



THE BIXBY FOUNDATION

THE PASTOR JANET NOBLE-RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
REMEMBERING JANET

Annual Report 2016

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On behalf of The Bixby Foundation, I'm pleased to share our history and introduce you to our organization by way of this annual report. It explains our motivation, lists our objectives, points out the three facets of our structure, and summarizes the way we manage our finances. Our tax return itself, Form 990-PF and supporting documents, is publicly available for viewing after it is filed with the Internal Revenue Service each year.

My husband Greg and I have spent many years thinking about God's purpose for our lives. He plants ideas in us and gives us the means to honor Him through our charitable giving of time and financial resources. Much of our attention is focused on expanding the legacy of our former pastor, a friend who died in a car accident in 2006.

Pastor Janet influenced our faith more than anyone else we have met, and Greg and I are just two of many who feel this way. Those who had the privilege of knowing Janet understood how she was blessed with radiance. She had such a close relationship with Christ that we could see her joy. Janet wanted others to nurture their love for Him as well. She inspired relationships with Christ.

A decade after Janet's death, Greg and I decided to turn grief into determination. Our daughter Katrina joined us in establishing The Bixby Foundation, incorporated in May 2016. Our overall mission is to promote Christian love, and our main emphasis is on supporting the education of Christian leaders who are preparing for a life of ministry . . . wherever Christ may lead them.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To inspire relationships with Christ through charitable efforts
- To provide scholarships for Christian ministry students
- To commemorate the life of Reverend Doctor Janet Noble-Richardson

Our nonprofit corporation has three identities—**The Bixby Foundation**; **The Pastor Janet Noble-Richardson Memorial Scholarship**; and **Remembering Janet**—but we are all one, and the same, entity. The names are legally interchangeable. Using each one to represent a different function of our activities makes it easier for us to manage our internal practices and external public presence.

As founders, Greg and I are committed to annually funding our 501 (c)(3) organization. We keep track of these personal donations via The Bixby Foundation. Our contributions first cover all operating expenses that are associated with the organization and the remainder is used to support a variety of Christian endeavors, which includes providing funding to Christian ministry students through our scholarship program, The Pastor Janet Noble-Richardson Memorial Scholarship.



Without our prompting, several other donors have generously supported The Pastor Janet Noble-Richardson Memorial Scholarship. It's humbling to know that these friends and family acted out of love and trust. At a time when we were developing and fine-tuning our plans, they placed their faith in our ability to find, screen, and select ministry students for scholarships. We can't ever thank our supporters enough for the confidence they place in us.

This inaugural year, two Spring Arbor University students—Shyanne Savage and Quinn Colvin—each received a \$2,000 scholarship.

For Shyanne, the award came at just the right time. As a Sophomore, she was given the opportunity and financial incentive to participate in track and field at SAU. Avidly relying upon prayer and God's direction in her life, she recognizes that sometimes God leads His people toward a specific situation and sometimes He pulls them away. So shortly into her fall semester, she felt guided by Him to forgo her sports scholarship and step out of her role as a Jaguar team member. She wasn't sure how the financial void would be filled. But of course, we too were being led. Because financial need is not one of our criteria for scholarship, we had no idea of Shyanne's change in financial circumstances. I'm convinced that God was at work matching us with this outgoing Camping Ministry student.



Shyanne Savage and Quinn Colvin earned our admiration through their thoughtful essays and expressions of love for others.

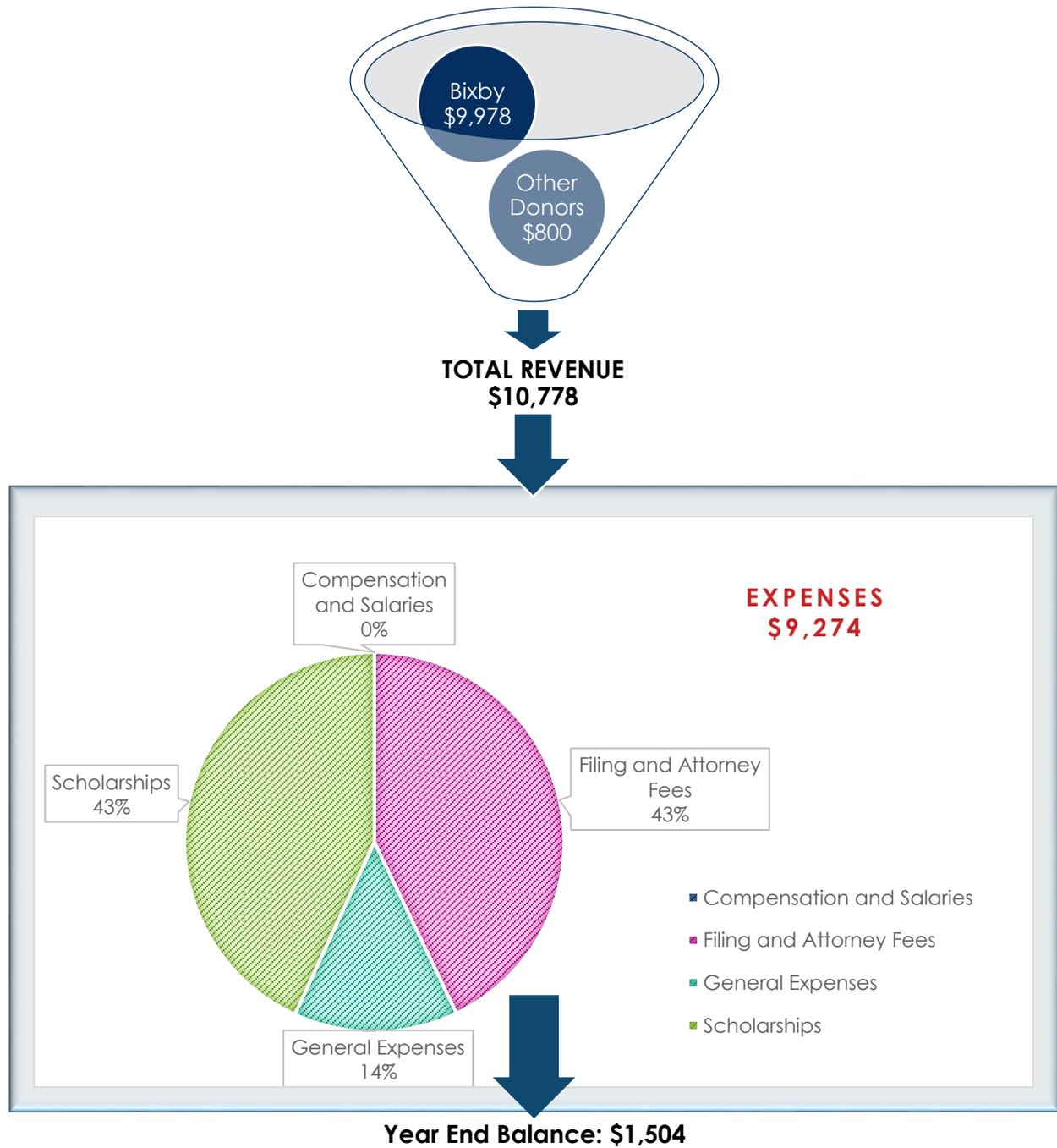
From the time we first met Quinn on paper—during the application process—to our award luncheon where we met her in person, it was obvious that God is central in her life. An integral part of her relationship with Christ is that she relies upon her faith to help her through difficult situations. Her dreams for the future include instilling a similar sense of hope in troubled teens by tending to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Focused on Youth Ministry, Quinn is already representing Christ to others. She does what many neglect to do. For instance, she makes time to rest on Sabbath. Her mature way of thinking and behaving impresses board members and reminds us of our own need to improve in this area.

“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” (Daniel 12:3 NIV)

Financial Summary 2016

Fiscal Year Ending December 31

*Our donors are important to us.
We believe they should know exactly how their money is used.*



\$3,977 was for non-recurring costs (filing and attorney fees) associated with incorporating.

Board members and advisors are unpaid volunteers.

We make sure that 100% of independent donations reach scholarship recipients. We achieve this by designating all donations, other than our own, solely to The Pastor Janet Noble-Richardson Memorial Scholarship. Additionally, The Bixby Foundation covers all operating and administrative expenses, including PayPal fees associated with online contributions. As a result, we're able to guarantee that donors' money will directly benefit scholars like Shyanne and Quinn.

Blessed in being able to offer this assurance, we invite you to partner with us in making disciples for Christ. We graciously accept donations through our website, www.rememberingjanet.com. We publish inspiring stories and post our latest news there too, so please visit even if your prayerful consideration doesn't lead you to donate . . . we hope you'll find something of personal interest and enjoy our perspectives. You can find us on Facebook as well. Just search for [@RememberingJanet](https://www.facebook.com/RememberingJanet).

In 2017, we anticipate a year of growth in several areas:

- Outreach. By sharing positive and loving messages through various social media outlets, we hope to encourage people throughout the world.
- Funding and support. Through increased marketing efforts, we look forward to maintaining the confidence of existing donors and gaining trust from new ones.
- The number of Pastor Janet scholars. We will again provide scholarships to qualified individuals who are eager to help others understand the gospel of Jesus.

In closing, we want you to know that Greg, Katrina, and I are thankful to work alongside four other members who complete our advisory team—Linda Houghtby, Tom Noble, Margie Ruppert, and Wendy Himebaugh. Their enthusiasm, knowledge, and guidance are deeply appreciated and directly impacts our foundation's success.

Peace and joy,



Kelly Bixby
Cofounder
The Bixby Foundation

inspired by One to influence many