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THE PATHWAY SCHOOL

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It's About Finding a Place
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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE PATHWAY SCHOOL,

Each school year poses different challenges, but nearly always, those challenges become opportunities to succeed. The school year just ended is a perfect example of this.

During the 2025-26 school year, Pathway has grown its enrollment to its highest level in its sixty-five-year history! In the preceding twelve months, Pathway received more than 700 referrals for admission to replace 45 student vacancies. Clearly the word is out that Pathway is a great school, doing great things for our students and their families!

Our students continue to amaze and succeed. During the past year, Pathway students starred in multiple productions of our school plays AND performed at pop up events around Montgomery County. Our boys' basketball team finished their season undefeated (second year in a row) and were again crowned champions of their league. This year, we formed a flag football team, and they too rose to the top of their league. Additionally, our competitive robotics team competed and won awards. The team made it to the Mid-Atlantic District Championship as the ONLY special education school in the competition!

This year, twenty-two young men and women graduated from Pathway and have begun their journey into adulthood. As of this writing, eight recent graduates are enrolled in post-secondary education, and that number will likely grow!

The Pathway School remains true to its mission to prepare our students for the next phase of their lives, whatever that might be. I am proud that we continue to produce graduates ready to take their place in their communities. Pathway cannot achieve this mission without the generosity of our donors.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and Board of Directors of The Pathway School, thank you for your support of our school. Together, we ARE making a difference in people's lives and in our community.

Yours sincerely,

David J. Schultheis
President and CEO



Two Brothers Who Found Their Place at Pathway



When brothers Aronde and Cuatellis first came to The Pathway School, Aronde in 2014 and Cuatellis in 2015, they struggled with learning differences that their public schools could not support. Cuatellis, the younger of the two, "bounced around to a few different schools." Both experienced bullying and other challenges – they were not thriving. Their story changed dramatically when their mother advocated and fought to transfer them to Pathway.

Aronde: "I was able to move around more here at Pathway rather than sitting for long periods in class. I participated in more activities such as drama, horticulture, art, and cooking. Students like me should have the chance to do many different things and that's what Pathway offers." Aronde also shares that Pathway's Transition Program taught him what he needed to know about paying bills, managing money, and living independently. Pathway also provided him with valuable exposure to theatre arts – a true passion of his! Through Pathway's Career Education Program, he developed real-world skills in retail and customer service, starting as a store associate and rising to assistant manager with operations responsibility.

Cuatellis: "My diagnosis of autism and ADHD led to behavioral challenges, and I was not able to sit still. The public school was not a good environment for me. When I first visited Pathway, the campus looked cool, the teachers seemed nice, and I liked the behavior support program." Cuatellis gained real-world work experience through Pathway's Career Education program working at hotels, Elmwood Park Zoo, and Boscov's, so that by graduation he had a strong résumé. Today he is working for the city's Parks and Rec division, and his long-term goal is to become a teacher working in early childhood education.

For both brothers, Pathway was, in the truest sense, a place to find themselves. They were mentored, made friends, felt safe and a sense of belonging. The enrichment programs, Career Education experiences, and individualized support they received — and that so many Pathway students depend on today — are made possible through the generosity of donors like you.

A TAX-WISE WAY TO SUPPORT PATHWAY STUDENTS THROUGH YOUR IRA

If you're age 70-1/2 or older, you may be eligible to make a tax-wise donation directly from your IRA to support students at The Pathway School through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD can satisfy some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), if applicable, while potentially reducing your taxable income. It's a tax-wise and effective way to support The Pathway School's work with students who learn differently. Please discuss with your tax advisor whether a Qualified Charitable Distribution to The Pathway School from your IRA will reduce your taxable income. If you would like to discuss other ways you can support Pathway students and how you can positively impact lives, please contact Jory Barrad at (610) 277-0660, ext. 258, or jbarrad@pathwayschool.org.

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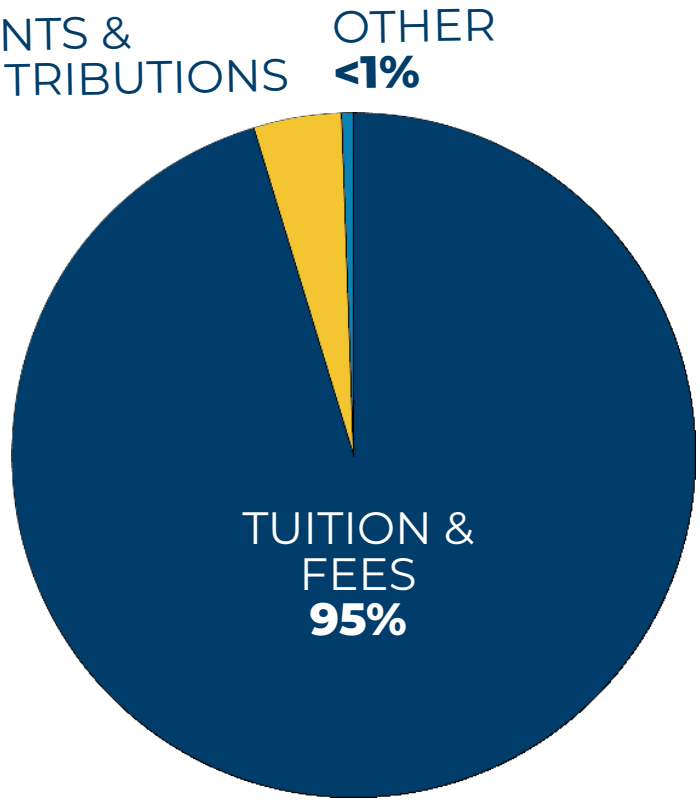
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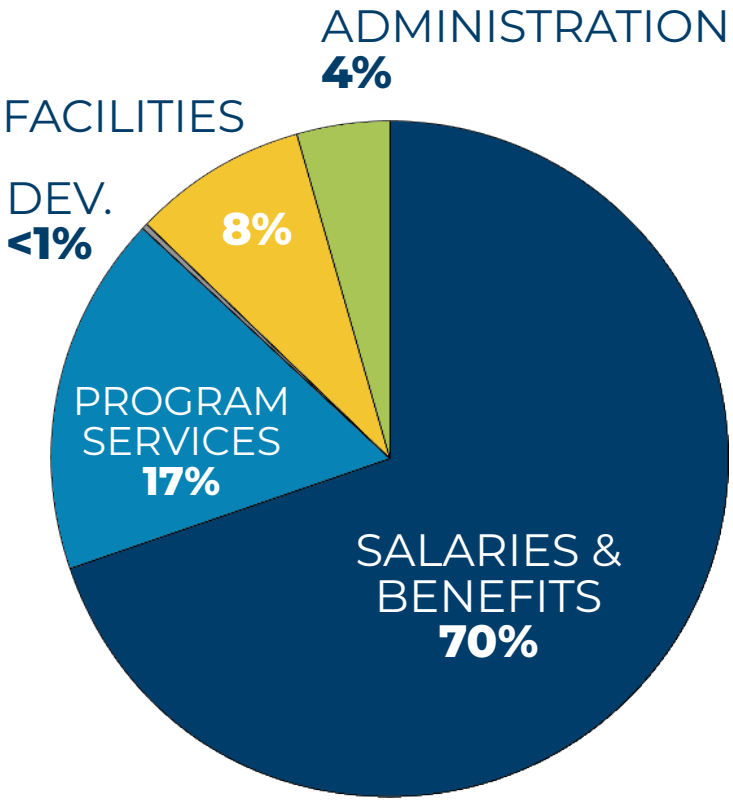
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Total Revenue = $16,878,000

- Tuition & Fees = $16,040,000
- Grants & Contributions = $758,000
- Other = 80,000



Total Expenses = $15,321,000

- Salaries & Benefits = $11,610,000
- Program Services = $2,697,000
- Development = $65,000
- Facilities = $1,370,000
- Administration = $672,000

Change in Net Assets = $464,000 (+3%)

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- **Corporate Matching Gifts from Your Employer** – Many employers match their employees' donations to charities. Check with your employer and let us know if they match - we can assist!

For more information, additional ways to support Pathway, or assistance with your contributions, please contact: Jory Barrad, Director of Development and Communications: (610) 277-0660, x258, or jbarrad@pathwayschool.org.

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