



Anixtercenter

The ability to soar™

2018

Sharing Strengths,  
Building Partnerships





Dear Anixter Center Community:

In 2018, I became Anixter Center's new CEO and I was grateful to be immersed in witnessing the daily work of our teams and initiating plans to move us forward. I continue to be humbled by the dedicated people who work here, and by those who trust us to support all aspects of our constituents' lives.

This year, we realigned our programs, became more community-facing, and increased our support services. Anixter Center's disability services, behavioral health programs, and the Chicago Hearing Society continue to lead at a time when needs are growing and funding is tighter than ever.

In 2019, we will begin our centennial year of service and Anixter Center is steadfast in its work to help our community, just as it was when it was founded in 1919. We are honored to continue providing the high-quality programs that allow people to live their lives as independently as possible.

We appreciate the steadfast support of our longtime, as well as our new, collaborators, and look forward to Anixter Center's future of transformation and excellence.

With gratitude,



**Rebecca Clark**, *President and CEO*





**"Anixter Center helped me by showing me how to make the right choices."**

*– Daniel, Employment Services Program graduate*

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Chicago Hearing Society moved to a new location at 1444 West Willow Street to offer improved facilities, and an array of social services, support programs and assistive technology products.
- Williams House opened to offer transitional housing to help those diagnosed with mental illnesses to move toward independent living.
- Opened two new substance use disorder programs for those with physical disabilities and mental health issues.
- Partnered with Mesirow Financial on a new employee internship program, a 10-week onsite Chicagoland job placement curriculum for disabled clients.
- Completed first all-agency staff enrichment day to learn about trauma-informed care best practices, behavior supports, plus aging and disability training.
- Launched cloud-based client record system to improve data collection, management and analysis.



**"They take Curtis lots of places and that is so important to me. He loves getting out and seeing people."**  
 – Gloria, Curtis' mom

Phil Koch, 2018 Gala Chair, and Larry Markin, Anixter Center Board Member



Anixter Center Board Members and event honoree Alexander Pissios



Alexander Pissios and family

## CINESPACE GALA HIGHLIGHTS

- Longtime supporter and news anchor Rob Johnson hosted "Sharing Strengths, Building Partnerships," the Anixter Center's 7th Annual Spring Gala, on May 3, 2018.
- The event raised funds to help children, teens and adults with disabilities through programs that include employment training, job placement, residential services and health care. The record-breaking attendance of over 450 guests raised more than \$491,000.
- Phillip Koch chaired the gala, alongside honorary chairs including iconic Chicago Cub Kerry Wood, Tribune Broadcast media executive Larry Wert, and Steve Koch, former Chicago Deputy Mayor.
- The evening also honored Alexander Pissios, President and CEO of Cinespace Chicago Film Studios, who has inspired and supported countless professionals in the film industry. The 70-acre Cinespace lot is the largest movie studio complex outside of Hollywood. NBC's *Chicago Fire*, *Chicago PD* and *Chicago Med*, FOX's *Empire*, and Showtime's *Shameless* are all filmed at Cinespace.
- Scenes from blockbuster movies including *Divergent* (2014) and *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* (2016) were also filmed there.

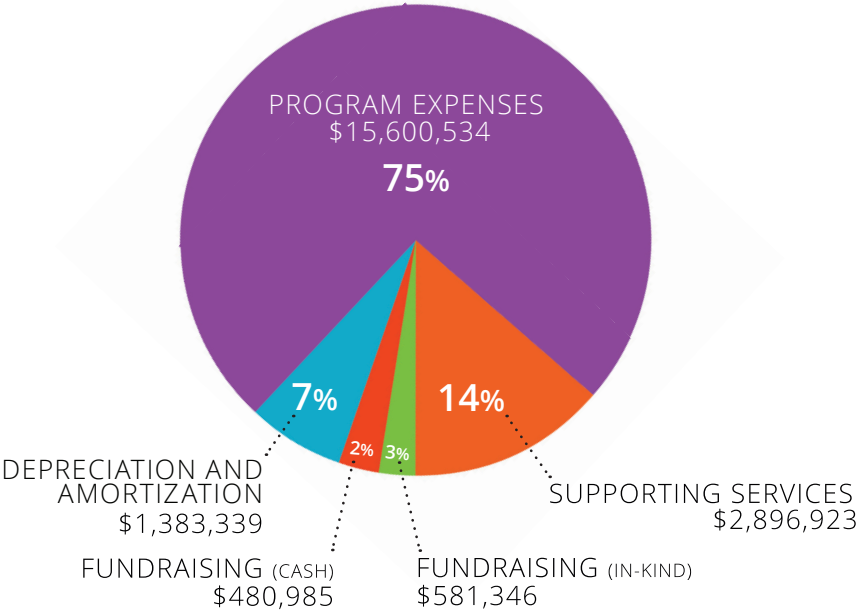


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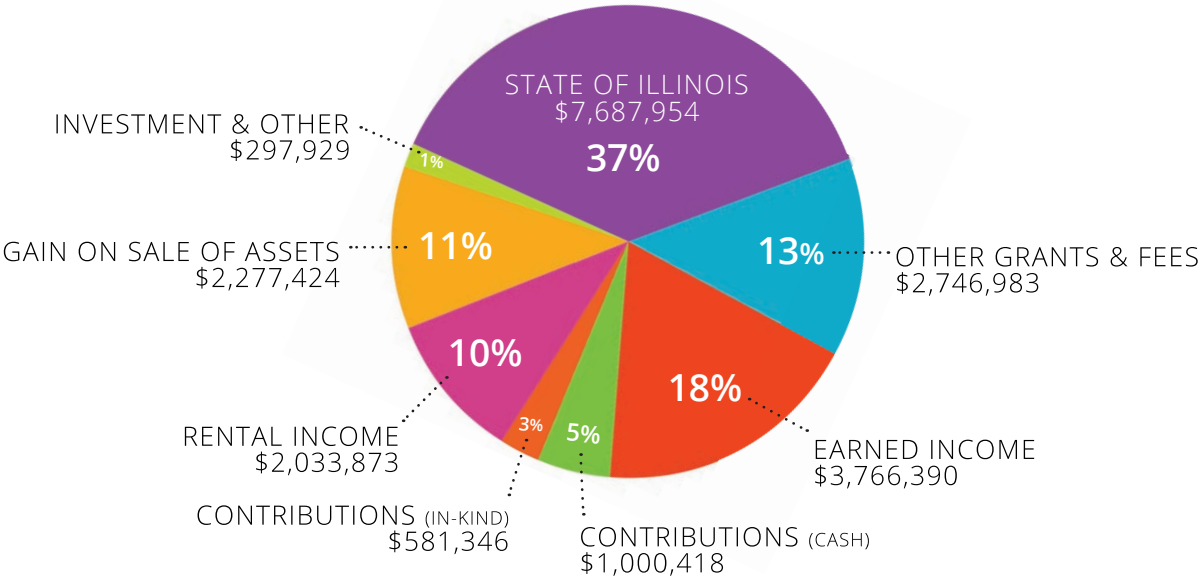
**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
\$ 20,943,127

**TOTAL REVENUE**  
\$ 20,392,317

**TOTAL NET ASSETS**  
\$ 13,577,561



Expenses  
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“They listen  
to what I  
say and  
what I want  
to learn.”

— Jose, Literacy Program Participant



The Anixter Center's mission is to provide an array of services and supports for individuals with disabilities and behavioral health challenges, to live, learn, work and play in the community.

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