

THE BIXBY FOUNDATION

THE PASTOR JANET NOBLE-RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

REMEMBERING JANET



Annual Report 2017

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In attending just one worship service led by Pastor Janet eighteen years ago, my husband Greg and I knew we had found the right pastor—one who would help us grow in our faith.

What initially impressed me about Janet was that she knew the people in her congregation. In a full sanctuary with about a hundred and fifty congregants, Janet asked to hear their prayers and concerns. Then she looked throughout the room at whomever had raised their hand and she called upon each person by first name. At the time, her instant recall was what stood out to me. In weeks to come, however, I became aware that Janet didn't just recognize people. Her familiarity went much deeper.

Janet had a genuine connection to her church family. She remembered things about their health and habits, their extended families, their jobs, hopes, and needs. She simply paid attention to people and built relationships with them.

But knowing Christ was most important to her. She spoke to Him during morning devotions and daily prayer. She opened the Bible, studied, and learned to hear God's voice. She worshipped Him in private and in public and spent her earthly life teaching others how to develop and deepen their own faith in Jesus.

Through **Pastor Janet Noble-Richardson Memorial Scholarship** recipients, Janet's legacy continues. Each of the ministry students we select for an award are dedicated to presenting the gospel of Christ in their own unique ways.

In August 2017 with combined contributions from generous donors, we were able to award \$2,000 each to Spring Arbor University students: **Quinn Colvin, Shyanne Savage, and Riley Weaver**; and to Concordia University students: **Amanda Ressler, and Nora Scabel**.

Diverse interests and varied talents abound in these women. In each, however, we see traits like the ones Janet possessed. Our scholarship recipients passionately learn about and grow in their faith. They gracefully and candidly serve others. They know Christ personally and help foster the most important relationship there is—*knowing* Jesus.

These are His words from Matthew 28:19-20:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Greg and I deeply appreciate everyone who works towards this goal and we especially thank our growing number of donors. Your interest and actions validate how you feel about God's directive. Together, we'll continue to influence people throughout the world to fall in love with Jesus.

THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS

These ministry students, committed to leading others to Christ, are impacting the world one relationship at a time. It's our privilege to befriend, pray for, and support these servants of Christ.

"The Lord has placed an undeniable call upon my heart to serve inner city youth who are in desperate need of love, care, compassion, and—above all else—the incredible good news of the Gospel message . . . The Spirit has been moving in my heart and convicting me."

Quinn Colvin

SERVE



LEARN

"I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to serve others and spread the gospel of Christ . . . I am earning a degree that can take me all over the world. And I am gaining a very in-depth understanding of the Bible, learning new and effective ways of communication, and bringing families the love of Christ."

Mandi Ressler



"I crave to use my life as a testimony to God's greatness. So as God and I dream together, there are so many places I could go after college, but right now I am loving where I am and praying God uses me here . . . If I am confident of one thing, it is that my life is and shall remain a ministry to all I encounter. That is my hope and prayer."

Shyanne Savage

PRAY

LOVE

"With my relationship with God, I feel the need to help youth through their trials and be the voice that helps them through their pain . . . I pursued ministry because I love being able to point students to Christ and take part in the journey God has designed for them. Seeing the love of Christ in action by radiating through a room of young people always leaves me in awe."

Riley Weaver

SHARE

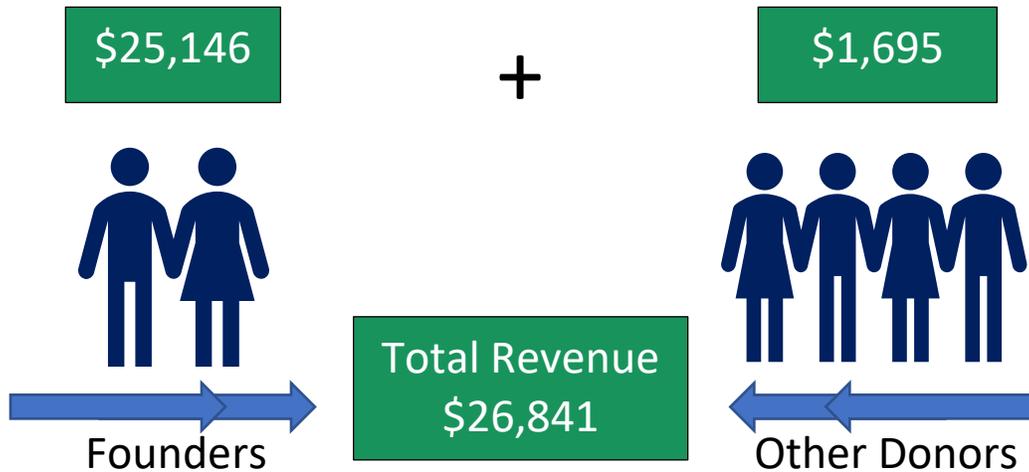


"As Christians, we are commanded to share the Gospel and Jesus Christ with people we come in contact and form relationships . . . I hope to help develop ways to bring different generational age groups together, such as by promoting activities for children and seniors to do together and grow with one another."

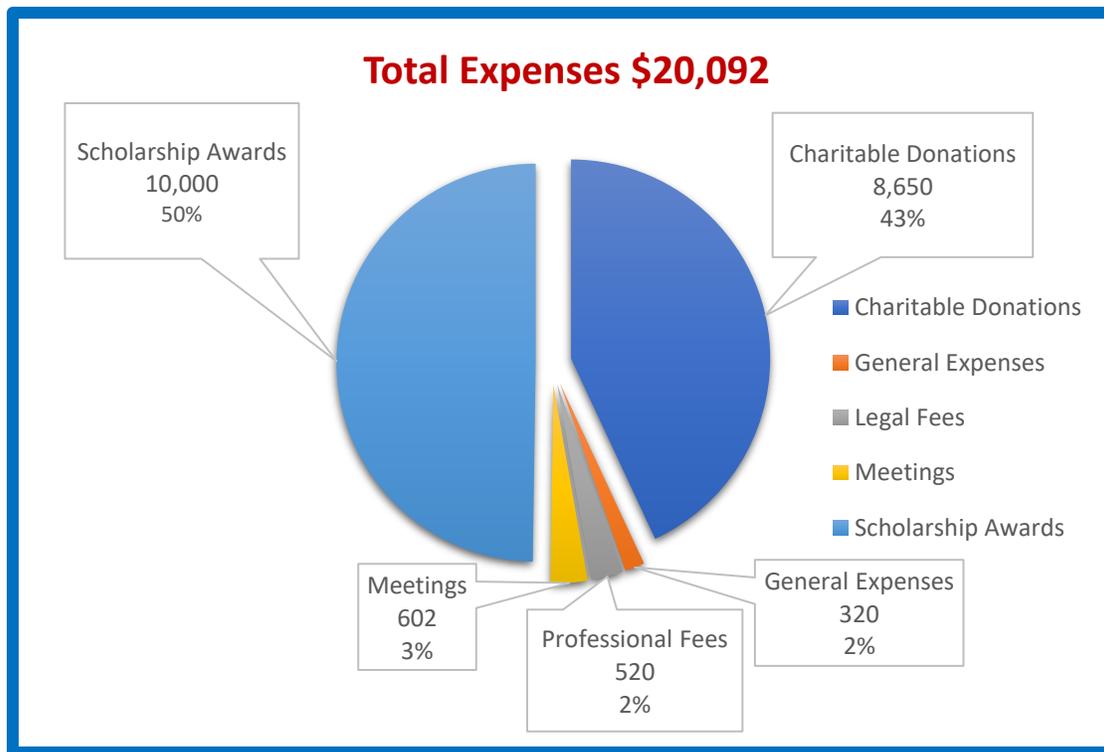
Nora Scahel

Financial Summary 2017

Year Ending December 31



With start-up costs behind us, legal expenses for 2017 were much lower. That result, coupled with an increase in revenue, allowed us to expand our reach by providing donations to other nonprofit charities in addition to awarding five \$2,000 scholarships.



**WE CONTINUE OUR PROMISE:
100% OF OUTSIDE DONATIONS DIRECTLY BENEFIT SCHOLARS**

How we're able to offer this assurance:

- Donations taken in from anyone other than our founders are allocated entirely for The Pastor Janet Noble-Richardson Memorial Scholarships.
- Founders' personal annual giving pays all expenses and fees associated with the foundation.
- Board and Advisory Team Members are all volunteers, so expenses are low.

My family and I hope you agree that we're uniquely transparent and responsible stewards.

We have a defined process for the scholarship application, review, and selection process, and we're guided by the wisdom, commitment, and love of our Advisory Team—Linda Houghtby, Tom Noble, Margie Ruppert, and Rev. Dr. Steve Schafer.

Greg, Katrina, and I are thankful for their friendship, encouragement, and passion in working for God's glory.

If you'd like to learn more, please visit www.rememberingjanet.com where you can read our [blog](#), [subscribe](#) to our latest news, and even [donate](#) through a secure PayPal link. Alternatively, checks may be made payable to *LPL Financial*. Just add *Remembering Janet* to the memo line and mail to 31731 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 151 W., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

We would be thrilled if you would join our dearest friends and loved ones by partnering with us in making disciples for Christ. After all, that's what we're commanded to do.

Peace and joy,



Kelly Bixby
Cofounder
The Bixby Foundation

inspired by One to influence many