

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

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 were able to table at a number of events, partner with local organizations, disperse trans resource guides, and coordinate safe and fun events where trans and gender-nonconforming people could express themselves authentically.

Highlights of 2018

Trans Week of Visibility. This March, we again partnered with Grand Rapids Pride Center and the TGNC Committee to coordinate four free local events celebrating the trans community. The Apartment Lounge hosted our kick-off fundraiser for the week, Books & Mortar hosted the 2nd Annual Children & Family Reading Hour for gender-expansive kids, we held a gathering on the Blue Bridge (which was lit in trans flag colors for the week), and University Club hosted our “Trans Art Showcase and Stories of Truth, Power, and Positivity” Open Mic event, an event generously sponsored by TEKsystems. Rachel Crandall-Crocker, creator of Trans Day of Visibility, was once again in attendance at our Open Mic event; her presence and words continue to spark inspiration for us and those in our community! Additionally, over 100 local organizations hung trans flags in support and solidarity.

Local Representation. We tabled at Grand Rapids Pride Festival, JAFAX Anime Convention, and Progressives in the Park.

ID Document Microgrants. In 2018, we financially assisted one trans person with updating their gender marker on their passport, and one trans man with part of his name change process. Unfortunately, we were not able to focus on this microgrant program in the substantial

way we were hoping to this year. However, we are planning on expanding and prioritizing these ID Document Microgrants in 2019. Stay tuned!

Academic Scholarships. This year, we granted a total of \$9,000 in academic scholarships. Please, meet our five recipients:



Eric Brink
he/him pronouns
GVSU, Spanish/Chinese/
Criminal Justice
\$2,500

"This scholarship will alleviate the stress I am experiencing from funding my education, medical and legal transition, and my everyday life. Even between three jobs, it is hard to make progress when money is a barrier to living authentically. Despite this, I have enjoyed actively participating in many on-campus outreach, advocacy, and community education programs.

I hope to use my education and outreach experience to forward change in many legal processes, particularly for non-native English speakers, but not excluding people of color, queer people, and every other group that is often beaten by the system. I want to show the world that advocacy can occur at any level in many different ways, and that every step toward change is progress."



Beau VanSolkema
he/him pronouns
GVSU, Social Work
\$2,500

"I'm a first-generation student who started college at age 28. I was a high school drop-out. I still struggle with poverty, no family support, and multiple disabilities, including Learning Disabilities. Despite all that, I have managed to further myself with hard work, integrity, and the help of institutions like GRCC and GVSU. I want to advocate for others, which is why being a Social Worker is important to me, along with being a visible trans man.

My goal is to be a therapist with an emphasis on helping LGBT people build better relationships, cope with trauma, and understand their gender/bodies. After completion of a master's degree, my long-term goal is to start a non-profit for elderly LGBT."



Olives Nguyen
they/them pronouns
 MSU College of Human Medicine,
 MD
\$1,500

"I'm a non-traditional student on track to becoming an M.D. Being Queer and non-binary hasn't been easy. It's been exhausting, anxiety-producing, and isolating. At the same time, owning my truth has also given me the strength to pursue and push through medical school. Although medical school still has been a challenge (e.g. encountering problematic literature that pathologizes LGBT individuals, not having common language to acknowledge non-binary identities or practices that improve clinical trans health outcomes), being present in these spaces to educate the college administration and my peers is necessary. I continue to push because, for me, medical school is a responsibility. We cannot tolerate being unintentionally or intentionally pushed out of spaces we belong.

With a background in community-organizing, I know that structural changes need to happen for sustainable, positive outcomes. A few colleagues and I have restarted the LGBTQIA Med Group on campus, and am working with the college administration to enhance our education."



Jason Skalandis
he/his pronouns
 GRCC, History
\$1,500

"When first attending college over 20 years ago, I was overwhelmed, intimidated, and unprepared. I dropped out before completing. Six years ago, I was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. That explained a lot and I felt that I didn't have to try as hard to conform. I began volunteering and started to learn about the world around me. When I realized I was transgender, I found that piece of myself that had been missing, that was holding me back from succeeding.

Now a non-traditional student, I'm heading back to college part-time. I'm living on disability, and I still actively volunteer. Visibility is important to me, and ultimately I want to teach high school students history that they can connect to, highlighting queer people, people of color, and women."



Aaminah Shakur
they/them pronouns
 Kendall College,
 Art History
\$1,000

"I identify as Two-Spirit because it is the proper term within my Indigenous tribes to describe genderqueer identities.

I'm a non-traditional student (aged 44), mixed race, disabled, and self-supporting. I have benefited from the support of the Grand Rapids Trans Foundation to make it possible for me to remain in school. This is my final year, and I will graduate in May 2019 with a major in Art History and minor in Museum Studies. I am applying to grad schools with a focus on issues of ethics and accessibility for marginalized communities in art spaces. Blending art history and critique of culture, I hope to bring to light the work of more queer, disabled artists of color."

True Colors Initiative of Greater Grand Rapids. This collaborative initiative between Arbor Circle, True Colors Fund, and local organizational partners (including the Trans Foundation) wrapped up in 2018. Official recommendations were made for how to tackle LGBTQ+ youth homelessness in Grand Rapids.

Wear the Rainbow. In early November, we partnered 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.

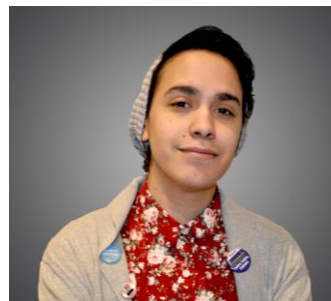
Trans Day of Remembrance. Every November 20, we gather to mourn and honor those trans lives that were lost to transphobic violence, an epidemic that disproportionately affects trans women of color. Hosted at the Goei Center for the third year running. In partnership with the Grand Rapids Pride Center.

New Board Members. We welcomed three new members to our board:



Liam Bailey

(they/them pronouns)



Carlos Garay-Negrón

(they/them pronouns)



Finn Marcks

(he/him, they/them pronouns)

Special thanks to:

- Grand Rapids Pride Center for their continued support and partnership
- Grand Rapids Brewing Company for hosting a fundraiser during Pride Month
- Our LGBT Fund for another \$2,500 grant to continue our growth in 2019
- Seeds of Justice for their generous \$2,000 donation
- Fountain Street Church for hosting our monthly Board meetings

Officers and Board of Directors

Simon Kittok (they/them pronouns)	Acting President, Treasurer, Executive Director
Samantha Przybylski (she/her pronouns)	Secretary
Liam Bailey (they/them pronouns)	Member
Carlos Garay-Negrón (they/them pronouns)	Member
Finn Marcks (he/him, they/them pronouns)	Member
Samm Martin (they/them pronouns)	Member



From left to right: Simon, Samantha, Liam, Finn, Carlos (Samm not pictured)

Looking Ahead

As we enter our fourth year, we are reinvigorated with new board members and fresh ideas. Aside from our consistent scholarship programming and annual events, we will focus this upcoming year on formulating new strategy around sustainability, so that our organization can be set up for long-term success.

In 2019, we will also be prioritizing the growth of our ID Document Microgrants, which includes both advocacy and financial assistance for passports and 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.

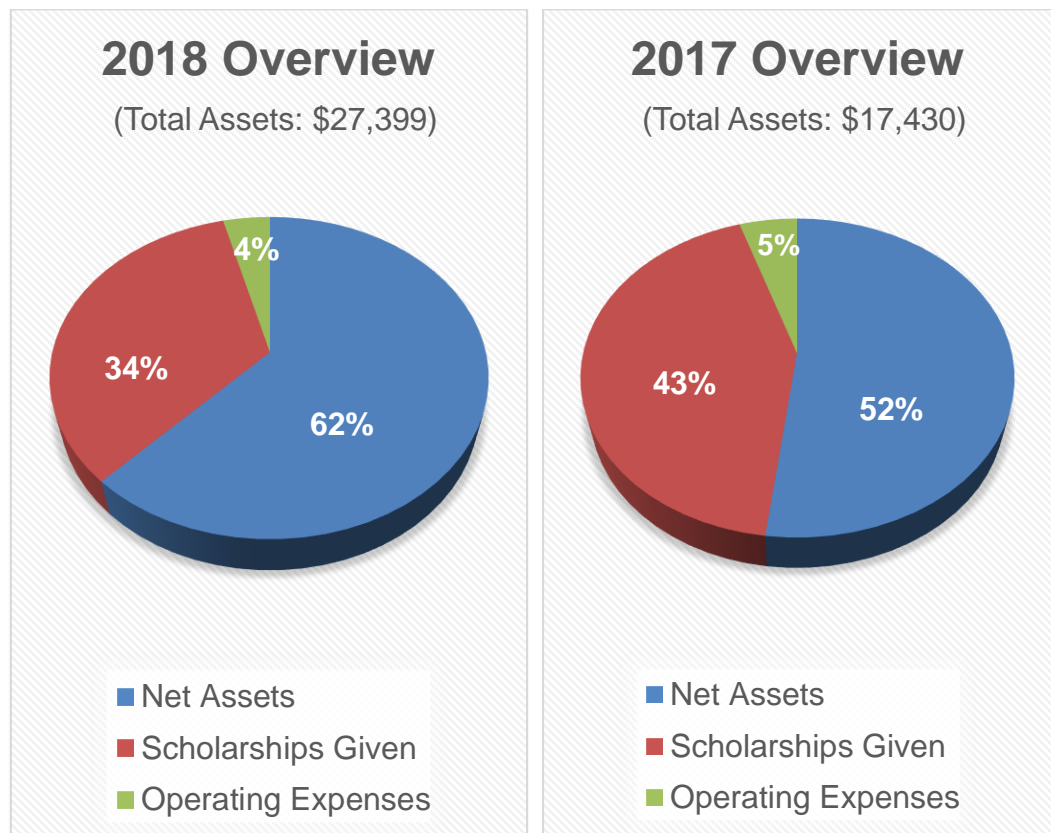
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us this year! You give us hope for a brighter future.

Kind regards,

GRTF Board of Directors (Simon ~ Samantha ~ Liam ~ Carlos ~ Finn ~ Samm)

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 2018](#).



Financial Statements

Combined Statement of Financial Position

	December 31	
	2018	2017
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,033.16	\$ 9,065.41
Total assets	\$ 17,033.16	\$ 9,065.41
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities		
Total liabilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 16,623.97	\$ 8,420.72
Temporarily restricted	409.19	644.69
Total net assets	17,033.16	9,065.41
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 17,033.16	\$ 9,065.41

Combined Statement of Activities

	December 31					
	2018			2017		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Assets, Revenues, and Other Support						
Contributions						
Individual	\$ 2,825.42	-	\$ 2,825.42	\$ 2,979.77	\$ 589.44	\$ 3,569.21
Grouped	1,169.28	-	1,169.28	1,767.32	-	1,767.32
Corporate	1,244.90	-	1,244.90	2,604.50	-	2,604.50
Nonprofits	2,100.00	-	2,100.00			
Network for Good	9,609.32	-	9,609.32	2,265.13	-	2,265.13
PayPal Giving Fund	79.28	-	79.28	-	-	-
AmazonSmile	53.42	-	53.42	49.66	-	49.66
Grants	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fundraising item sales	1,247.82	-	1,247.82	65.56	264.44	330.00
Interest income	4.24	-	4.24	15.76	-	15.76
Net assets released from restrictions	235.50	(235.50)	-	4,059.19	(4,059.19)	-
Total revenues	18,569.18	(235.50)	18,333.68	13,806.89	(205.31)	13,601.58
Expenses						
Scholarship programs						
GRTF Academic Scholarships	9,000.00	-	9,000.00	7,000.00	-	7,000.00
Passport Microgrants*	145.00	-	145.00	425.00	-	425.00
Name Change Microgrants*	90.50	-	90.50	44.75	-	44.75
Fundraising item costs	612.82	-	612.82	264.44	-	264.44
PayPal fees	71.61	-	71.61	70.05	-	70.05
Legal and professional services						
Attorney fees	-	-	-	100.00	-	100.00
Operations						
Office expenses and software	50.00	-	50.00	14.82	-	14.82
PO box fees	186.00	-	186.00	86.00	-	86.00
Website fees	15.00	-	15.00	15.00	-	15.00
Advertising and promotions	-	-	-	-	-	-
State of MI registration fees	20.00	-	20.00	20.00	-	20.00
Events						
GR Pride Festival registration	175.00	-	175.00	175.00	-	175.00
Misc. (Kiki showing at UICA)	-	-	-	150.00	-	150.00
Total expenses	10,365.93	-	10,365.93	8,365.06	-	8,365.06
Increase in net assets	8,203.25	(235.50)	7,967.75	5,441.83	(205.31)	5,236.52
Net assets, beginning of year	8,420.72	644.69	9,065.41	2,978.89	850.00	3,828.89
Net assets, end of year**	\$ 16,623.97	\$ 409.19	\$ 17,033.16	\$ 8,420.72	\$ 644.69	\$ 9,065.41

*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, 2018, 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.

	2018 Temporarily Restricted Funds			2017 Temporarily Restricted Funds		
	Assets	Expenses	Dec 31 Total	Assets	Expenses	Dec 31 Total
ID Document Microgrants	\$ 380.25	\$ 235.50	\$ 144.75	\$ 850.00	\$ 469.75	\$ 380.25
Fundraising item costs: 100 trans flags***	264.44	-	264.44	528.88	264.44	264.44
Misc Event: Kiki showing at UICA****	-	-	-	150.00	150.00	-
Grants: GR Community Foundation	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Grants: Ft. St. Church Social Action Grant	-	-	-	500.00	500.00	-
GR Pride Festival registration	-	-	-	175.00	175.00	-
Totals	\$ 644.69	\$ 235.50	\$ 409.19	\$ 4,703.88	\$ 4,059.19	\$ 644.69

***Donation of \$264.44 to purchase 100 trans flags for resale. Donor-imposed stipulation requires the first \$264.44 in sales to replenish these funds. All additional profits are designated as unrestricted.

****Misc Event: Kiki showing at UICA. Donor paid for two free showings; pricing was based on attendance. 30 people attended at \$5/person.

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