



**Corps THAT 2021 IN REVIEW**



**BRIDGING THE DEAF AND OUTDOOR COMMUNITIES SINCE 2016  
AND SERVING THEM AS A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT SINCE 2018**



Dear Friends of CorpsTHAT,

Pah! This year saw our long-awaited version of the first ever Deaf Conservation Corps in the U.S. become reality! We also partnered with Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps, Southeast Conservation Corps (SECC), and Texas Statewide Outreach Center to create Deaf Inclusive Crews for high school youths. With our program and partnerships, we hired 29 Deaf people to become our Crew Leaders and Crew Members last summer.

This year also saw changes in our CorpsTHAT team, Sam Bragg completed her second term as our AmeriCorps VISTA and became our new Outdoor Educator. She now teaches courses and workshops on outdoor trainings and hosts webinars with Deaf Outdoor Professionals and other Deaf leaders in the outdoors. Our American Sign Language (ASL) courses also has been very successful this year! Shirley Ann Shannon is teaching our ASL courses as an ASL Instructor.

To fill in the final year of the VISTA position, we welcomed Sam Forshay into the team! She is now eagerly working to finish what her predecessor began in 2019.

We hope to continue our momentum into 2022 and we would love if if you accompanied us on our journey!

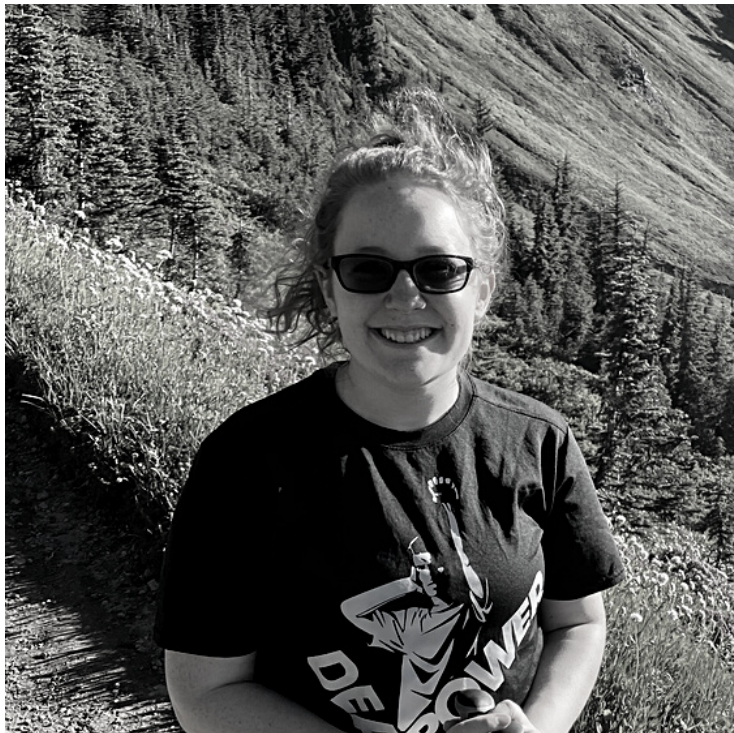
Happy Trails!

The CorpsTHAT Team





# CORPSTHAT TEAM



- Welcomed Sam Forshay as our second AmeriCorps VISTA member in November 2021
- She is an Alumni of our 2021 CorpsTHAT Crew



- Sam Marlo Bragg is our Program Coordinator and Outdoor Educator
- Contracted for Fall 2021 and to continue for Spring 2022
- Sam was our 2019-2021 VISTA member



- Sachiko Flores is our Operations Director
- Volunteered over 2080 hours of her time to CorpsTHAT this year
- Returned to her home state to lead the Texas crew



- Emma Bixler is our Program Director
- Volunteered over 2080 hours of her time to CorpsTHAT this year



- Shirley Ann Shannon is our ASL Instructor
- She taught over 220 hours this year
- Taught ASL to 53 people who worked outdoor jobs

# CORPSTHAT 2021 CREW

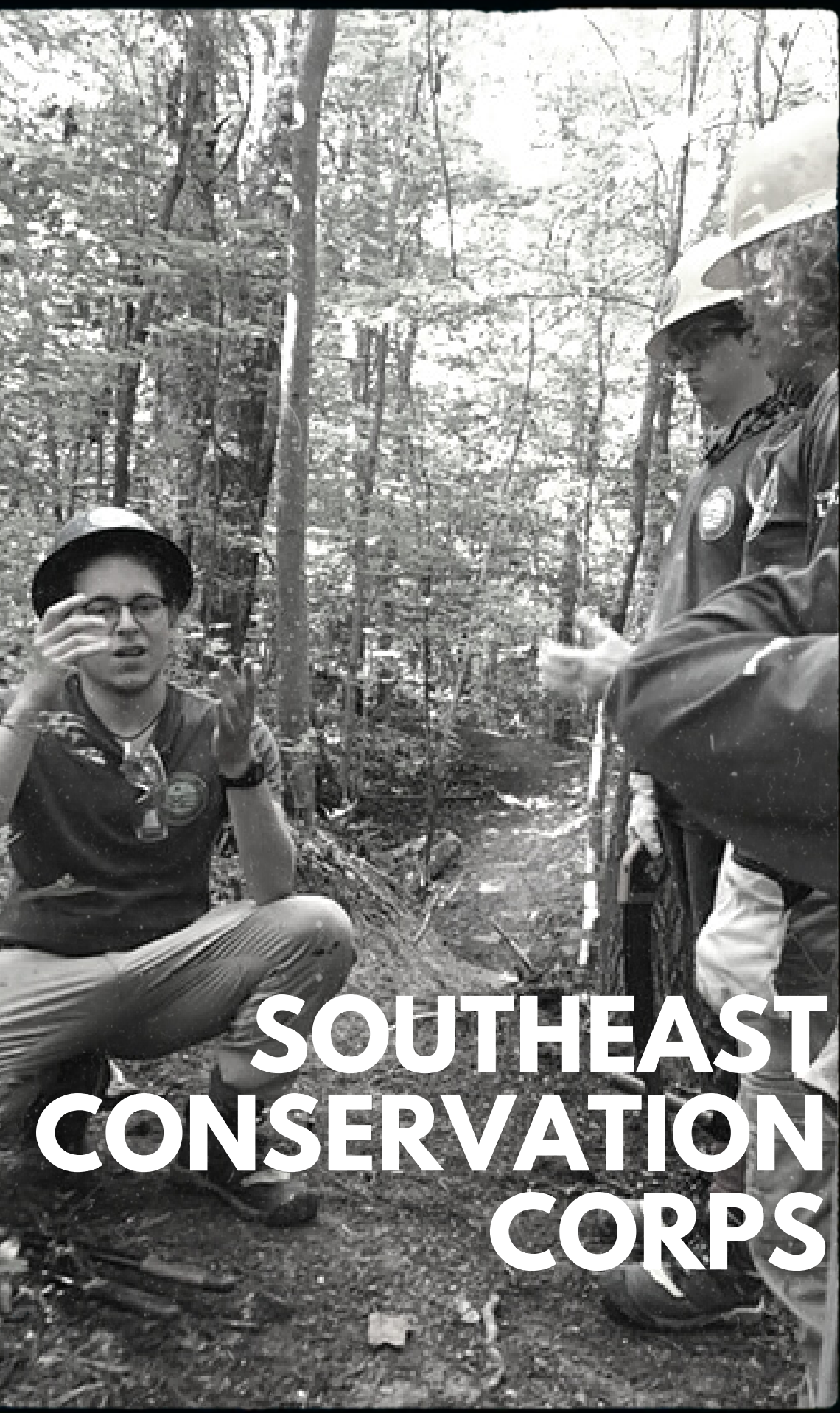
THE FIRST DEAF RUN CONSERVATION CREW IN US HISTORY



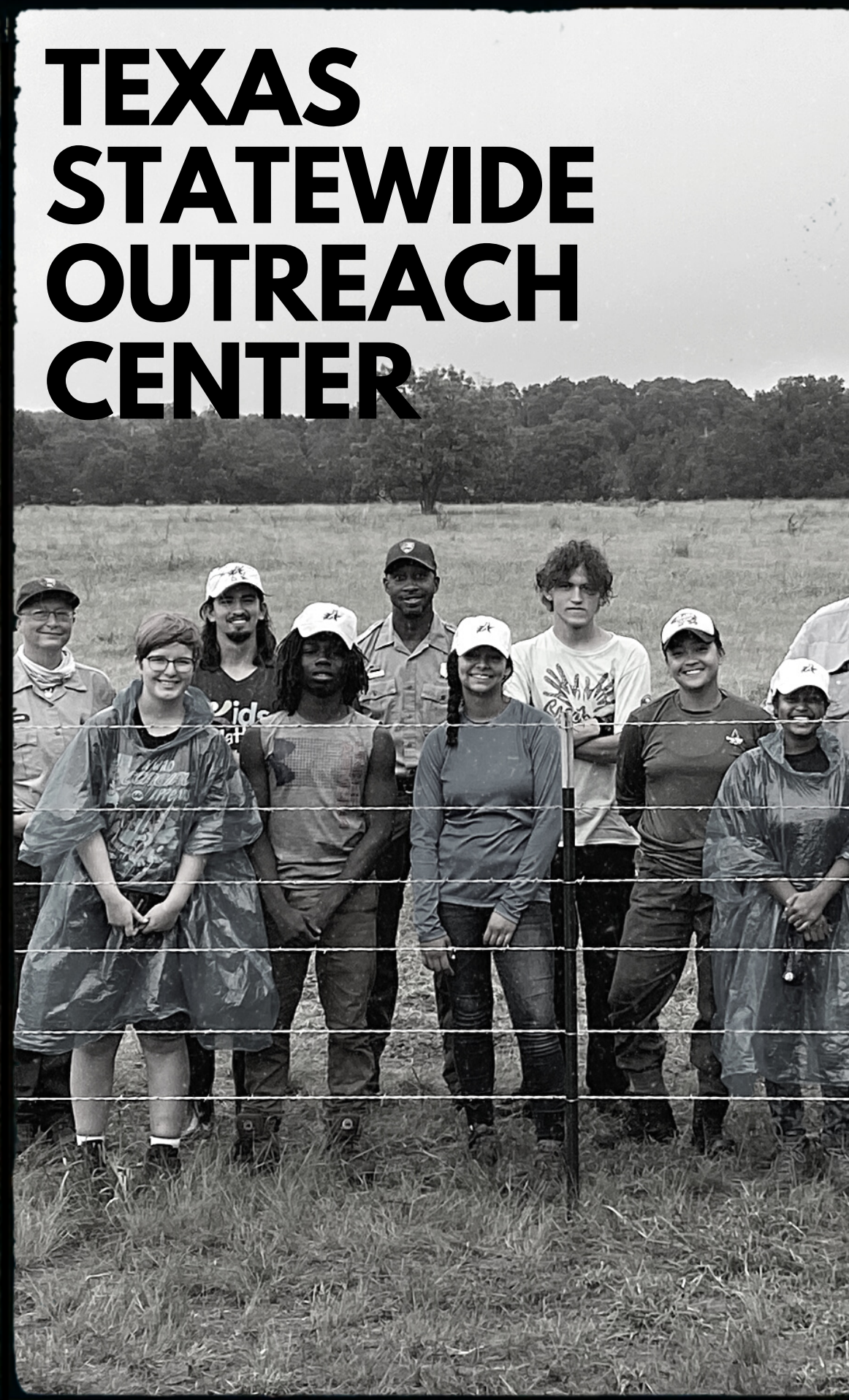
- Hired 2 Deaf leaders and 5 Deaf Corps Members
- 6 Acres of Land Improved
- 16,236 feet of trail improved
- 2 sets of compost rotations
- 460 trees maintained
- 35 hours of recreation lead by Deaf guide

Worked with:

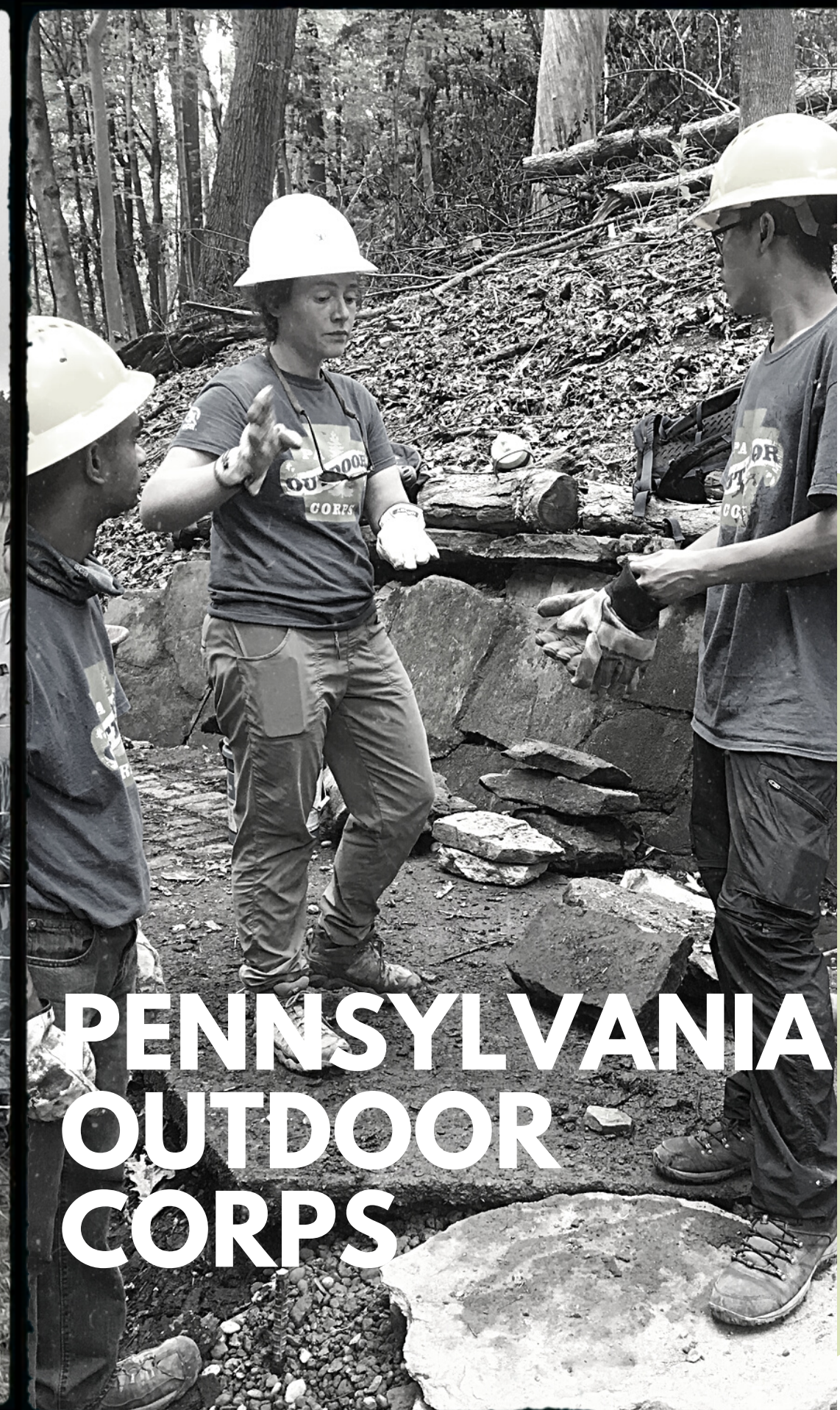
- George Washington Jefferson National Forest
- Blue Water Baltimore
- Anacostia Watershed Society
- Baltimore Compost Collective



**SOUTHEAST  
CONSERVATION  
CORPS**



**TEXAS  
STATEWIDE  
OUTREACH  
CENTER**



**PENNSYLVANIA  
OUTDOOR  
CORPS**

# OUR PARTNER CREWS

## DEAF YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS IN 2021

- Supported in the hiring of 4 Deaf leaders
- 18 Deaf youth corps members
- Provided Crew Leader Training
- Trained Project Contacts from USFS, NPS, PA DCNR and local organizations in how to work with Deaf crews
- 7 acres of land improved
- 6,245 FT of trails and fencing built and maintained
- 18 sq ft of waterways improved
- 10,890 sq ft of landscaping improved
- 1,320 ft of invasive aquatic plants removed

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

## 2021 COURSES AND WEBINARS



- Trail Talk monthly
- Winter Hiking Workshop
- Introduction to Backpacking
- Intermediate Backpacking
- Accessibility of Outdoors: A Deaf/Disabled Experience
- Exploring our Relationship with Nature Webinar
- Gear Repair Workshop
- NOLS Expedition: A Deaf Experience
- Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop
- Thru-Hiking Building Blocks Course
- Worked to make the American Conservation Film Festival Inclusive
- Conservation Corps Alumni Panel
- Hiking 101 Workshop
- Camping 101 Workshop
- Introduction to Bicycle Maintenance
- BBT take on America
- Moving Deafly Forward: A look at inclusion in the Outdoor Industry



# ASL COURSES

## 2021 ONLINE CLASSES

### Courses:

- Numbers of courses: 11
- Level of courses provided:
  - ASL 1
  - ASL 2
  - ASL 3 (pilot)
- Demographics of students
  - Age range of 20-70
    - 43% ASL students in their 20s
    - 41% ASL students in their 30s

### Project partnership trainings:

- To addition to regular ASL students from outdoor professionals, we also provided ASL courses for our conservation corps partners!
- Because of this some of the project managers were able to communicate by signs and gestures with our crews!



**CORPSTHAT**  
IN COLLABORATION WITH WHISKEY WHISKERS ART

**TOTAL AMOUNT  
RAISED**

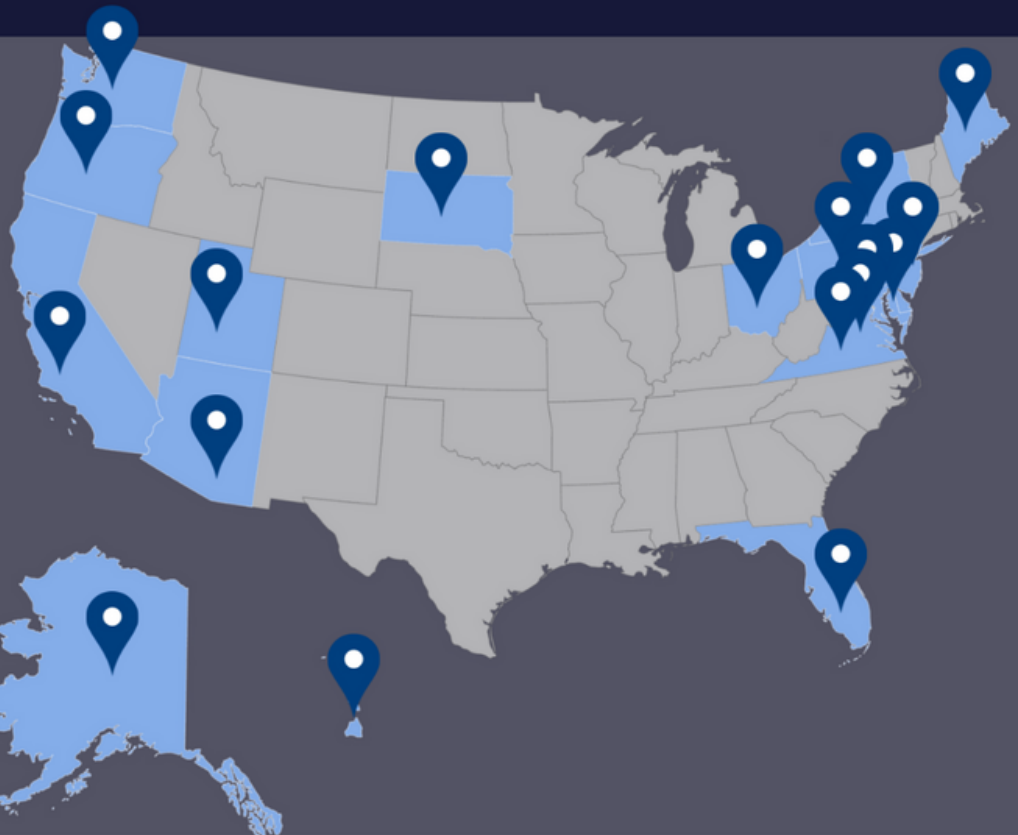
**\$12,313**

**\$1103**

**MOST AMOUNT RAISED BY A SINGLE  
TRAIL-A-THONER!**

**LAST YEAR, WE RAISED \$12,176!  
THANKS FOR HELPING US PASS OUR  
LAST YEAR'S RECORD!**

**WHERE DID OUR  
TRAIL-A-THONERS GO?**



**28**

**36**

**PEOPLE WHO  
RAISED AT LEAST \$1**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
TRAIL-A-THONERS**

**HOW DID OUR  
TRAIL-A-THONERS ENJOY  
THE OUTDOORS?**

**SKIING,  
TRAIL/BEACH/ROAD  
RUNNING,  
HIKING, WALKING,  
ROAD/MOUNTAIN  
BIKING, CAMPING,  
BEACH RUNNING,  
BOULDERING,  
WILDERNESS FIRST  
RESPONDER  
CERTIFICATION,  
MAKING A CHAIR OUT  
OF A LOG!**



**224**

**PEOPLE MADE DONATIONS TO  
SOL FEST TRAIL-A-THON  
FUNDRAISERS!**

**THANK YOU**

**WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU OUT  
ON THE TRAILS  
NEXT YEAR!**



# GRANTS AWARDED TO CORPSTHAT IN 2021

## Grants

- REI
- KEEN
- Deaf Adventure Squared
- NFF
- PAOC+PFF

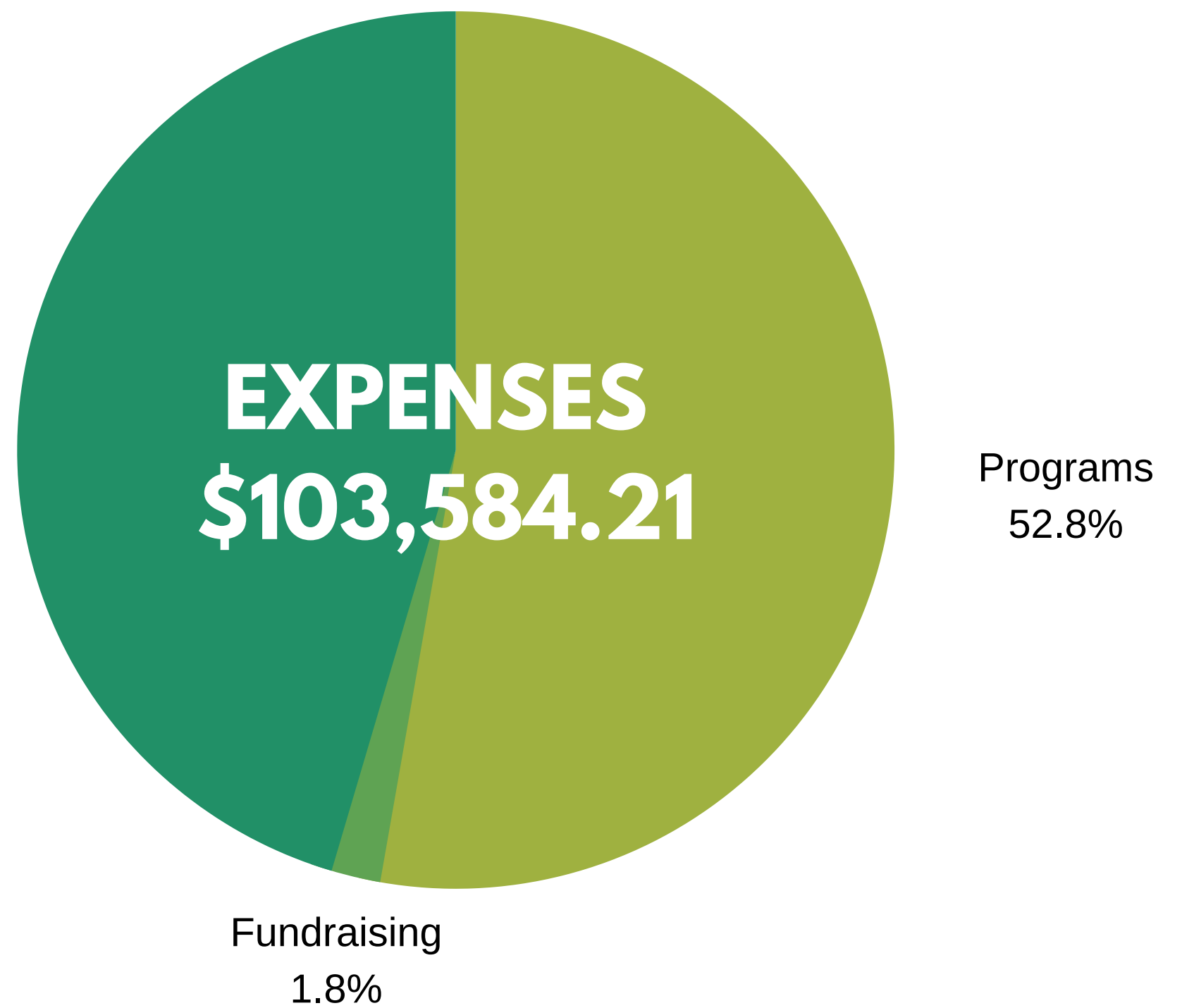
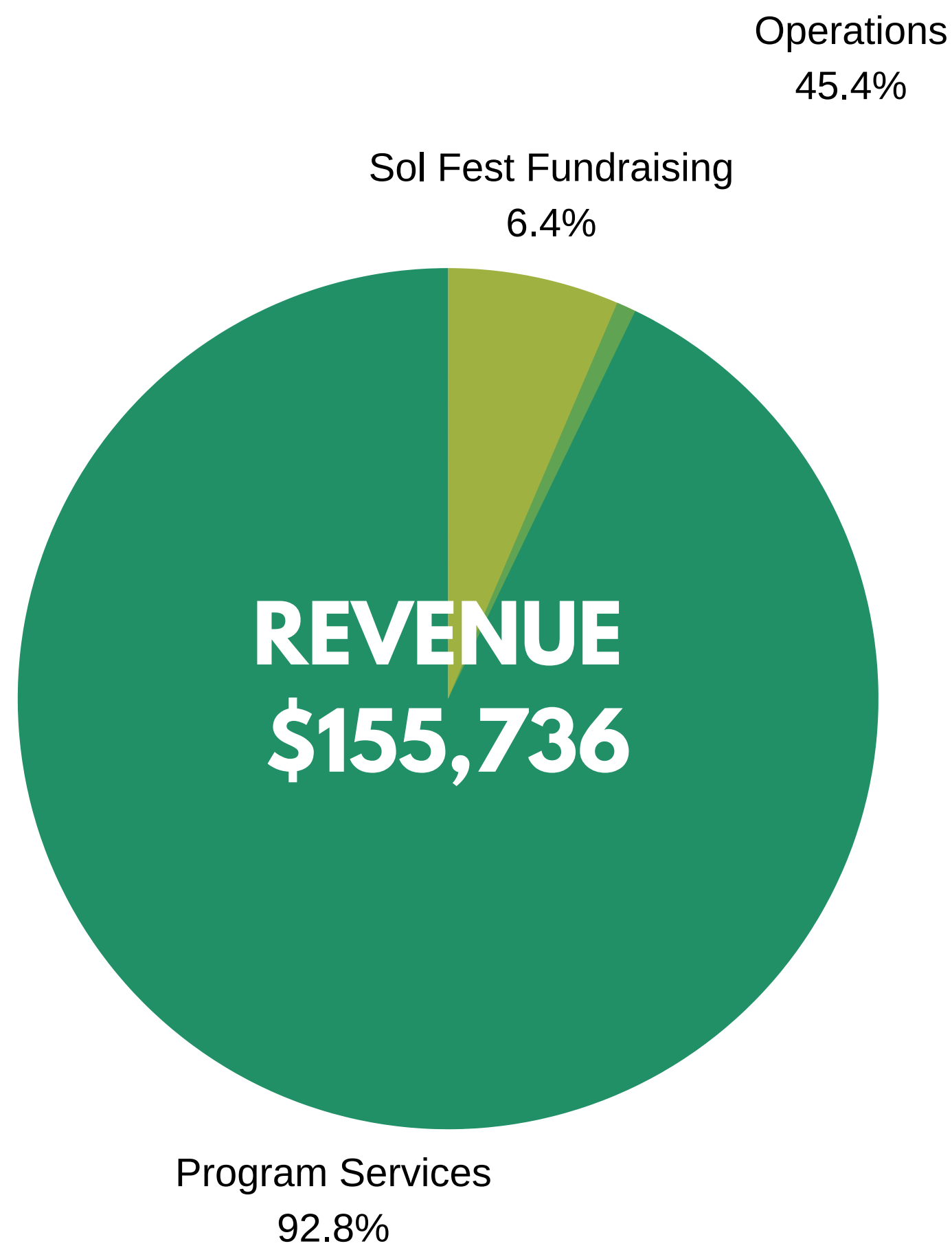
## Sol Fest 2021 Sponsors

- Trail-Blazing Interpreters
- RID
- Streetcar 82 Brewing Co.
- Whiskey Whiskers Art
- The Giving Cypress
- Arc'teryx

## What was the Grants and Awards Used For?

- Food budget
- Gear supplies
- Transportations
- General programmings

# FINANCE



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2021

All of this was possible because of your support and participation! 2021 has been a productive year for us and we thank you!

