

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



CHICAGO
MARITIME
Arts Center

building**KIDS**
building**BOATS**

MISSION

Our Mission is to bring people back to the Lake and River that created Chicago, to teach marine ecology and the maritime arts, and to help kids find themselves and new pathways by learning to build boats.

Our vision focuses on Chicago youth development to provide new opportunities, experiential learning and open new pathways through the maritime arts, particularly for those in under-served and under-resourced neighborhoods of the city.

We seek to develop a sustainable, diverse organization enriching Chicago youth by providing practical hands-on, STEAM, and life skills by teaching with small boats and maritime arts to enrich the lives of Chicago families and communities.

We envision Chicago's great rivers and lake becoming approachable, accessible, and possible for all Chicagoans creating opportunities to encourage a connection to nature and the water through recreation, sharing knowledge, passion and community to open new vocational and avocational opportunities.

Long-term we envision creating a Maritime Park or Campus with water access for similarly-focused organizations to offer advocacy, education, programming, and events.





HELLO



2019 saw CMAC more than double the number of kids we brought to Chicago waters. We continued to expand our in-school, after-school and summer programs and offered a boating skills/marine ecology program for the first time.

CMAC had by far its most visited Exhibit at the Chicago Boat Show last January as hundreds of kids attempted our aluminum foil boat - golf ball challenge and signed our new 16' trailer. We also completed our most extensive Winter Instructor & Volunteer Training Workshop to date and instructors Dave and Quentin prepared all the boat-building kits for our 2020 program schedule. Given the difficult circumstances owing to the CV-19 pandemic, CMAC fundraising for 2020 is holding up well, and we expect to continue to improve our financial stability and organizational depth. We are also working to establish new venues to provide improved and expanded access for Chicago youth, particularly those in low opportunity neighborhoods who want to learn about wood-working, boating and the marine environment.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Lindo".

Captain T – Richard “Toby” Lindo



BOARD

OPERATING BOARD

The CMAC Operating Board handles the day to day operations, programming, fundraising, and volunteer management, and provides the tactical implementation of the strategy provided from the Board of Directors.

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IMPACT

HEARD ON THE STREET

The kids from Lost Boyz are still asking when they will see Lead Instructor Dave Correia again, and were so pleased with the program they gave him an autographed baseball signed by everyone in the program.

In 2019 two program alumni (unsolicited) returned to help CMAC with programming. One as a volunteer and the other as a paid intern, who volunteered with us in 2018.

Two alumni from 2017 became sailing instructors at Jackson Park Yacht Club and at least one alumni participated in a rowing program with the Chicago Park District.

The Urban Prairie Waldorf School 7th Graders and their Teacher which CMAC worked with last year have requested a one-day, on-the-water program to build upon last year's experience.

CMAC is finding it easier to build on past success, as our mission becomes more widely understood and opens up additional resources, instructors, and volunteers. There is still much to do and this hard work is made easier, by our sponsors and donors like you.

162

KIDS participated in the Chicago Maritime Arts Center's learning programs last year, including our boat building, marine ecology, ChicagoRiver Day and Chicago Boating day.

2,662

HOURS Hours of shared learning of our volunteers and team members working with Chicago youth at programs and events.

982

VOLUNTEER HOURS donated by instructors, mentors, and community members in support of our programs, events, and organization.



HISTORY

Organized in the winter of 2016 by group of Chicago boaters and businessmen the Chicago Maritime Arts Center was incorporated as a Not-For-Profit with the State of Illinois in May 2017 and received approval from the IRS for 501c3 status in March 2018. We have grown rapidly expanding our outreach and programming, in part supported by CMAC's involvement in the 25 year old movement nationally of the Teaching With Small Boats Alliance (TWSBA) to bring the first such program to Chicago.

2017

Summer Boat Building Camp - Canal Street Marina
Building two Bevin's Skiffs - 13 participants

2018

After-School Boat Building Program - Eleanor Boat House - Park 571
Building two Bevin's Skiffs - 12 participants

Summer Boat Building Camp - Jackson Park YC & Southern Shore YC
Building two Bevin's Skiffs - 12 participants + 1 alumni volunteer

Summer Boat Building Camp - Carpenters Training Center
Building two Bevin's Skiffs - 12 participants + 1 alumni volunteer

2019

Chicago River Day - 12 participants

Chicago Boating Day - 72 participants

6 week Day Camp - Eleanor Boat House - 30 participants

After-School Boat Building Program - Eleanor Boat House - Park 571
Building 1 Bevin's Skiffs - 8 participants

In-School Boat Building Camp - Urban Prairie Waldorf School
Building 2 Bevin's Skiffs - 24 participants + 1 alumni volunteer

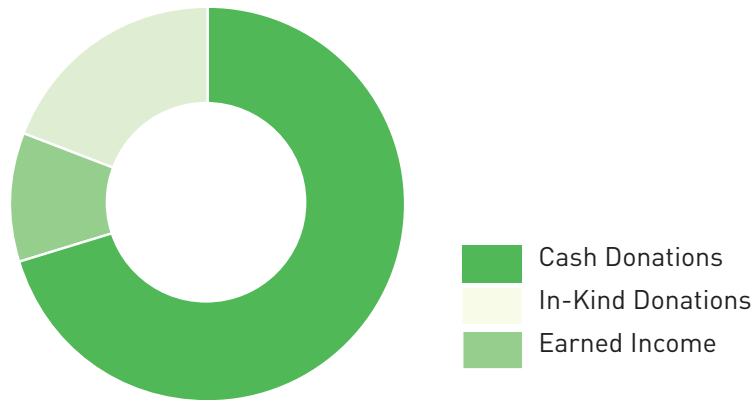
Summer Boat Building Camp - Carpenters Training Center
Building 2 Bevin's Skiffs - 13 participants+ 1 alumni volunteer

Basic Boating Skills/Marine Ecology - Jackson Park YC & Southern Shore YC - 13 participants + 1 alumni volunteer



2019 FINANCIALS

REVENUE SUMMARY

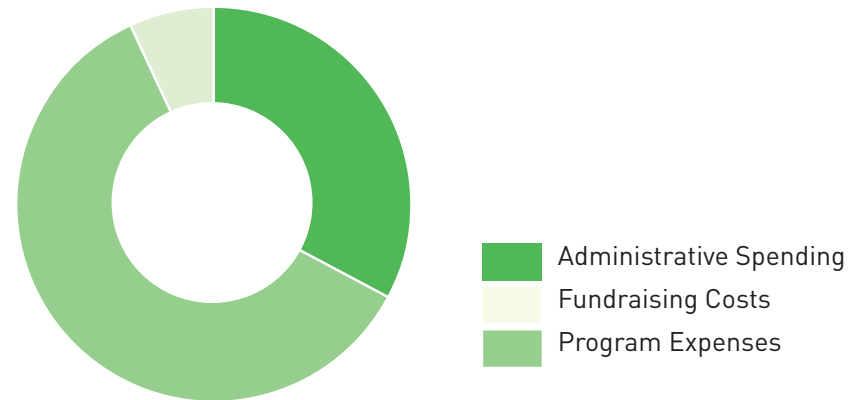


Income Ratios (2019):		
Cash Donations	Total Dollars	Percentage
	\$50,665.94	70.09%
In-Kind Donations	\$7,790.00	10.78%
Program Revenue	\$13,823.43	19.13%
Total Income:	\$72,279.37	

Expense Ratios (2019):		
Administrative Spending	Total Dollars	Percentage
	\$19,910.33	32.92%
Program Spending	\$36,501.15	60.36%
Fundraising Costs	\$4,063.08	6.72%
Total Expenditures:	\$60,474.56	

Funds Carried Forward from 2019: \$5,507.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY



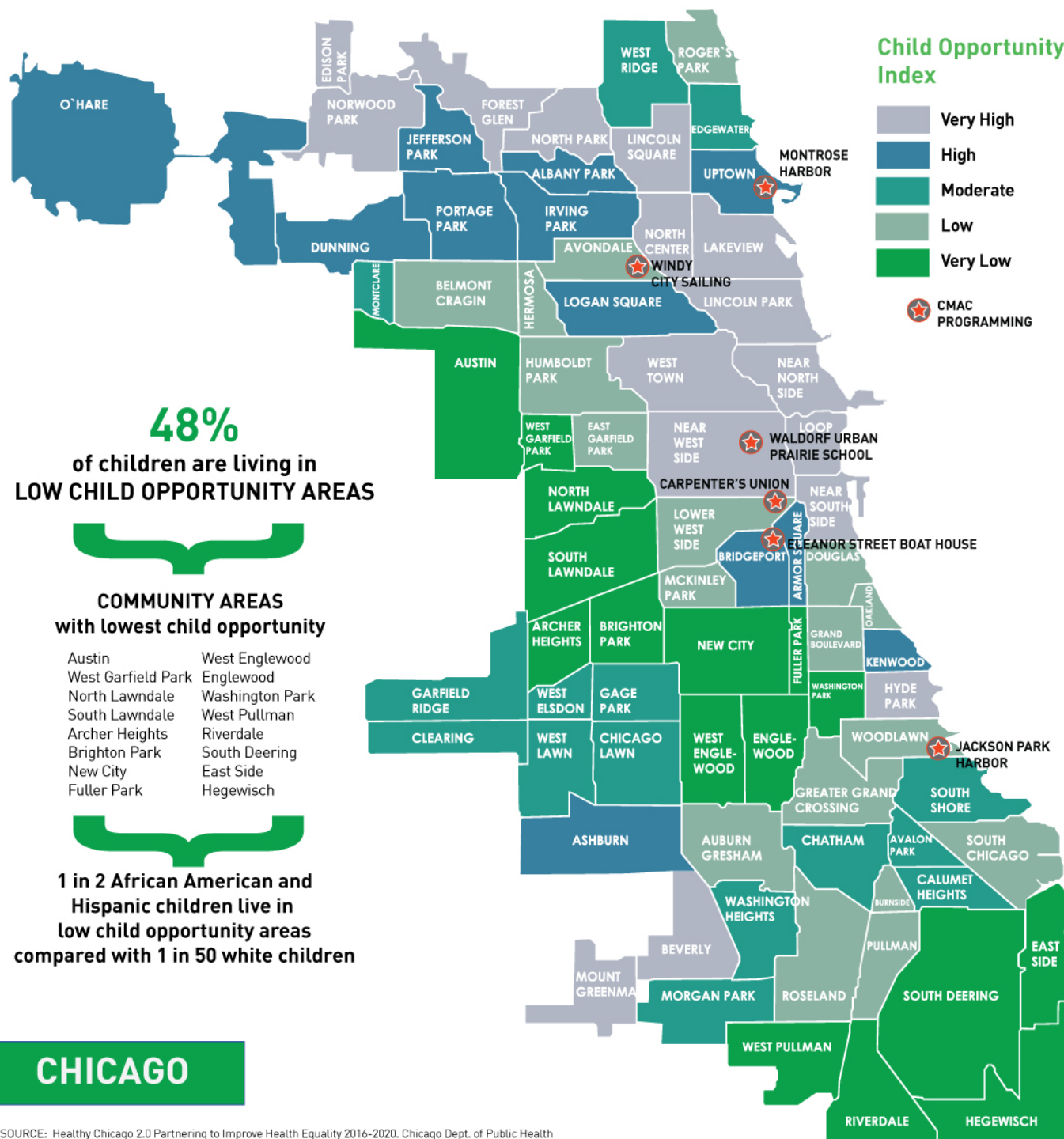
Income Ratios (2018):		
Cash Donations	Total Dollars	Percentage
	\$43,929.33	76.63%
In-Kind Donations	\$6,134.27	10.7%
Program Revenue	\$7,260.01	12.66%
Total Income:	\$57,323.61	

Expense Ratios (2018):		
Administrative Spending	Total Dollars	Percentage
	\$9,054.07	23.94%
Program Spending	\$24,702.64	65.32%
Fundraising Costs	\$4,614.42	10.75%
Total Expenditures:	\$37,819.79	

Funds Carried Forward from 2018: \$21,059.00

PROGRAMMING WHERE HELP IS NEEDED

This Chicago Opportunity map illustrates in broad terms the challenge of youth development across the city and pinpoints the current locations the Chicago Maritime Arts Center has developed program site partners and offered programming in an effort to create new opportunities. So far CMAC program sites have been based close to the Chicago River, Lakefront, and are mostly on the near south side. As CMAC continues to grow, we expect to develop additional community partners to expand our youth development programming into more low opportunity neighborhoods to enrich Chicago youth and communities.



STORIES



LaVonte - CEO Lost Boyz, Inc.

In 2019 for the first time Lost Boyz, Inc. a Chicago South Shore neighborhood youth program, partnered with the Chicago Maritime Arts Center for a new type of programming, typically we offer our kids baseball. With a new opportunity and partnership in place, our kids from the South Shore were able to learn boat-building at the Carpenter's Union Training Center and boating skills in Jackson Harbor. It went well and we hope to be able to offer this pathway to the Lake and River for Lost Boyz in 2020 and beyond.

For many of our kids it was their first time ever using basic carpentry tools or getting to go out on the Chicago River. These classes opened new doors for them and I believe many of them will be wanting to build on that experience.



Peri - Alumni & Intern

I started my experience with the CMAC as a participant because of my love of water sports and boating activities, but I came in not knowing what to expect. For a week, I learned not just the mechanics of boat building, but the math, design work, and physical science required to build a seaworthy craft. I had the opportunity to work with kids of various ages from all over the city, experienced the practical implications of working on a team. I took absolute delight in seeing the progression of those boats! We took them out on the water for a test run. I was the first kid in a boat, and was able to teach some of the others the basics. I remember going home that day incredibly sweaty and happy.

The following two years, CMAC invited me to return as a volunteer and as a paid intern which gave me the opportunity to give back, and help with my public speaking skills and confidence.



Dave - Instructor & Artist

Dave is a journeyman carpenter and CMAC instructor who's worked the ranks of commercial, residential, and maritime trades, while also schooled in architectural preservation and performing arts.

"My passion is working with kids on a rigorous pathway whether it's artistic or technical. I try to bring what I have learned through years of experience to help with the personal growth of our young and aspiring students. As we give them hands-on experience to build a boat, they will be exposed to my experiences in their learning, and will have the chance to use their own personalities to contribute to the team. Our courses link technology to traditional craftsmanship still very much alive in the world today. It gives our students the opportunity to explore other pathways and learn more about the craftsmanship and vocations that are available to kids deciding on a career today."

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