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the chance to succeed!*

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**RON McBRIDE**  
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YEAR IN REVIEW



# Dear Friends,

Because of the generosity of businesses, foundations and individuals who teamed with the Ron McBride Foundation (RMF), 2023 was the most successful in the foundation's seven-year history. **But we are still yards from the goal line!**

While youth suicides have slowly risen across the nation, Utah's rate has soared. Utah's overall suicide rate (per 100,000 citizens) is nearly double the national rate. That's not all. There is a "measurable link between unmet mental health needs in a child's earliest years and lifetime outcomes," including lower rates of high school graduation, college attendance, and employment, as well as higher rates of poverty, homelessness, and involvement in the criminal justice system.

That's why the RMF funds afterschool programs for at-risk kids in elementary schools, as well as middle and high schools. We are trying to reach children at a younger age, connect them with adults who can have a positive influence on them, who they can trust and talk with. The afterschool programs we fund provide students with a safe environment, with opportunities to participate in activities that they may not normally have access to, **and** they are able to build supportive relationships.



Here's an example of how important our afterschool programs can be to elementary school students.

Shawn Voyles, Assistant Principal at Lincoln Elementary School in Ogden, relayed a story about one of their students who was struggling with depression and not wanting to come to school. Then she was introduced to their afterschool program called "Starbase," which allows students to design and build a CO2 car to race. The program immediately piqued her interest. Her attendance at school began to improve, and in November, she took 3rd place in the program's races. "Seeing the excitement grow on her face as she continued to win races and watching her have the success she did was great," said Voyles.

In their November progress reports, principals in the schools we support told us that through RMF-supported afterschool programs:

1. The faculty has been able to build stronger relationships with students.
2. Students have taken more of a leading role in the clubs.
3. Students behavior has improved as "they have found a place to fit in."
4. Students sense of belonging has improved, as have their academics.
5. Connections between home and school have increased.
6. Other school events have increased as a result.

In short, students are finding a "community" at school—a community in which they feel valued and loved.

In 2023, we were able to fund 19 afterschool programs—a 58 percent increase over 2022. With your help, we can fund 24 in 2024.

- *Mac*

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# MAC'S IMPACT

Because of the generosity of businesses, foundations and individuals who teamed with Coach Mac, **2023 was the most successful** in the seven-year history of the Ron McBride Foundation.

Underprivileged children and youth, who are either homeless or are going home to empty houses, are able to envision better futures because of your support.

## WITH YOUR HELP, THE RMF WAS ABLE TO:

- ❖ Fund 19 afterschool programs—a 58 percent increase over 2022—in Title 1 Schools in Ogden, Jordan, Granite, Salt Lake City and Canyons School Districts.
- ❖ Contribute \$15,000 to the Salt Lake City School Foundation for physical examinations and mental health services not covered by insurance at the West High School Clinic, which will open in February 2024.
- ❖ Sponsor the Ogden Peaks Classic Soccer Tournament, which attracted more than 2,000 youth from surrounding states to Ogden.
- ❖ Sponsor the 2023 Mascot Bowl, which raised funds for the Christmas Shop, which provides Christmas gifts for underprivileged children, youth and veterans.
- ❖ Launch the inaugural multi-school race on the Ron McBride Track and Field at Glendale Middle School in Salt Lake School District.
- ❖ Sponsor Race Swami's 9th Annual Día de los Muertos Classic Swim Meet in Rose Park, which benefitted low-income teenage swimmers, speaking five different languages.
- ❖ Hold free workout camps for at-risk athletes trying to improve their football skills at the LifeCentre Athletic Club. Several of Mac's former players—Jesse Boone, Mike Vyfvinkel, and Xavier Carlton—helped train the high school athletes each Saturday, December 1, to May. Under Coach Mac's direction, the camps will expand to Highland High School in 2024.





❖ Hold the RMF's most successful **"Love You Man" Golf Tournament** at Thanksgiving Point. The annual event teed off at a dinner/auction the night before the tournament, hosted by the one and only Scotty Sinclair and featured musician Ofi and his band, with David Osmond as auctioneer. More than \$200,000 was raised at the dinner and tourney.

❖ Spearhead the 1st annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner for administrators and teachers who run the afterschool programs that RMF funds.

❖ Sponsor space and flexibility training for West Jordan Middle School athletes at the Athletic Republic Gym as part of the school's afterschool program.

❖ Recruit motivational speakers, who once down on their luck, are able to help students in Mac's schools escape generational poverty, drug abuse and gangs.

❖ Give more than 7,000 underprivileged students enrichment opportunities in safe and accepting environments.

❖ The Ron McBride Foundation was also honored by the new Copper Hills Home Depot, which opened in October, as its charity of choice. Our thanks to store manager Wes Bates for helping us financially serve the afterschool programs in the store's vicinity.



## **Christkindlmarkt-SLC**

Inspired by the world famous German Christmas markets, Christkindlmarkt-SLC selected the RMF as it's St. Martin's community project 2023 and asked the more than 100,000 market visitors at This is the Place Heritage Park, to donate "A Ball and a Buck to Change a Kid's Luck."

***The result was pure magic!***





# STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

*Chris had so many disciplinary issues last year. He also experienced tragedy in his home life which made him disengaged at school. This year, we encouraged him to get involved with intramural sports and it has literally changed his life. He is on the varsity basketball team and is a leader on and off the court. I don't think Chris passed a single class last year, but this year, he is passing all of his classes and advocated for himself to be in ELP (advanced) English Language Arts. Chris has a new confidence about him. He works so hard to maintain his grades and has the support he so desperately needs from his coaches and teammates.*

**- Andrea Seminario, Principal, Northwest Middle School.**

*I love going to math tutoring because it gives me extra time to work on my math and do it in a fun way. I want to work for NASA so getting math is really important to me. When I struggle I know I always have a place to help me.*

**- J. S., a student at West Jordan Middle School**







**Wayne is an 8th grader new to Granite Park** this year. He comes from a household where cuss words are often directed at him and there are instant, angry consequences for misbehaviors. I have witnessed this first-hand on more than one occasion. Perhaps as a result of witnessing and bearing the brunt of such behavior, Wayne often acts out in class, cursing at other students and responding with extreme anger when confronted by anyone in authority.

I have been working with Wayne several times a week. He is part of a group of boys that work out with me throughout the week in an effort to find a positive outlet for some of their excess energy. After much encouragement, he agreed to try out for the volleyball team, of which I happened to be the coach. I received lots of pushback from a few of his teachers when I put him on the team. They viewed this as a reward for his poor behavior in their classes, but I pushed back and convinced them that Wayne on the volleyball team would be a positive trade-off if they would give it a chance.

Not two days in to our season, Wayne was suspended for fighting. He came to my office, tears pouring down his face—not because he was being suspended, but because he felt that he had let the team down. We talked for a long while about how this could be a learning experience for him. Although he was one of our best players, he sat the bench for the next two games without a word of complaint. Since that time, he has not been sent to the office even once. Volleyball season ended several weeks ago, and Wayne's behavior and efforts in class continue to improve. Although he still gets extremely angry at times, he tells me he just thinks of our team and that can calm him down.

**- Milton Thackeray, Afterschool Coordinator, Granite Park Jr. High School**

**Lyric began her sophomore year wanting to be involved in sports,** but was never eligible and she said that she didn't believe she would make any of the teams. Lyric set a goal with Coach Zumbrun and the girls wrestling coach and is working to become eligible. She is one assignment away from passing her last class that needed to be made up for eligibility and will be competing in our next wrestling tournament with all the confidence in the world.

When I asked her what helped the most with her motivation, she quickly said boxing. "Boxing has helped me in life because it helps me not to quit. Coaches have been a major influence in keeping me going even when I get to stressed out."

**- Steve Poll, Principal, Ben Lomond High School**

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**One of our students last year was not on track in any sense.** He did not complete the year with us. He was given another opportunity to attend and turn things around this year. The afterschool staff spoke with his teacher and mother; they learned that afterschool participation is playing a big part in helping him become a successful kid during and after the school day. He has been amazingly well-behaved and engaged in afterschool and during the regular school day. He now starts working hard without being prompted, sticks to tasks, and seems happy to be with us in afterschool. He is a great example for other students and is a helper in afterschool, his general education classroom, and at home.

**- Sharon E. Sonnenreich, Principal, Silver Hills Elementary**







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# MAC'S SCHOOLS

**T**hese are the **afterschool programs** that in 2023 applied for and received funding from the Ron McBride Foundation. Students enrolled in these afterschool programs participate in enrichment opportunities in the areas of STEM, tutoring, sports/recreation, dance, mental health support, character education, cultural enrichment, mentoring, school clubs, and even career counseling. For many of these families, afterschool programs are the only safety net preventing Utah children from being unsupervised and alone after school each day.

## JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Joel P. Jensen Middle School
- West Jordan Middle School
- Majestic Elementary Arts Academy

## OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Ogden High School
- Ben Lomond High School
- Highland Jr. High School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- East Ridge Elementary School
- Bonneville Elementary School
- Mount Fort Junior High School

## SALT LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Glendale Middle School
- Northwest Middle School
- Parkview Elementary School
- Escalante Elementary School
- West High School Physical and Mental Health Clinic

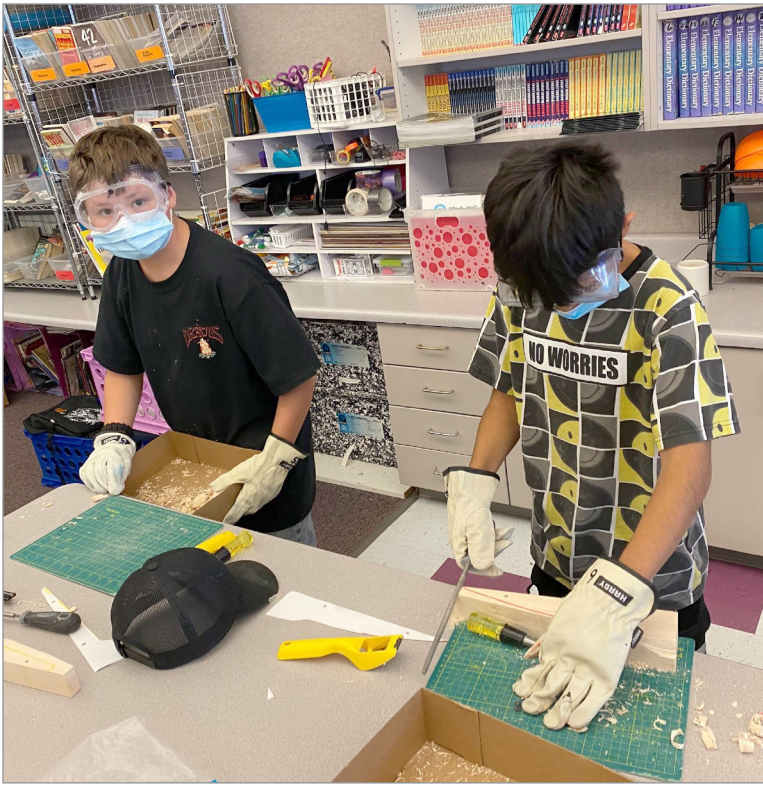
## GRANITE SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Granite Park Jr. High School
- Western Hills Elementary School
- Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School
- Silver Hills Elementary School

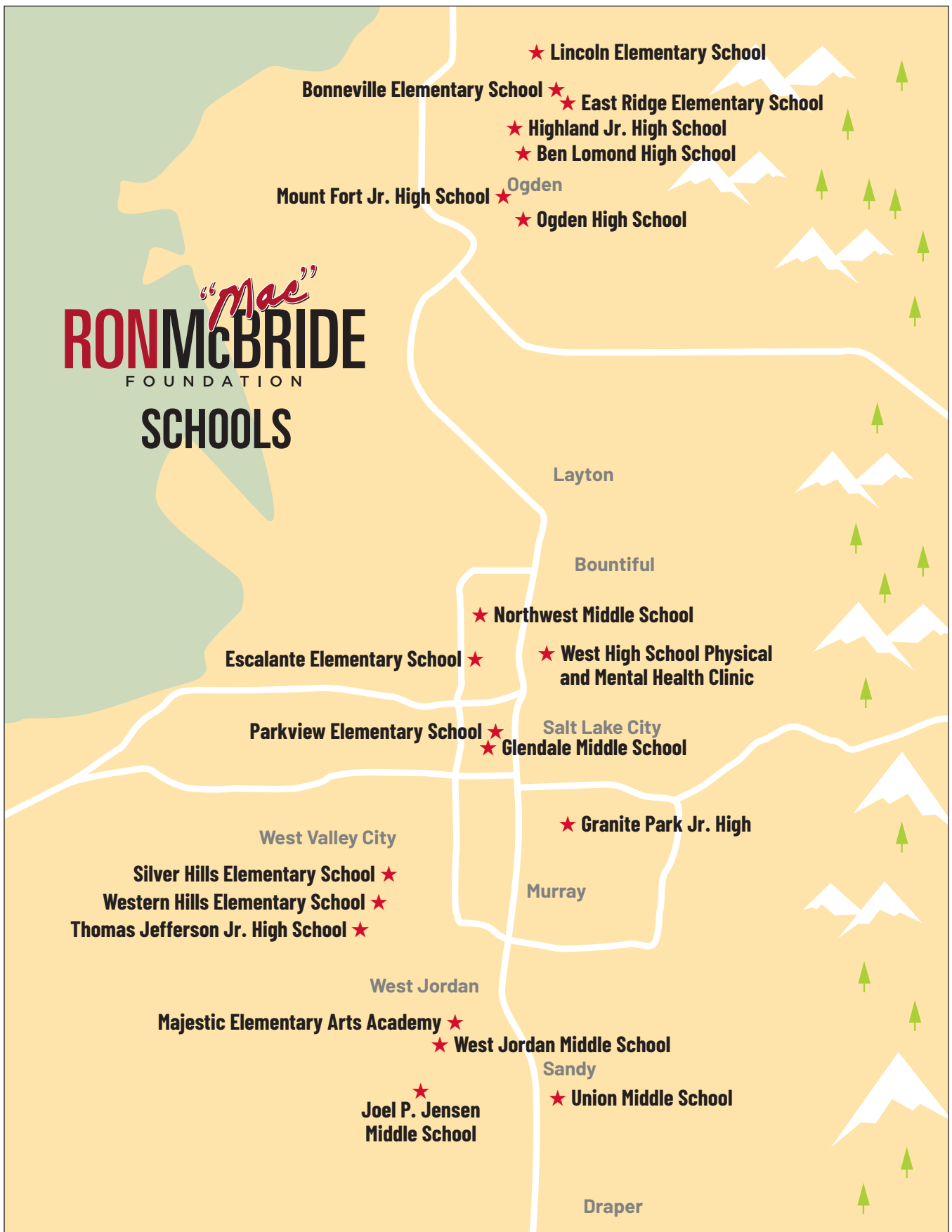
## CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Union Middle School





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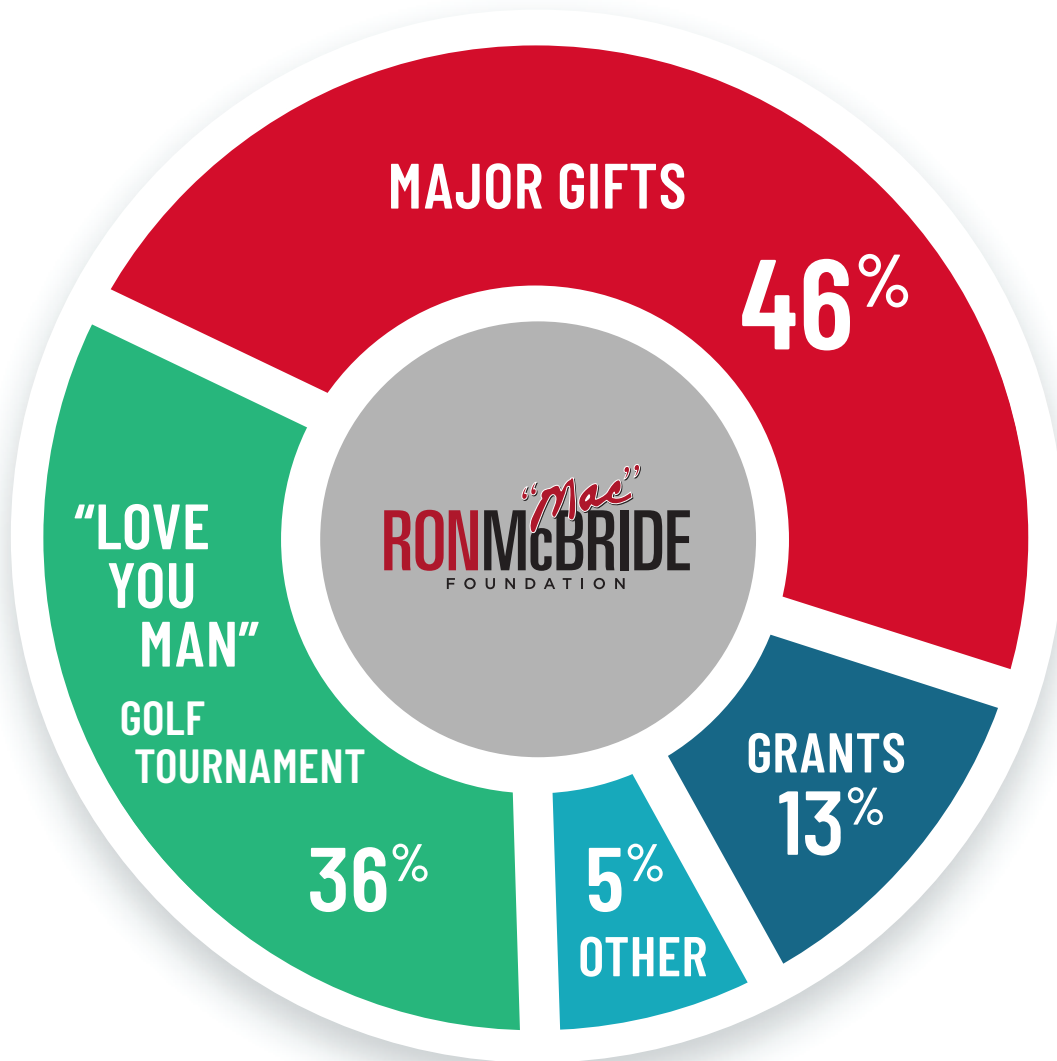






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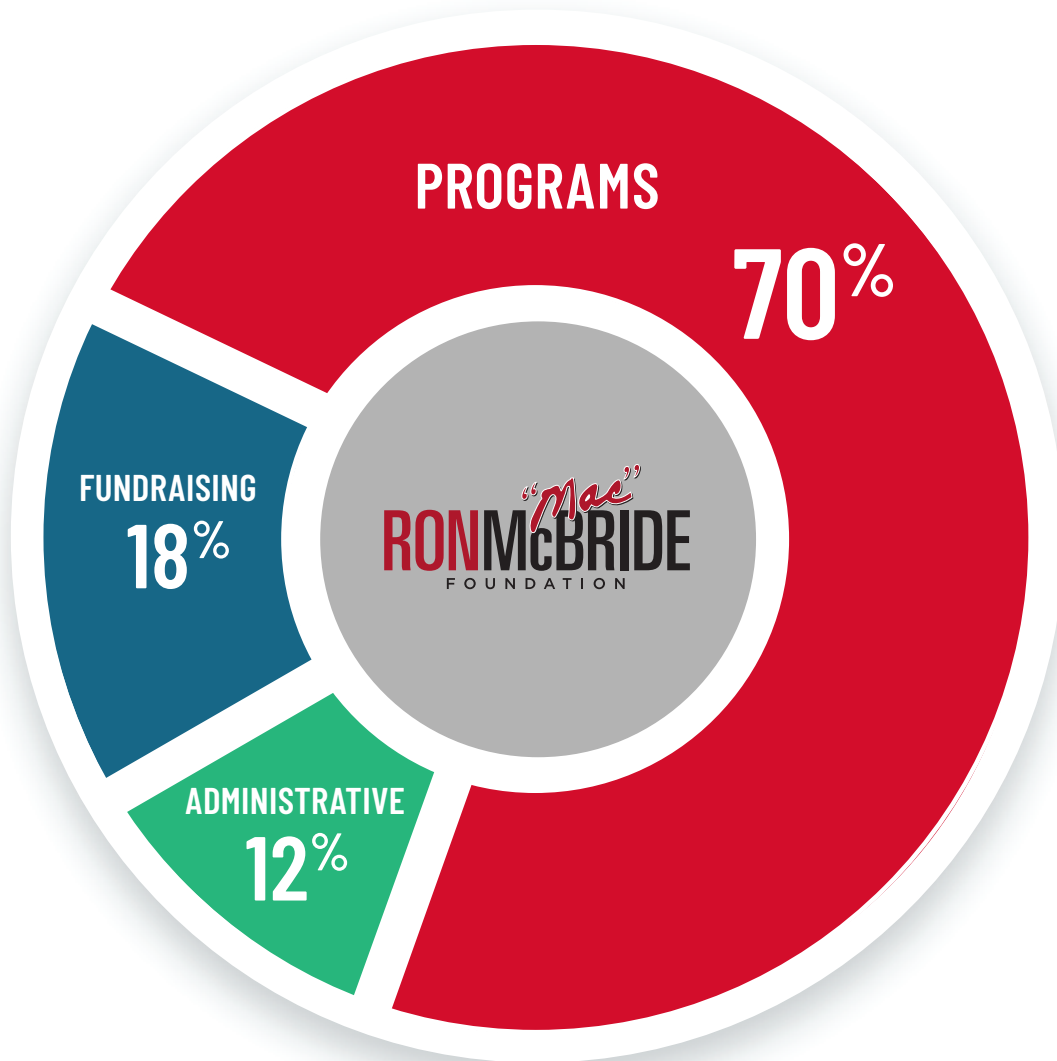
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# FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

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