Pathway to Adventure Council provides the nation’s foremost youth program for character development and values-based leadership training to more than 13,600 youth, from kindergarten through high school in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Over 7,200 adult volunteers deliver Scouting’s impactful programs to help young people be “Prepared. For Life.®” Last year, local Scouts and adult volunteers provided 114,023 hours of community service valued at $3,726,000. Our programs include Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Exploring, Sea Scouts, Restoring the Village, Soccer in Scouting and STEM in Scouting.

MISSION STATEMENT
To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

SCOUT OATH
On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW
A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.
### Council HIGHLIGHTS

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### Funds

- **Camp & Activities**: 32% of $1,780,708
- **Other Direct Support**: 19% of $1,055,510
- **Special Events**: 16% of $896,159
- **Popcorn Sale**: 10% of $547,900
- **Foundations & Trusts**: 10% of $519,774
- **Invest in Character**: 6% of $311,320
- **Investment Income**: 6% of $302,000
- **Other Revenue**: 1% of $31,347

**UNAUDITED DATA FROM 2022**
The Pathway to Adventure Council is composed of many diverse sets of communities, some of which are underserved and face difficult circumstances: poverty, violence, crime, gang activity, and wavering parental involvement. PTAC’s Restoring the Village (RTV) program seeks to offer the resources that will empower the youth in these communities to achieve their full potential, and demonstrates that joining Scouts transforms youth development!

With support of the RTV program, Cub Scout Pack 1221 attended Reneker Family Camp at Owasippe. This was a novel experience for these Scouts who live in urban areas where the starry night sky is seldom visible, so the opportunity to spend an overnight at a campground was a precious treat!

With help from Scouting professionals, these young campers were able to fully embrace the joys of camp life by participating in a variety of activities, learn about their local wildlife, take part in campfires and sing-alongs, and create numerous arts and crafts.
The Pathway to Adventure Council’s Soccer in Scouting program is a unique activity that blends Scouting’s benefits, like leadership cultivation and character development, with the fun and excitement of soccer. Through Soccer in Scouting, everyone gets a chance to build their confidence on and off the field while learning skills such as citizenship, teamwork, first aid, and family values.

Alex Luna began his Scouting journey when he joined Pack 740 and was first introduced to the Soccer in Scouting program. With the guidance of his supportive coach, Alex was kept away from gang activity, and as he grew older he took on a mentoring role, assisting his fellow Scouts who were involved in potential gang activity. Understanding their current circumstances, Alex taught them the importance of setting goals and creating a plan to achieve them.

Over two decades, Alex has made leaps and bounds with the program, moving from being a team member to the coach of his pack, to now coaching three teams! Through this experience, he found his passion for working with the youth of his community and he has now set his sights on becoming a physical education teacher.
Last summer, Venture Crew 53 of Gary, Indiana, embarked on an ambitious trip to visit 10 states. The journey was not only an adventure, but a way to give back to the community. The program, known as STEEL (Service, Travel, Education, Entrepreneurship, and Leadership), provided a platform for the youth to understand the importance of becoming a mature and caring adult. Each day, the crew experienced exciting and meaningful situations.

At the beginning of their trip, they distributed 150 blessing bags with hygiene products to the homeless at Haven of Rush Ministry. Despite a downpour of rain, they completed their goal and still made time for fun. In Hershey, Pennsylvania, they visited Hershey Park, the Central Park Zoo, and took a 10-mile hike!

When the crew arrived in Washington, DC, they visited the Black Lives Matter Plaza and the White House. The plaza educated Crew 53 on how impactful art, like the street mural, can be and why expressing their voices matters.

Through this trip, the Venture Crew 53 was able to learn how to pursue their special interests, grow and develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.
Stephen's Eagle Project took him to South Dakota to clean up a cemetery in Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and mark 125 Native American grave sites. Logan kept his Eagle Project local, partnering with St. Mary's Episcopal Church to restore their bluestone patio courtyard and planting beds. While each Scout completed a different project, they walked away having learned very similar lessons and skills. “The entire process required significant planning, communication, and reviewing to make sure everything would be successful,” according to Stephen. Logan echoed similar thoughts, “I’ve learned to better organize and motivate people, take large projects and break them up into small tasks, and problem solve when plans don’t go as expected.”

Scouting also helped Logan and Stephen grow in other ways. Logan, who attended all four of the BSA high-adventure camps, says “these trips taught me a lot about the outdoors,” and to be, “a good steward of the land.” Stephen reflected, “Scouting has given me the opportunity to devote myself to something above myself and taught me the importance of giving to others.” Through Scouting, Logan and Stephen have learned to live by the Scout Oath and Law and put them into action by making positive impacts on the world around them.
About OUR PROGRAMS

CUB SCOUTS
GRADERS K-5
Cub Scouts is a program where youth develop the foundations for leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities. Activities include exploring the outdoors, building projects, making friends, and developing a lifelong love of learning!

SCOUTS BSA
AGES 11-17
Scouts BSA is where youth develop outdoor skills, self-confidence, and ethics through youth planned activities focused in service, community engagement, and leadership. Scouts earn merit badges and work towards Scouting’s highest rank—Eagle Scout.

EXPLORING
AGES 10-20
The Exploring program connects youth with mentors, businesses, and agencies within their communities to help them discover future career paths. Explorers step out of the classroom and into real-world work environments to gain hands-on experience and learn more about potential career paths.

SEA SCOUTS
AGES 14-20
Sea Scouts is a maritime program that offers activities including paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and even SCUBA. Scouts earn certifications in SCUBA, boating safety, lifesaving, CPR—credentials that mark their growth throughout the program.

VENTURING
AGES 14-20
Venturing is a youth-led program where Scouts experience positive mentorship and develop leadership skills like decision making, communication, and organization by choosing activities they are most interested in performing.

STEM IN SCOUTING
GRADERS 3-12
PTAC’s STEM in Scouting program partners with leaders in STEM education and local schools to provide a fun and interactive program focused in science, technology, engineering, math, and arts. The program continues through middle and high school.

RESTORING THE VILLAGE
AGES 5-20
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SOCCER IN SCOUTING
AGES 5-18
Soccer in Scouting is a unique program that blends Scouting’s benefits with the fun of soccer. The families that connect to the Soccer in Scouting program come together to have fun, bond with their community, and offer their children new opportunities.

LOCATIONS

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS CENTER FOR SCOUTING
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Arlington Heights, IL 60005
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CHICAGO CENTER FOR SCOUTING
106 N. Aberdeen St., Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60607
(312) 421-8800 ext. 201

LA GRANGE CENTER FOR SCOUTING
811 W. Hillgrove Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525
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ROBERT J. WELSH CENTER FOR SCOUTING
8751 Calumet Ave.
Munster, IN 46321
(312) 421-8800 ext. 251

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