Take Ownership

Pray:
We make our plans, but the work is the Lord’s. Pray that students and families will find life-giving community, relationships and hope through Journey.

Give:
Donations fill the gap of what we don’t earn through ticket sales and tuition. To strengthen the organization, position it well for the future, and keep costs affordable for participants, the donor base will need to grow. Even the smallest monthly gifts add up to help keep the program moving forward. For those interested in participating in this way, you can easily give through our website or by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope. Donations may qualify as a charitable deduction.

Volunteer:
Even those without kids in the program can help out. From sewing to ushering, making copies to set building, we welcome the greater community to become involved. Please contact bilarson@journeytheater.org to learn about current opportunities.

Journey has allowed me to follow my passion for teaching, giving me valuable experience in working with students both within the classroom and on the stage. I could never have imagined the authenticity and depth of the relationships that have come out of working with Journey.

Alec Martinez
Teacher/Music Director

What Parents & Students Are Saying...

I couldn’t be more proud of the courage, confidence and community that my kids have built through Journey.

Nathan Goff
Journey Parent

We anticipate continuing to support Journey long after our daughter has grown up; it is a vital organization for developing a resilient northwest.

Beth Brewer
Journey Parent

Journey is a really safe and fun to place to help grow in your confidence. Everyone is super kind and you can just be yourself. I’m very grateful that Journey exists because it has changed my life.

Cody Burkett
Journey Student

Not only have I grown as a performer, I have grown as a leader, friend, and a person.

Hannah Reuther
Journey Student

Public speaking and strong interpersonal skills are a huge part of my everyday work life. Journey taught me to be a more confident worker and team member in my professional endeavors. As for my creative pursuits, the love for storytelling that Journey planted in me has lead me to so many wonderfully inspiring connections and experiences. I am immensely grateful for all the learning opportunities and life-long friendships that Journey provided - thank you!

Abby Thompson
Journey Alum
Dear Friends,

In the few months since I’ve returned to Journey, I have been moved again and again by the stories from youth, parents, teachers and staff about the impact they are experiencing through this program. The themes that rise to the top are “family”, “community”, “relationships”, and “excellence”, and I am so encouraged that God continues to see fit to bless us all in these ways.

Every once in a while it feels important to stop, breathe, and take stock of what God is doing in our midst. I hope this annual report might help us do this. You’ll see photos, numbers, charts and stories—all compiled to help us reflect on the wonderful impact made during Journey’s 2017-2018 season.

As we reflect, I would like to invite you into deeper understanding and ownership of the program. I encourage each of you to consider taking the next step in your collaboration in this work.

If you are supporting financially, could you also pray for the students and families involved? If you are a parent volunteer, would you consider becoming a monthly donor as well? If you are a student in the program, could you seek out, mentor and encourage kids who look up to you? Or perhaps you know someone who could benefit from becoming involved as a volunteer, donor, prayer warrior, or participant. Would you share your experience and invite others in?

I believe there are deep levels of personal growth that we can experience as we continue to partner with God in His work in the world, and I want that for each one of us.

My thanks to each one of you who plays a unique part in making this community what it is.

With gratitude and respect,

Stephen Pick
Executive Director

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**Journey Theater 2017-18 Financial Recap**

**Annual Expenses - $614,047**
- Payroll (Office, Coordinators, Teachers, Artistic Teams, etc.) & Taxes: $345,674
- Venues (performance, rehearsals, classes, etc.): $94,587
- Warehouse/Storage Unit Rent: $55,864
- Additional Program Expenses (travel, show materials, marketing, etc.): $214,084
- Additional General & Fundraising Expenses (printing, insurance, utilities, etc.): $103,838

**Annual Revenues - $829,860**
- Show Revenues: $414,811
- Class Revenues: $252,746
- Fundraising Revenues: $71,511 *
- Camp Revenues: $66,225
- Improv & TREK Revenues: $12,207
- In-Kind (Donated Office Space): $12,360

*The math proves it. We actually can’t do it without you. Thank you to our monthly and annual supporters whose generosity keeps the lights on, the sets painted, and our students dancing!

**2017-2018 Net Profit: $15,813**

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Wait, Can a non-profit make a profit?

Actually yes! The difference between us and “for profit” companies is that any profit we make goes directly back into the program (instead of being paid out to shareholders). So while historically a “good year” for us has meant at least breaking even, it’s certainly helpful for non-profits to make money in order to strengthen cash flow and efficiency, and to ensure the sustainability and growth of programs.

The $15,800 of profit we saw this year was primarily a result of decreased payroll expenses due to staffing vacancies. Though ultimately unsustainable operationally, this has allowed us to make some needed purchases such as renting storage spaces in Oregon and a fresh website. Now we’re moving ahead with positions filled into the new fiscal year (Sep. 1st - Aug. 31st).