

ANNUAL REPORT

Education

"

I moved here from Mexico earlier this year. I looked at a few different studios in Portland, and I really liked how the Circus Project also works with the community - I like the Circus Project because the level of the coaches is really high, and there is a lot of attention on being inclusive. You come here as an immigrant or a foreigner, and you hear so much about that in the media - you want to go somewhere where you feel safe.



The Circus Project's education department continues to grow and expand. With thriving programs for kids, teens and adult of all levels and abilities, we added new classes in 2019 like juggling and advanced aerial straps.

17% 42% 53% INCREASE IN OVERALL ENROLLMENT

INCREASE IN PRIVATE LESSONS

INCREASE IN SUMMER CAMP ENROLLMENT

Creating access

\$66,698 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2019

222

STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

Self-Enhancement, Inc New Avenues for Youth SMYRC Outside In Foster Parent Night Out

"

Watching them perform, I got to see my girls come to life again. Watching them hop up out of bed in the morning and get ready for class showed me they had something that brought them great joy. Watching them overcome tasks that were difficult showed me their strength and resilience. **To some parents this was just a place to keep their kids busy for the summer, but for us it is something so much more.** It enriched their lives and I'm so grateful. Thank you for giving my girls this opportunity.



The Voice Project

The Voice Project is the Circus Project's training company focused on exploring issues of social justice. The troupe includes students experiencing homelessness, queer and trans students, and students of color, as well as other marginalized identities.

9 STUDENTS INVOLVED 455 HOURS OF TRAINING

Two Voice Project participants began working at the Circus Project - one at the front desk and one as an assistant coach. A third Voice Project student co-presented at the Cirque Symposium (facilitated by Cirque du Monde and American Circus Educators).



"

There's such community and connectivity here. We can reach out if one of us is looking for a job or needing housing, or if one of us needs to come in and talk. **Basically, we're not just doing circus.**





RECOGNITION

1 of 3 North American organizations to receive support from Cirque du Soleil

KOIN TV celebrated the launch of the Voice Project

A Willamette Week article highlighted the kick-off of this new program

Good Day Oregon shared preparations for "Gravity Defiant"

Willamette Week named "Gravity Defiant" their "Top Pick" for theater for the week.



Being a part of the Voice Project has allowed me to find a part of myself where I am courageous and brave, and **it pushes me and empowers me in a way that I thought died a long time ago.**

Training Companies

20 people auditioned for just
9 spots in the Elements Training Company, including
4 students who relocated from out-of-town to attend.

• Teens in the **Summer Performance Intensive** performed at **5** events,

including the American Youth Circus Festival in San Diego

Of the 15 kids and teens in the Brio Youth Praining Company,
10 are returning members.

Our Community



Thank you!

-

TANDAS

You helped make 2019 an outstanding year.

- 163JI

Your involvement made this possible.

HEALING **BELONGING**& **HANDSTANDS** ACCESS

1420 NW 17th Ave #388 Portland, 0R 97209 thecircusproject.org

PROJECT

circus

t h e

Stamp