Breanna’s Gift is a non-profit organization that funds an arts program offering dance, art, music and performing arts classes and workshops for children with cancer and other serious illnesses. We cover the cost of teachers, dance shoes, costumes and materials for music, visual and performing arts. Our program is free to the families and facilities we serve.

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2019 | Wow, what a year!

Rounding out the decade proved to be a transformative year for Breanna’s Gift. I was honored to be welcomed as Executive Director, and happy to celebrate continuity with our founder Marsha Ovitz, who now occupies the new position of Program Director.

In our 12th year, Breanna’s Gift classes in dance, visual arts, music and performing arts continued at Ronald McDonald House Charities -Upper Midwest and Children’s Minnesota hospitals in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Over 1,130 children and their families participated in our classes, and 200 gifts including tap shoes, ballet slippers, tutus, costumes for boys and girls, beanie babies, castanets and more were given to participating children.

Our annual summer Drama Camp presented scenes from The Wizard of Oz. Breanna’s Gift teachers once again returned to Camp VIP – a week-long overnight camp experience for kids and their siblings who are or have been cancer patients at Children’s Minnesota. They joyfully led more than 75 children in dance and visual arts classes. Children who participated in our annual Radio Workshop created another fabulous Aesop’s fable production, The Lion and the Mouse. Kids had fun creating and recording sound effects and voiceovers, and one of our artists also created cover art for the CD.

This year, Breanna’s Gift Art Takeout™ – our program for children too sick to attend group classes – delivered more than 1,800 smiles to seriously ill children in the Twin Cities, as well as those in children’s hospitals in Rochester, Minnesota, California, Florida, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. We also welcomed Art Takeout Coordinator Denise Crestik who now leads this effort. Our programming was presented to Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare in the fall of 2019 and we spent the balance of the year completing the hospital’s requirements for staff training in preparation for starting classes in 2020.

We are happy to report another strong year of fundraising and support from a diverse group of funding sources. Our annual Breanna’s Star event raised over $50,000 after expenses. And once again we were fortunate to receive a $10,000 grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, made possible by Minnesota voters thanks to a legislature appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. In November, Give to the Max Day campaign contributed significantly to our individual contributions, raising close to $30,000.

We are grateful for our artist/teachers, board of directors, volunteers and staff who all contribute much more than what could be possibly portrayed in an annual report. They make Breanna’s Gift’s mission possible and are the heart of what we do for children and their families. Thank you for being such an important part of our smile initiative.

Heather Christopherson, Executive Director

Breanna’s Gift
December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE
Fundraising, Donations, Gifts
Events (net event expenses $25,602)* $ 51,917
Program & Administrative ** 29,702
Grants, Corporate Giving 27,216
Individuals 29,790
Total Revenue $ 138,625

EXPENSES
Program $ 101,330
Fundraising 15,857
Administrative 19,806
Total Expenses ** $ 136,993

NET REVENUE $ 1,632

BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS
Cash $ 120,997
Receivables 175
Prepaid Expense 2,111
Total Current Assets $ 123,283

CURRENT LIABILITIES
Accounts Payable $ 1,767
Accrued Liabilities 278
Total Current Liabilities $ 2,045

NET ASSETS $ 121,238

NET ASSETS
December 31, 2018 $ 119,607
December 31, 2019 $ 121,238

*Includes in-kind goods and services valued at $12,050
**Includes in-kind goods and services valued at $28,666