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COVID-19 has devastated so many lives. Each of us is struggling to a lesser or greater degree, in our own way. But for the thousands of children in government systems, the crisis has amplified the burdens they already faced.

As the pandemic continues and the economy worsens, children whose families were already on the edge are facing increased poverty, poorer health outcomes, food and housing insecurity, and disrupted educations.

This year has also laid bare the inherent racism and discrimination against Black and LGBTQ families and children in our state foster care and juvenile justice systems.

At this important and transformative moment, Children’s Rights brings 25 years of experience in protecting children and bringing them hope.

2019 seems like a lifetime ago. In that year, our voice was loud in decrying practices that inflict harm on immigrant children.

- We won a precedent-setting case in **Missouri** that will stop the dangerous practice of giving children powerful psychotropic drugs without proper oversight and monitoring.
- In **South Carolina** our legal victory ends the practice of moving children night to night to hotels, offices, shelters or overcrowded foster homes.
- Our **Tennessee** case officially closed in 2019; it turned one of the worst foster care systems into a model for the nation.
- We launched a **national coalition** to oppose discriminatory laws and policies that would reduce the number of foster homes available to children on the basis of religious freedom.

And today, in spite of the challenges the pandemic is posing for all of us, Children’s Rights has continued to fight to protect kids. Within days of grasping the severity of the crisis Children’s Rights began to establish a national triage movement. States have adopted our recommended protocols and contingencies for protecting the health and wellbeing of kids in high-risk environments such as group homes and juvenile justice facilities, and for youth aging out of foster care. We are lifting up concerns as we probe and hear of more problems, and putting pressure on governments and officials to address them.

In 2020, Children’s Rights was awarded a grant to study and recommend reforms that can advance racial equality by ending practices in the nation’s child abuse and neglect surveillance, investigation, and removal systems that reinforce structural racism, criminalize poverty and tear apart families of color.

And our litigation work has gone on unabated against states that mistreat children in their care. In the last few months legal victories in Iowa and Kansas will make life better for over 7,000 children in foster and juvenile justice systems.

This is a difficult time for you, for me, for all of us. But if there ever was a time to join together, the time is now. Let’s fight to protect children’s rights so they can see a brighter tomorrow. We all need a little hope.

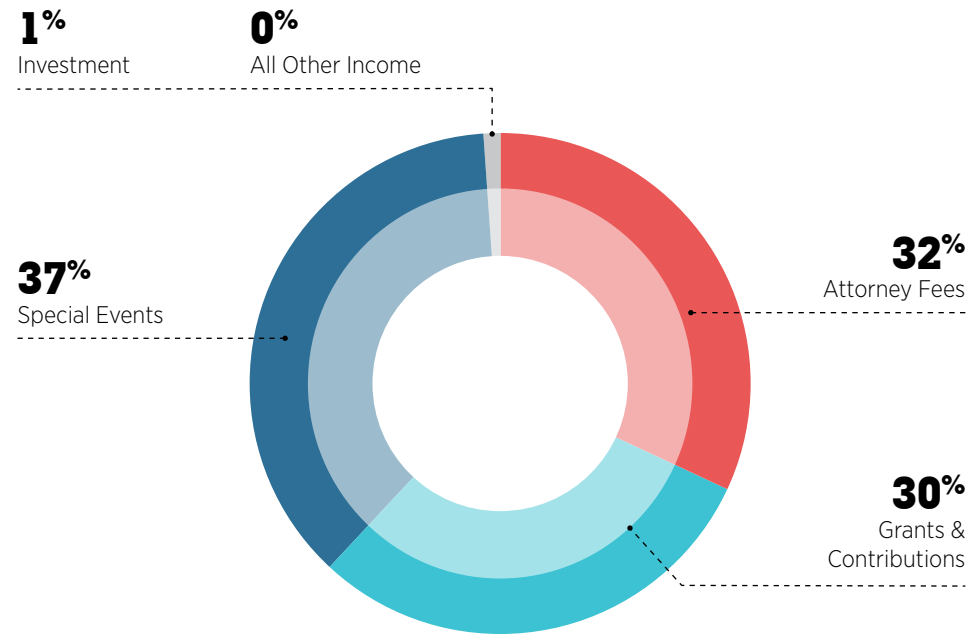
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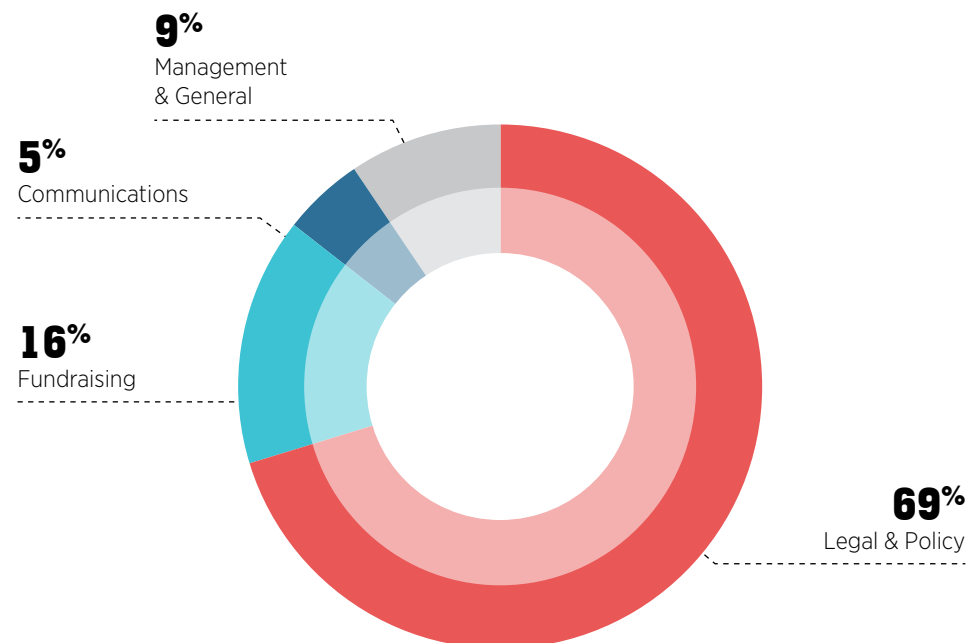
Sandy Santana
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Statement of Activities Year ended December 31, 2019

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Attorneys' Fees	1,321,0562		1,321,562
Contributions	951,242	315,000	1,266,242
Special Events	1,525,451		1,525,451
Investment Income	27,145		27,145
In-Kind Donations	11,800		11,800
Other Income	8,680		8,680
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	342,099	(342,099)	—
Total Public Support and Revenue:	4,187,979	(27,099)	4,160,880

EXPENSES:		
Legal	3,763,039	3,763,039
Policy	217,475	217,475
Communications	313,111	313,111
Management and General	521,071	521,071
Fundraising	948,438	948,438
Total Expenses:	5,763,134	5,763,134

Change in Net Assets	(2,614,148)	(27,099)	(2,641,247)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	4,334,481	46,427	4,380,908
Net Assets - End of Year	1,720,333	19,328	1,739,661



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