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# Protecting Kids. Providing Hope. Getting Results.

2020 was traumatic for all of us, but especially for children. The pandemic took an enormous toll as families were forced to navigate what the crisis means for their psychological and emotional health, educations and futures. The impact was even more severe among children in government systems, and amplified the struggles they already faced. But thanks to the support of our donors and partners, Children's Rights was able to rapidly respond to the impact of COVID and, through strategic advocacy and legal action, continue to work to keep kids safe and healthy.

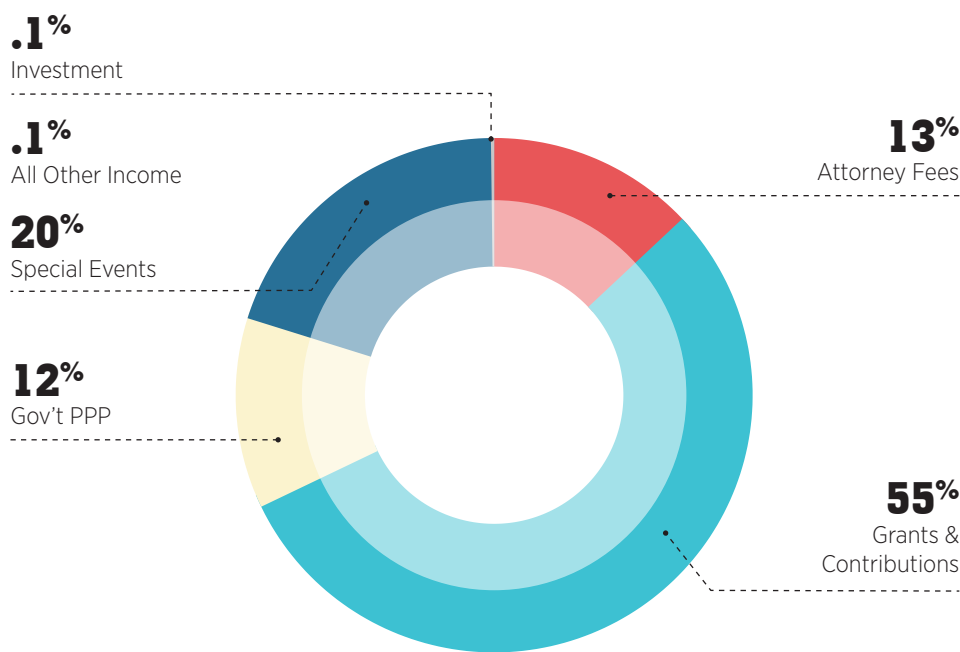
Children's Rights is pleased to share key highlights from our year:

- Within weeks of the advent of COVID-19, Children's Rights partnered with other advocates and government officials to draft recommendations to protect older youth. States **adopted our guidelines** to make extended foster care services available for older youth at risk of homelessness and hunger and to support older foster youth and to put a moratorium on youth aging out.
- After we learned of the growing number of positive COVID-19 cases in group settings, Children's Rights spearheaded a national movement calling for policy change to **remove youth from crowded, dangerous facilities and place them in family settings**.
- Children's Rights continued to **expose the egregious treatment of youth in group homes and facilities**, and to advocate for children to be removed from facilities and placed with their families or in family settings.
- In Iowa, a federal judge ordered sweeping reforms, **banishing the use of a cruel restraining device and solitary confinement** for students housed in the Boys State Training School. Because of this victory, the school administrators must provide appropriate mental health services to youth in state custody.
- We shared a **new resource** highlighting how the discrimination, institutionalization, and abuse that LGBTQ+ youth already face is exacerbated by COVID-19. The report lifts up the voices of youth and offers solutions to protect them.
- In Georgia, Children's Rights continued its legal fight for the right of every child to receive an education. Officials granted preliminary approval to **provide special education services for hundreds of incarcerated youth** in one of the largest county jail system in the U.S.
- We filed an urgent new case in Ohio calling on the state to provide **equal financial support to the 4,500 children**—24% whom are Black children—living with relative foster parents.
- Through education and advocacy, our **Interfaith Coalition for Children's Rights** raised awareness for a wave of government policies that use religious freedom to enshrine a "license to discriminate," harming LGBTQ+ children and families.
- We filed an **amicus brief** in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia* on behalf of the children who would be harmed if the Supreme Court upheld the position that a local government-contracted foster care agency has a constitutional right to refuse prospective families based solely on religious objections.
- In recognition for our groundbreaking victory in Missouri to end the common practice of administering powerful psychotropic medications to kids as young as 5 or 6, Children's Rights **received the Impact Fund's 2020 Hero Award**.
- We continued to monitor the implementation of reforms in five states: **South Carolina, Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Texas**.

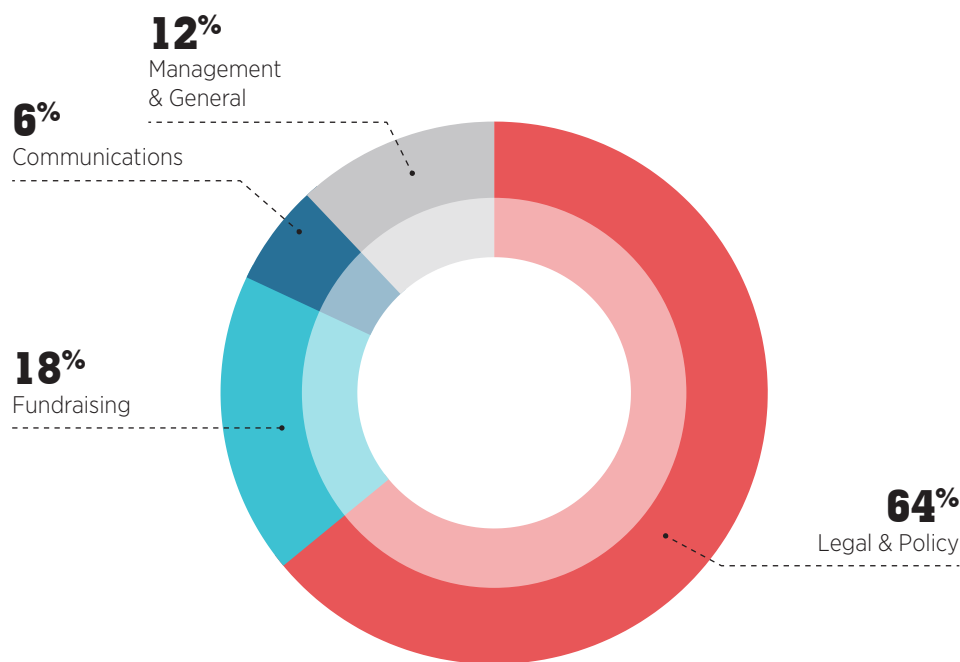
Children's Rights fights for systemic change in child welfare. And we win. Donor support ensures that we can keep on winning for generations to come.

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## SOURCE OF FUNDS



## USE OF FUNDS



# 2020 FINANCES

## Statement of Activities Year ended December 31, 2020

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Attorneys' Fees	769,351		769,351
Contributions	1,115,997	2,132,990	3,248,987
Government Grant - Paycheck Protection Program	739,700		739,700
Special Events	1,157,618		1,157,618
Investment Income	8,470		8,470
In-Kind Donations	6,000		6,000
Other Income	1,194		1,194
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	858,830	(858,830)	—
<b>Total Public Support and Revenue:</b>	<b>4,657,160</b>	<b>(1,274,160)</b>	<b>5,931,320</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Legal	3,771,403		3,771,403
Policy	225,479		225,479
Communications	345,384		345,384
Management and General	761,073		761,073
Fundraising	1,130,307		1,130,307
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>6,233,646</b>		<b>6,233,646</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(1,576,486)</b>	<b>(1,274,160)</b>	<b>(302,326)</b>
<b>Net Assets – Beginning of Year</b>	<b>318,321</b>	<b>389,849</b>	<b>708,170</b>
<b>Net Assets – End of Year</b>	<b>1,258,165</b>	<b>1,664,009</b>	<b>405,844</b>



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