



Corps THAT 2022 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,

What a fun and productive year it has been for us! This year CorpsTHAT returned to having an office space which has helped to increase effectiveness of our work and programs. We are thrilled to have hosted 25 in-person and virtual events this year! We also hosted two different ASL campouts in 2022, one in the spring and one in the fall. In addition to that, we also hosted our first annual Deaf Outdoor Conference.

Last year we ran the first ever Deaf-run Conservation Corps Crew in history and this year we were able to continue the program for a second year with two different crews, one in Vermont and one in Texas. The latter was a big surprise for us as we received an unexpected grant from National Park Foundation! We ran both crews while supporting Pennsylvania Outdoors Corps's ASL Inclusion Crew for Deaf High School youth in Pennsylvania. We provided their crew with training and recruitment support. In total, we hired 11 Deaf Adults on our crews and supported the training and hiring of 4 Deaf Crew Leaders!

While we enjoyed some highs in our lives, we also struggled through some lows. Our ASL Instructor, Shirley Ann Shannon was not able to teach our Fall 2022 ASL I classes due to the impact of Hurricane Fiona in September. Worry not, Shirley Ann and her family is safe in Puerto Rico and she will be returning as our ASL Instructor for our Winter 2023 ASL I and II classes! We are excited to have her back!

Happy Trails!

The CorpsTHAT Team



CORPSTHAT TEAM



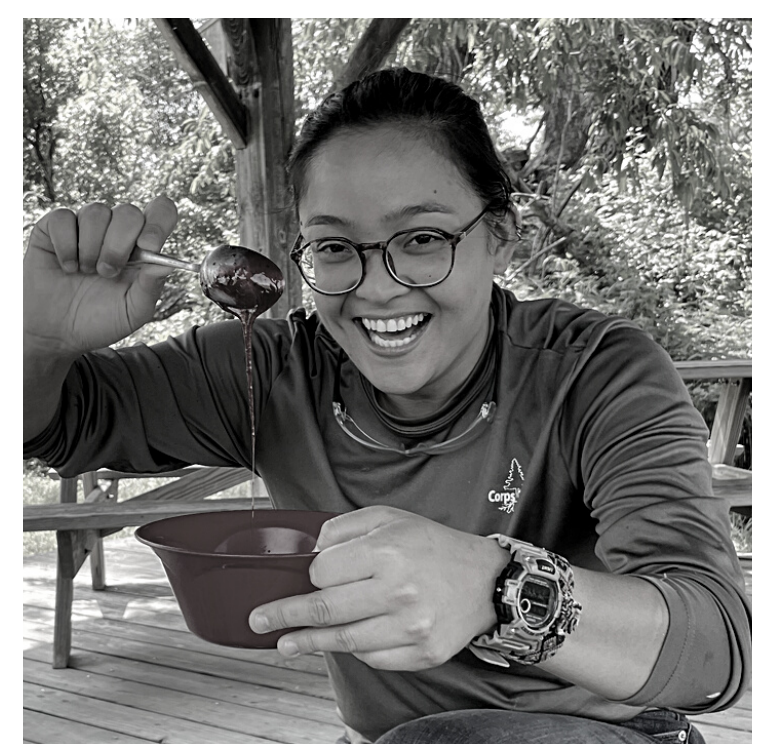
- Sam Forshay is now in her second year of her AmeriCorps VISTA Member position.
- She is an Alumni of our 2021 CorpsTHAT Crew.



- Sam Marlo Bragg is our Program Coordinator
- Hired full time spring 2023, first full time staff member!
- Contracted since Fall 2021 as our Outdoor Educator.
- Sam was our 2019-2021 VISTA member.



- Emma Bixler is our Program Director.
- Volunteered over 2,080 hours of her time to CorpsTHAT this year.



- Sachiko Flores is our Operations Director.
- Volunteered over 1,040 hours of her time to CorpsTHAT this year.



- Shirley Ann Shannon is our ASL Instructor
- She taught over 150 hours this year
- Taught ASL to 74 people who worked in outdoor jobs

We also wanted to say thank you to our 2022 interns! Ashley Sylvester and Caroline Larkin from Towson University, and Khalid Alabdullah from Gallaudet University!



OUR CORPSTHAT CREW

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST, VERMONT

- 7 people provided outreach and education
- 100+ hours of environmental education
- Over 30+ hours of recreation
- Over 700 hours of work
- 7.8 acres of land improved
- 50+ 10-gal bags of invasive plants and trash collected
- 253 willow trees planted for erosion control
- 4.6 miles of trail improved and maintained
- Built 35 trail improvement structures
- Painted 27 signs



OUR CORPSTHAT CREW

BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVE, TEXAS

- 3.1 miles of trail maintenance and trail corridor improved
- 2 acres of land improved and invasive species removed
- 1 interior room painted
- 10 ten-gallon bags of trash collected
- 20 Dragonfly larvae collected
- 6 people received and provided outreach and education
- 50 hours of education provided
- 17 hours of outdoor recreation provided
- 12 hours of leadership development



OUR PARTNER CREW

PENNSYLVANIA OUTDOOR CORPS

- 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 PROGRAMS

2022 EVENTS, COURSES, AND WEBINARS



- MLK Day of Service - Deaf in Service to America Virtual Panel
- Job Spotlight Webinars
- Introduction to Indoor Climbing by Guest Speaker Derek Braun
- Conservation Corps Alumni Virtual Panel
- April ASL Campout with Climb Deaf DC
- Volunteer Day with Gallaudet Students
- Virtual All-Day Outdoor Conference
- Project Contact Training
- Wilderness First Aid Training
- Virtual Biophilia- What does it mean to be Deaf in the Outdoors?
- Deafopia Booth in DC
- Signs of Nature with Montgomery Parks
- Lexington School for the Deaf Stewardship program
- CorpsTHAT's Birthday Hike Meet-Up
- Making Organizations Inclusive: Stories of Deaf Gain in the Outdoors Virtual Webinar
- November ASL Campout Weekend
- Volunteer Day with Montgomery Parks Weed Warriors



ASL COURSES

2022 ONLINE CLASSES

Courses:

- Numbers of courses: 10
- Number of students: 74
- Level of courses provided:
 - ASL 1
 - ASL 2
- Demographics of students
 - Age range of 20-60
 - 21% ASL students in their 20s
 - 40% ASL students in their 30s
 - 27% ASL students above the age of 40

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!

a look back at
SOL FEST 2022
NOV 28TH TO JAN 8TH

TOTAL AMOUNT
RAISED

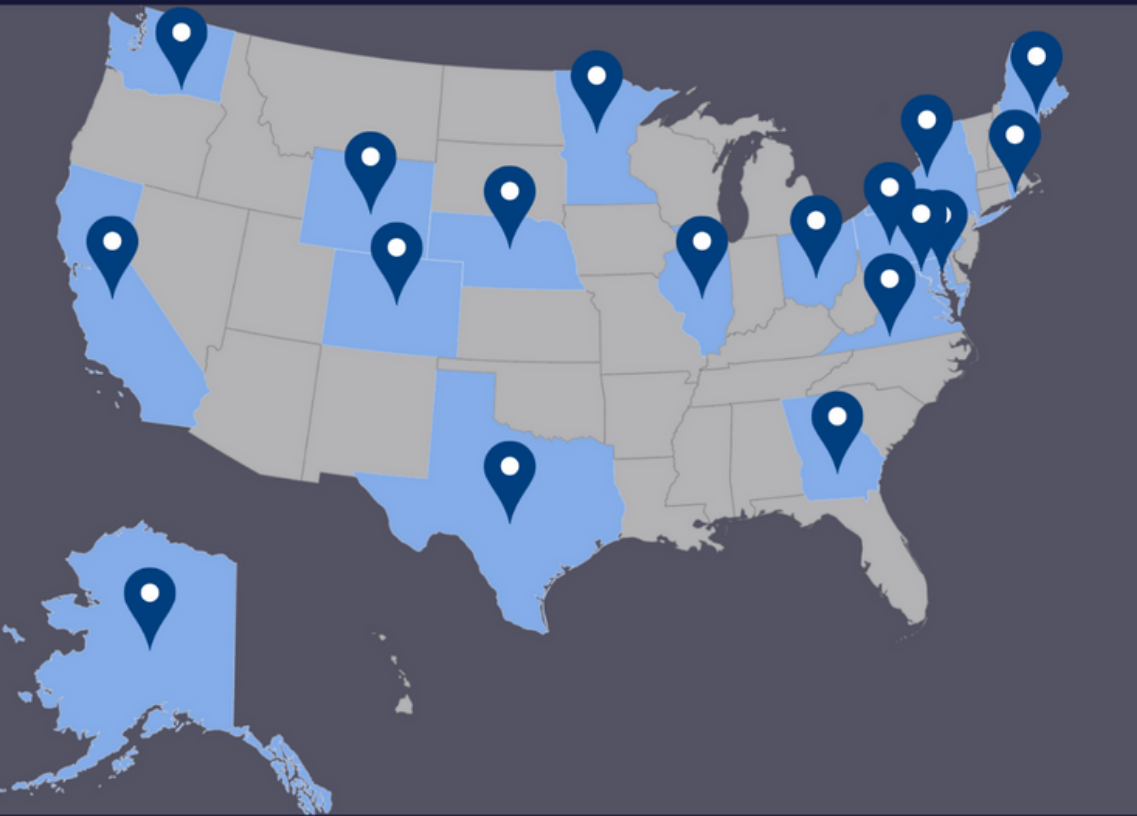
\$20,020

LAST YEAR, WE RAISED \$12,313!
THANKS FOR HELPING US PASS OUR
LAST YEAR'S RECORD!

\$1052

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

WHERE DID OUR
TRAIL-A-THONERS GO?



49

TOTAL NUMBER OF
TRAIL-A-THONERS

9

NUMBER OF
SOL FEST TEAMS

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

SKIING,
TRAIL/BEACH/ROAD
RUNNING,
HIKING, WALKING,
ROAD/MOUNTAIN
BIKING, CAMPING,
BEACH RUNNING,
BOULDERING,
GARDENING,
EXPLORING,
SHOVELING SNOW,
EAGLE-WATCHING,
AND LEARNING IN THE
OUTDOORS!



270

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

105

TOTAL NUMBER OF FRIENDS
WHO SAFELY JOINED US OUTSIDE

DONATIONS

ALLOW US TO:

HIRE 8 DEAF LEADERS AND MEMBERS

PROVIDE 2 WKS OF LEADER TRAINING

HIRE 1 DEAF CORPS COORDINATOR

PROVIDE CREW GEAR AND TRANSPORTATION

SUPPORT TWO PARTNER CREWS IN HIRING 16 DEAF YOUTH

TOTAL MILES OUTSIDE

796.51

MILES

THAT IS EQUAL TO WALKING FROM BALTIMORE, MD TO MILWAUKEE, WI!



SOL FEST SPONSORS

THANK YOU!

TOTAL HOURS OUTSIDE

157.46

HOURS



THANK YOU

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



GRANTS AWARDED TO CORPSTHAT IN 2022

Grants

- REI
- National Forest Foundation
- National Park Foundation
- PeopleForBikes

What was the Grants and Awards Used For?

- Food budget
- Gear supplies
- Transportations
- General programmings

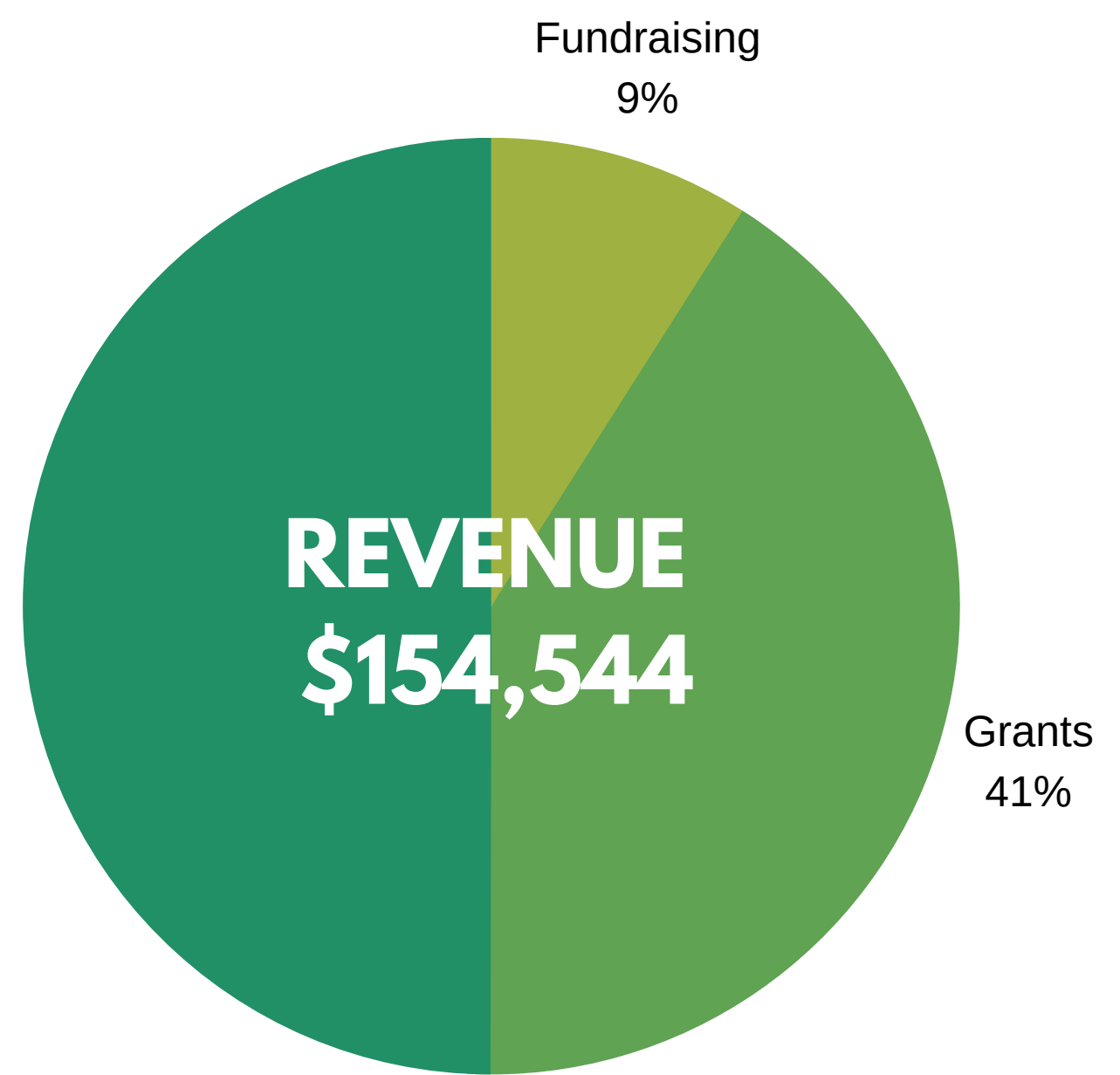
Sol Fest 2022 Sponsors

- Trail-Blazing Interpreters
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Sorenson
- Streetcar 82 Brewing Co.
- Whiskey Whiskers Art
- Access Fund
- NOLS
- Professional Interpreter Exchange
- Montgomery Parks

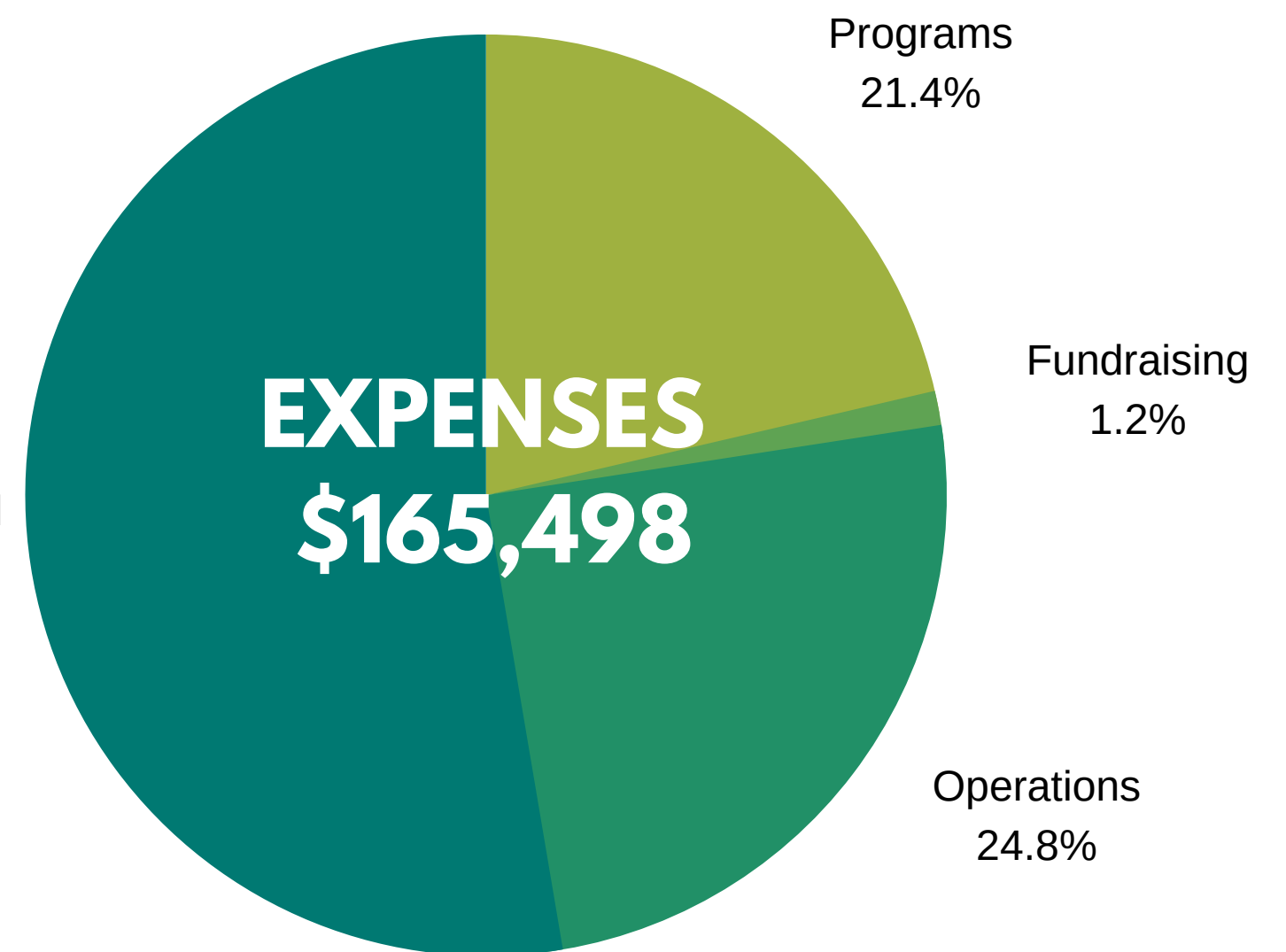
FINANCIAL REPORT

*Some of our program revenue for 2022 was collected in 2023

Program Services
50%



Payroll
52.7%



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2022

All of this was possible because of your support and participation! 2022 was our most active year for providing services to the Deaf Community to date!!

