

# 2022 Annual Report

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# About us

Loop It Up Savannah is a youth arts and educational enrichment organization that brings arts-integrated learning to more than 10,000 young people across the Savannah area each year. Since our inception in 2008 as a children's knitting and crochet class at the West Broad Street YMCA, Loop It Up has grown to include a wide range of programs in partnerships with public schools, community centers, museums, and partner nonprofits with a targeted focus on Title 1 and transformation schools, as well as early learning centers that serve the same demographic.

Our commitment to youth is strong. We believe in meeting children where they are and supporting them to be all they can be in all aspects of their lives. In April 2015, Loop It Up Savannah became an independent nonprofit organization, which enabled a greater ability to foster creative partnerships throughout our local communities and beyond.



# Vision And Mission

## Vision

Loop It Up believes in an empowered Savannah through creativity, kindness, and love.

## Mission

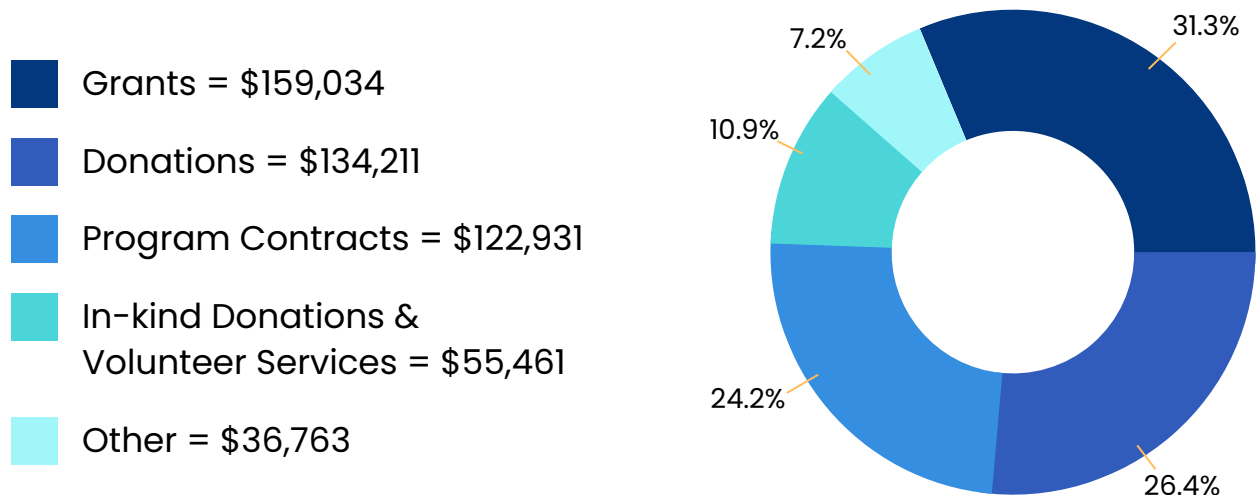
Loop It Up Savannah collaborates with schools and community partners to offer original arts-integrated programming designed to foster personal well-being, creative problem solving, and academic success among the young people of Savannah.



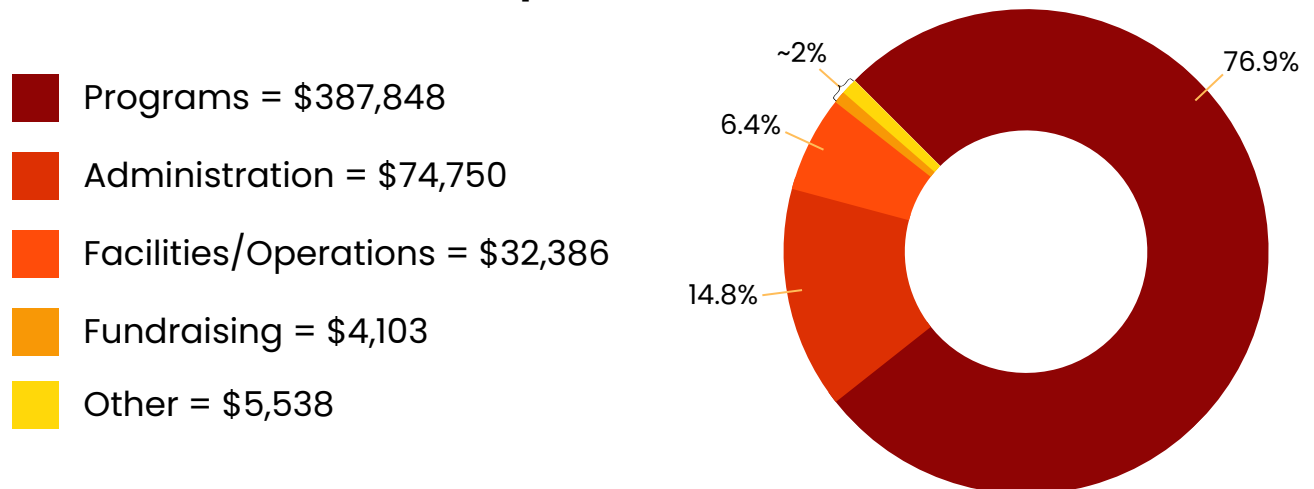
# Fundraising & Budget

In 2022, Loop It Up had a total revenue of \$508,400, which is an increase of nearly 30% from the previous year revenue of \$393,224. This is attributed to a significant increase in total donations and grant funding. To meet our growing needs, we raised our Annual Campaign goal from \$50,000 in 2021 to \$75,000 in 2022 -- and exceeded that goal by nearly \$10,000.

## Total Revenue: \$508,400



## Total Expenses: \$504,625



# Grants & Program Contracts

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**ArtsNow Inc.**

**Bank of America**

**City of Savannah - Department of Cultural Affairs**

**City of Savannah - Department of Human Services**

**Colleton County School System**

**Downtown Neighborhood Association**

**FHI Partners**

**Georgia Council for the Arts**

**Gulfstream Aero Corporation**

**One Hundred Children's Foundation**

**Resilient Georgia**

**Savannah Chatham County Public School System**

**Savannah Community Foundation: Emerging Leaders Committee**

**Savannah Community Foundation: Louisa Porter Aid Society**

**Savannah Country Day School**

**Savannah Philanthropic Partners**

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church Thrift Store**

**United Way of the Coastal Empire**

# Year in Review

## Mindfulness Zone

In 2022, the Mindfulness Zone program continued to develop and expand and currently happens on a daily or weekly basis in seven schools in Chatham County, as well as one school in Colleton County, S.C.

Some accomplishments in 2022 include:

- Adding 6 new in-school Mindfulness Zones, bring us to a total of 9 across Chatham County
- Implementing daily Mindfulness programming at 3 schools with more than 1,600 students
- Piloting our "Mindfulness Zone for Early Learners" program at 10 sites across Chatham and Effingham counties.

## Looping Literacy Together

Reading and literacy skills continued to be enhanced with art and creative expression in 47 classrooms of Pre-K, kindergarten, and first-grade students throughout the county on a weekly basis. As part of the Looping Literacy Together program, we provided roughly 2,000 books to kindergarten and first-grade students through our signature Book Box Project. This project includes a wooden crate for students to decorate and then fill with age-appropriate books (from community donations) to take home as their own personal library.



# Year in Review

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## STEAM Dream

Our STEAM Dream program is a wide array of project-based learning that gives students the chance to dream, design, create and building using their science and math skills. STEAM Dream includes our school garden initiative, in which Loop It Up helped build and support the ongoing use of 9 school gardens in 2022.

Loop It Up also partnered with 4 schools on STEAM Day events while those schools pursued STEAM certification through the Georgia Department of Education.

## After School

Loop It Up remains a proud partner with Savannah Chatham Public School System's 21st Century Program to provide after school enrichment programming at 24 Title 1 public schools across Chatham County.



# Year in Review

## Volunteer Partnerships

Loop It Up Savannah relies on a vast network of volunteers to help us further our mission in serving the students of Chatham County and beyond. In 2022, we received about \$55,000 worth of in-kind donations and volunteer service hours.

Each year, we partner with local businesses, as well as civic and religious organizations, that provide groups of volunteers to assist with an array of activities. These volunteer opportunities include everything from building garden boxes, to reading to students in classrooms, to assisting with art projects, to preparing supplies and materials for curriculum units, and more.





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