholarship will help me with this by affording my education."*



**Khairun Hasan**  
*they/them pronouns*  
 GVSU, Biochemistry and  
 Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
**\$2,500**

*"Growing up as a queer Muslim in the middle of West Michigan has always been a struggle to say the least. The environment around West Michigan has never been the best when existing as a trans and queer person of color, and there have been plenty of instances of bigotry, harassment, and threats of violence that I have experienced throughout my lifetime in Grand Rapids. I wish to go on after my bachelors and continue into grad school, with an eventual goal of working either as a biochemical researcher or in non-profit."*



**Birdie Duka**  
*she/her pronouns*  
 GVSU, Sociology  
**\$1,500**

*"Part of [fighting injustice] is arming myself with the tools to dismantle systems of oppression. In order to do that I need to go to school. It may be silly to some but, I am not going to school to land a snazzy degree so that I can have a killer job that I make a ton of money from. My primary goal for going to school is to educate myself, foremostly for the goal of becoming a more educated person."*



**Ariana Moore**  
*she/her pronouns*  
 GRCC, Biochemistry  
 and Molecular Biology  
**\$1,000**

*"I came from Costa Rica; I had to move because many people in Costa Rica were very close-minded about my transition. I am grateful to have it easier here transitioning here in the states. I do not want my transition to be a problem in my life because I am very proud trans woman, that wants to show that being transgender is not a bad thing, although it comes with difficulties. I am very inspired by many trans women, and I want to inspire many young trans people. I take care of my grandmother so I cannot work full-time on top of going to school full-time. This scholarship is going to help me succeed and I will be able to focus on my studies."*



**Kendra Garcia**  
they/them pronouns  
GVSU, Spanish and History  
\$1,000

*"Since deciding to pursue graduate school, I have become more involved on campus and dedicated myself to promoting inclusion across the university. I founded and am president of Women in Humanities, a group dedicated to support and create an inclusive space for women to network and find a community. I also am a Cook Leadership Academy fellow as well as President of the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, and the History Club. These activities in combination with my work as an undergraduate research assistant two projects funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities will prepare me for graduate school.*

*Before I arrived at Grand Valley, I never saw myself reflected in history nor could I imagine myself as a leader. Participation in the McNair Scholars Program has helped me see myself as a professor. I want to mentor students, as I have been encouraged by my professor to pursue my dream of obtaining a Ph.D. As a professor, I will mentor students like myself who have experienced religious trauma because of their sexual identity."*

**Wear the Rainbow.** In early November, we partnered once again with GVSU's Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center on their annual trans and queer clothing event. This event offers free clothing, resources, and fashion workshops.

**Trans Day of Remembrance.** Every November 20, we gather to mourn and honor those trans lives that were lost to transphobic violence, an epidemic that disproportionately affects trans women of color. Hosted at Aisle Nine and Lucy's Café, in partnership with the Grand Rapids Pride Center.

**Board Member changes.** At the end of 2019, we said a heartfelt goodbye to our Secretary Samantha Przybylski, who has been a passionate and invaluable member of our board for the last three years. We also are thrilled to welcome a new member to our board:



**Theo Randall**  
(they/them pronouns)

**Special thanks to:**

- [Ginny Mikita, JD](#), for her generous pro bono legal assistance with our Update! program
- [Grand Rapids Pride Center](#) for their continued support and partnership
- [Grand Rapids Brewing Company](#) for hosting a month-long fundraiser during Pride
- [Fountain Street Church](#) for their Pride Celebration, which raised awareness and funds for Grand Rapids Trans Foundation
- [Our LGBT Fund](#) for a grant which aided our growth in both 2019 and 2020
- To all the local businesses that supported us, sponsored us, and/or held fundraisers for us, including [Creston Brewing](#), [Cakabakery](#), [Plant Parlor](#), [Feelgood Tap](#), [Lotus Brew Coffee Co](#), [Nice & Naughty](#), [NSFW Fest](#), [Amore Trattoria](#), and more!
- [Fountain Street Church](#) for hosting our monthly Board meetings free of charge

**Officers and Board of Directors**

<b>Liam Bailey</b> ( <i>they/them pronouns</i> )	President
<b>Samantha Przybylski</b> ( <i>she/her pronouns</i> )	Secretary
<b>Finn Marcks</b> ( <i>he/him, they/them pronouns</i> )	Treasurer
<b>Esperanza De Carlos Garay-Negrón</b> ( <i>they/them, she/her pronouns</i> )	Member
<b>Theo Randall</b> ( <i>they/them pronouns</i> )	Member
<b>Ximón Kittok</b> ( <i>they/them pronouns</i> )	Member, Executive Director



*From left to right: Liam, Samantha, Finn, Esperanza, Ximón*

## Looking Ahead

As we enter our fifth year, we are invigorated by the idea of formulating new strategy around sustainability, growth, and expanding our networks, so that our organization can be set up for long-term success.

In 2020, we will continue our scholarship programming and annual events. We will grow on the success of our “Update!” program, and help even more trans and nonbinary residents with education and financial assistance legal name changes. These documents are vital for safety and navigating systems properly, and there is great need for these services within the community.

We plan to again collaborate with the Grand Rapids Pride Center to host local Trans Week of Visibility and Trans Day of Remembrance events. We’ll partner with GVSU’s LGBT Resource Center on their annual Wear the Rainbow event. We hope to continue adding to our list of local trans resources.

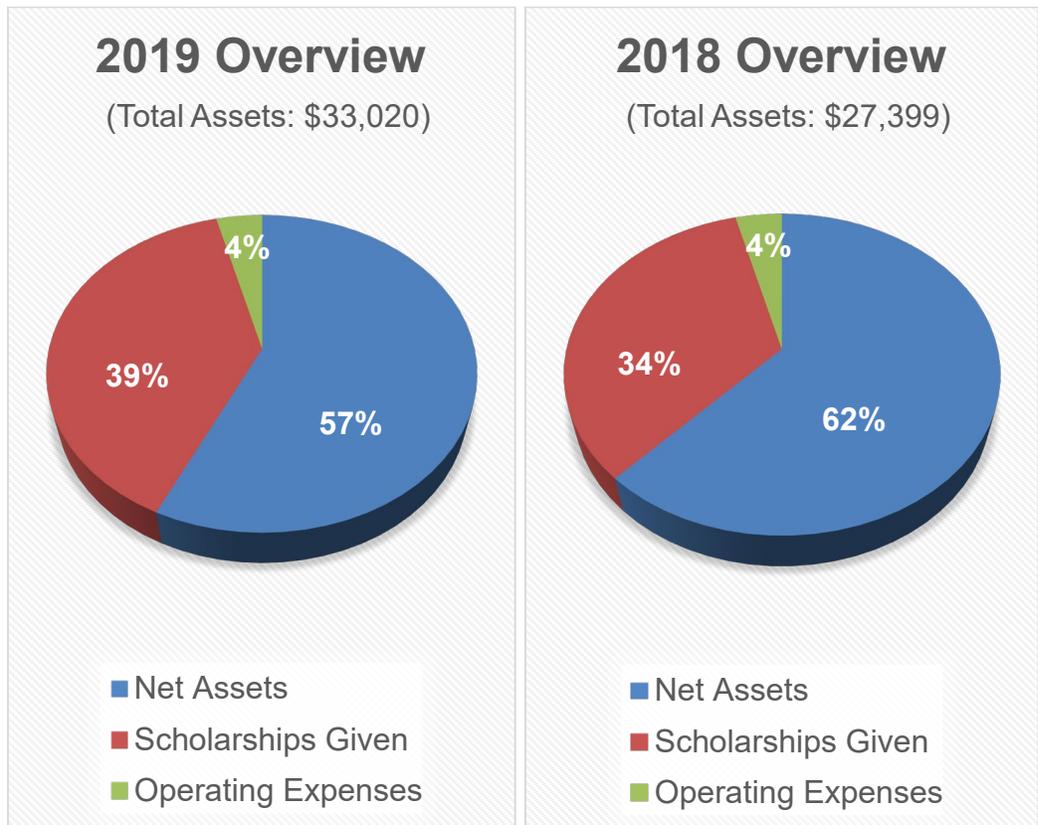
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us this year! You give us hope for a brighter future.

Kind regards,

**GRTF Board of Directors** (Liam ~ Samantha ~ Finn ~ Esperanza ~ Theo ~ Ximón)

## Financial Summary

Grand Rapids Trans Foundation is a local, volunteer-run nonprofit with no physical location; as such, you'll notice no payroll or building-related costs in the financial statements below. We're dedicated to keeping administrative costs low so that we can keep our grantmaking generous. The organization operates on the calendar year, uses a cash-basis system of accounting, and filed a [990-N for 2019](#) (EIN: 81-0815247).



## Financial Statements

### Combined Statement of Financial Position

	<b>December 31</b>	
	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,903.51	\$ 17,033.16
Total assets	<b>\$ 18,903.51</b>	<b>\$ 17,033.16</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Total liabilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	\$ 17,403.51	\$ 16,623.97
Temporarily restricted	1,500.00	409.19
Total net assets	18,903.51	17,033.16
Total liabilities and net assets	<b>\$ 18,903.51</b>	<b>\$ 17,033.16</b>

## Combined Statement of Activities

	December 31					
	2019			2018		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Assets, Revenues, and Other Support</b>						
Contributions						
Individual	\$ 1,371.53	-	\$ 1,371.53	\$ 2,825.42	-	\$ 2,825.42
Grouped	2,257.34	-	2,257.34	1,169.28	-	1,169.28
Corporate	1,523.50	-	1,523.50	1,244.90	-	1,244.90
Nonprofits	-	-	-	2,100.00	-	2,100.00
Network for Good	7,438.58	-	7,438.58	9,609.32	-	9,609.32
PayPal Giving Fund	277.22	-	277.22	79.28	-	79.28
AmazonSmile	70.99	-	70.99	53.42	-	53.42
Grants	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	-
Fundraising item sales	547.78	-	547.78	1,247.82	-	1,247.82
Interest income	-	-	-	4.24	-	4.24
Net assets released from restrictions	1,409.19	(1,409.19)	-	235.50	(235.50)	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>14,896.13</b>	<b>1,090.81</b>	<b>15,986.94</b>	<b>18,569.18</b>	<b>(235.50)</b>	<b>18,333.68</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Scholarship programs						
GRTF Academic Scholarships*	11,000.00	-	11,000.00	9,000.00	-	9,000.00
Passport Microgrants	-	-	-	145.00	-	145.00
Name Change Microgrants	1,779.07	-	1,779.07	90.50	-	90.50
Fundraising item costs	576.10	-	576.10	612.82	-	612.82
PayPal fees	67.58	-	67.58	71.61	-	71.61
Legal and professional services						
Attorney fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operations						
Office expenses and software	114.14	-	114.14	50.00	-	50.00
Copies/Printing	3.50	-	3.50	-	-	-
PO box fees	106.00	-	106.00	186.00	-	186.00
Website fees	15.00	-	15.00	15.00	-	15.00
Advertising and promotions	30.20	-	30.20	-	-	-
State of MI registration fees	-	-	-	20.00	-	20.00
Events						
GR Pride Festival registration	175.00	-	175.00	175.00	-	175.00
Misc Tabling Events	250.00	-	250.00	-	-	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>14,116.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,116.59</b>	<b>10,365.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,365.93</b>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	779.54	1,090.81	1,870.35	8,203.25	(235.50)	7,967.75
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	16,623.97	409.19	17,033.16	8,420.72	644.69	9,065.41
<b>Net assets, end of year**</b>	<b>\$ 17,403.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,903.51</b>	<b>\$ 16,623.97</b>	<b>\$ 409.19</b>	<b>\$ 17,033.16</b>

\*Paid partially or fully via released Temporarily Restricted Funds. Current year only. See page 11 for details.

\*\*Amounts reported in this section must agree with those reported on the Statement of Financial Position.

## Notes to Financial Statements

### Note 1 - Nature of organization

Grand Rapids Trans Foundation (the "Foundation") receives and administers contributions which are used to support programs primarily for the benefit of trans people in Grand Rapids, Kent County, and Western Michigan area. The Foundation is a Michigan-certified public foundation; as such, contributions to the Foundation enable donors to be eligible for deductions allowed in determining federal income taxes.

Grand Rapids Trans Foundation was established and incorporated on December 11, 2015.

The following is a summary of significant accounting items:

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Foundation maintains cash balances at one financial institution and the accounts are NCUA-insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF) up to \$250,000. As of December 31, 2019, the Foundation had no uninsured deposits.

#### Classification of Net Assets

The Foundation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted. Gifts and bequests received by the Foundation are held in various funds which are classified as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets consist of resources that are neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets consist of resources of which the use by the Foundation is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire with the passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Foundation pursuant to those stipulations. When a donor restriction expires or is fulfilled, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets, and reported in the Combined Statement of Activities as "net assets released from restrictions."
- Permanently restricted net assets consist of beneficial interests in perpetual trusts and funds created by donors, of which the Foundation is the owner. The Foundation has an irrevocable right to the original contribution that established these trusts and funds. The Foundation's earnings on permanently restricted net assets are classified as temporarily restricted until appropriated for expenditure based on the terms of the original gift agreement.



Federal Tax Status

Grand Rapids Trans Foundation is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is also exempt from similar state and local taxes. The Foundation's EIN is 81-0815247.

**Note 2 - Restricted Net Assets**

Temporarily restricted net assets are restricted based upon time or purpose restrictions.

	2019 Temporarily Restricted Funds			2018 Temporarily Restricted Funds		
	Assets	Expenses	Dec 31 Total	Assets	Expenses	Dec 31 Total
ID Document Microgrants <sup>1</sup>	\$ 144.75	\$ (144.75)	-	\$ 380.25	\$ (235.50)	\$ 144.75
Fundraising item costs: 100 trans flags <sup>1</sup>	264.44	(264.44)	-	264.44	-	264.44
Grants: GR Community Foundation <sup>2</sup>	2,500.00	(1,000.00)	1,500.00	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,909.19</b>	<b>\$ (1,409.19)</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 644.69</b>	<b>\$ (235.50)</b>	<b>\$ 409.19</b>

<sup>1</sup>Remainder of Temporarily Restricted Funds released into General Fund with donor permission.

<sup>2</sup>Grant of \$2,500 from Grand Rapids Community Foundation, designated for GRTF Academic Scholarships. Donor permission to split funds as follows: \$1,000 for cycle awarded in 2019, \$1,500 for cycle awarded in 2020.

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