



2019 Annual Report

Spina Bifida Association of Arizona



Our Mission

to build a better and brighter future for all those impacted by Spina Bifida.

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Our Accomplishments

Awareness

SBAAZ staff attended weekly planning clinics at three Arizona health care facilities to make families aware of the programs and services of SBAAZ, address any needs and to promote education and independence through partnerships with the Spina Bifida Association of America and Medic Alert.

Through efforts of the board of directors, SBAAZ has been represented in the local business networks and various industries such as health, mobility, automotive and real estate. 248 family units reached.

Advocacy

SBAAZ staff met with AZ senators and representative to advocate for the inclusion of Spina Bifida in the state definition of Developmental Disability. Families and adults were educated and mobilized to share their stories with delegates to encourage their support. The inclusion will bring state services that are currently out of reach for individuals with SB after reaching age six. Participant and awareness impact 385 family units.

Member Care

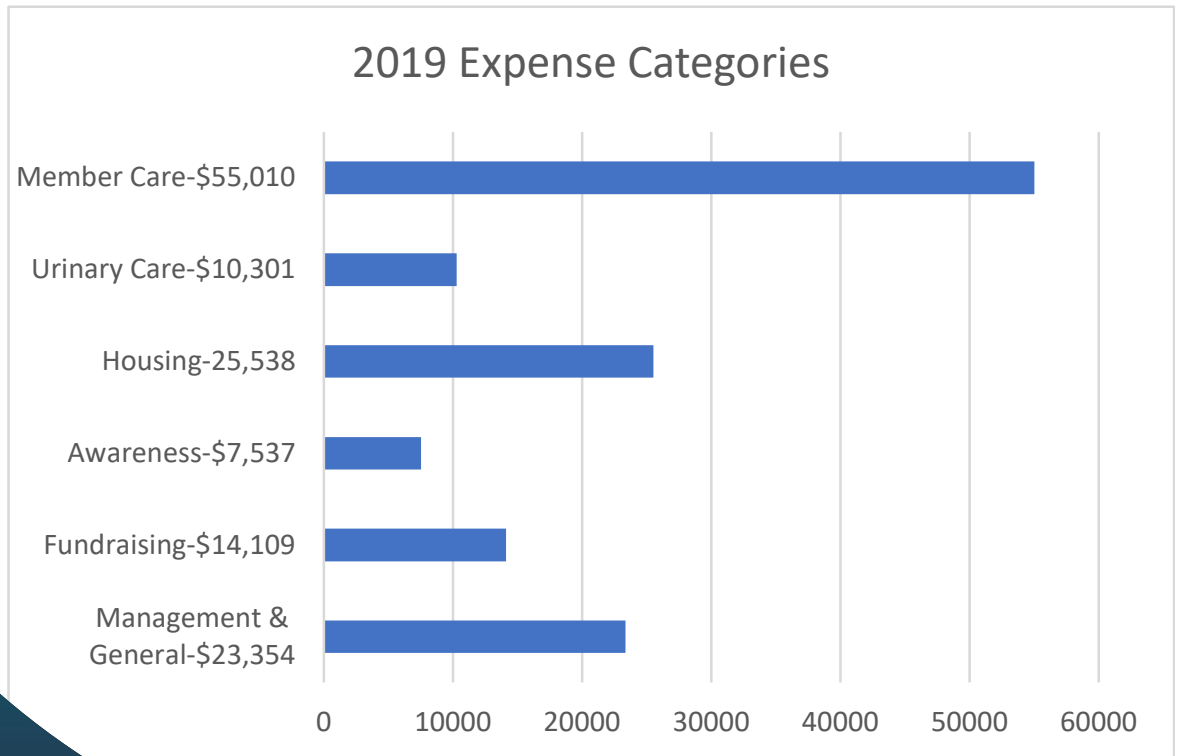
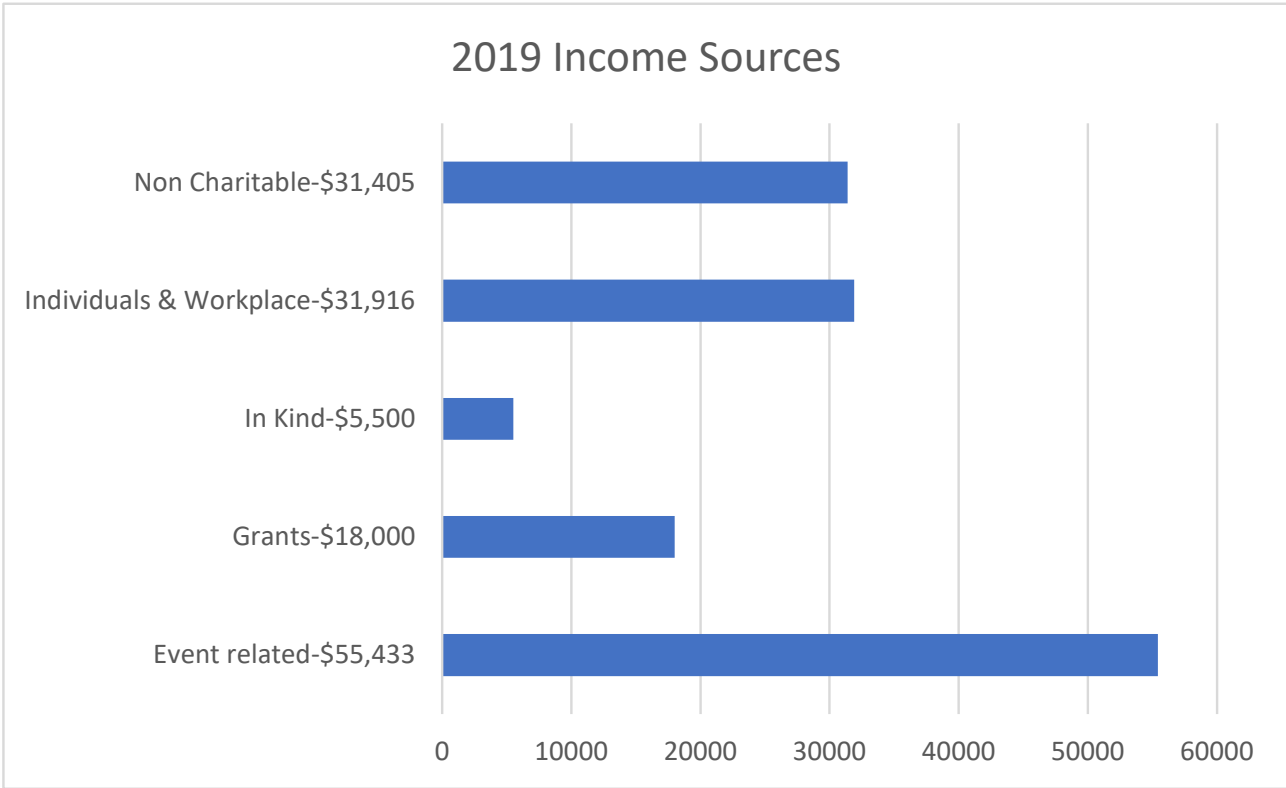
SBAAZ board and staff have successfully increased independence through programs that encourage earliest mobility with the SCOOOT and Adaptive Handcycle placement programs and by facilitating the Medic Alert service to ensure emergency access to health information. 218 placed to date.

Adults who are unable to have continence supplies covered through their insurance are able to purchase items at a reduced cost through SBAAZ partnership agreements. 122 orders placed

Education, wellness and social support are made available through monthly adult meetings facilitated by a certified life coach, pre-school playdates and several annual events. 665 in person services provided

Housing (transitional and permanent accessible)

In 2019 SBAAZ was able to provide permanent full time living space for eight individuals with Spina Bifida. These units are accessible for greatest independence of those able to manage their health and wellness on a fixed income.



Our Financials

SBAAZ supporters and community of stakeholders keep programs developing and add enthusiasm to all that we do. Thank you for your financial support and volunteer hours!



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