

GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST GETT'N BY WORLD 2018-19 REPORT



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The Program

“Getting Ahead in a Just Gett’n by World” is a 16-session curriculum that helps individuals in poverty build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families, and their communities. The course teaches participants to recognize and utilize eleven essential resources that will improve their lives by inspiring self-confidence, providing direction, and giving them a seat at their personal decision-making table.



Eleven Essential Resources

1. *Financial* – money to purchase goods/services
 2. *Emotional* – ability to control emotional responses
 3. *Mental/Cognitive* – mental capability to deal with daily life
 4. *Language/Formal Register* – ability to use appropriate vocabulary and grammar
 5. *Social Capital Support System* – friends, family, and other resources to help
 6. *Physical* – Physical health/mobility
 7. *Spiritual* – Belief in divine purpose/guidance
 8. *Integrity and Trust* – trust, predictability, safety
 9. *Motivation and Persistence* – energy, drive, planning
 10. *Relationships/Role Models* – access to people who consistently behave appropriately and are nurturing
 11. *Knowledge of Hidden Rules* – know unspoken cues/behaviors of different groups
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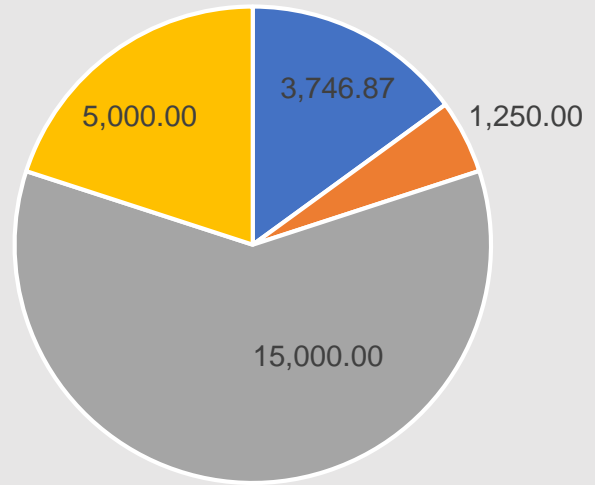
Lessons Learned

One of the major lessons learned is to move from personal interviews for entrance into the program to accepting people through referrals. Additionally, we learned that partnerships with other agencies helps with finding and assigning mentors to the participants at the end of the eight weeks.

The students learned to appreciate the network gained and the support they received from one another. Participants who are slow to network tended to drop out of the program. Removing barriers to transportation, dinner, and childcare, and providing a stipend really impacts attendance.

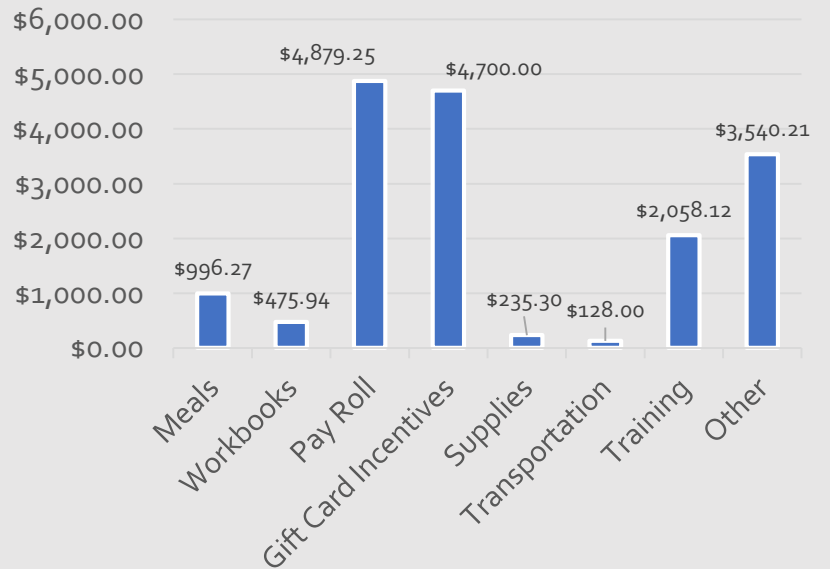
Financial Report

Income 2018-19



■ OPC ■ SU Min ■ Compassion Grant ■ Versacare

Expenses



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Results and Impact

The major focus of the class is to help participants take charge of and stabilize their lives, access and increase their own resources, use mental models to examine their own lives and create a future story, and examine the impact poverty has on the community. In addition, the following are some significant highlights:

- Total graduates 2019 – 13 graduates out of 25 participants
- 1 person earned GED
- 1 entered a trade school
- 1 person got a promotion to supervisor at place of employment
- 1 person opened first ever savings account
- 1 person moved into better home

Future Plans & Sustainability

There is one more class that will be held this year. Next year, we hope to host classes at two sites (one at the church and one at a local nonprofit), a total of eight classes. We will need approximately \$40,000 to successfully offer these classes. Also, we want to host four Bridges Out of Poverty workshops to educate the community concerning poverty. Additionally, we would like to host a Purpose Center Retreat where we provide wholistic coaching to former graduates of Getting Ahead to keep them motivated and on track, and offer break-out sessions on entrepreneurship, entering college, and healthy lifestyles.

