

CaLiCo
Youth Services



Annual Report
2019-20

ABOUT CaLiCo YOUTH SERVICES

Calico Youth Services creates long-term relationships between students and mentors. Our students are connected to multiple mentors. Our mentors support the students on multiple levels, including academic, social, and career. We hope to connect our students to a variety of opportunities, and open up future avenues that were previously inaccessible to them. We believe that building these relationships will in turn enrich the lives of the mentors, and strengthen the fabric of our society by giving them a window into the life of people who they may never have connected with otherwise.

Inspired by the model of the non-profit “Thread” based in Baltimore, we aim to provide each student with a virtual family. Mentors ensure that the student receives at least two interactions (at least one being in person) per week.

While mentors provide regular academic support, we have found that building close relationships is the key to success in life.

Our mentors do not work in isolation. We think of ourselves as a family and provide support to each other through the process.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

February 2019 **CALICO INCORPORATES**

After exploring many options for being a project for an existing non-profit, we finally filed the paperwork to become an independent company.

August 2019 **501c(3) STATUS**

We were granted non-profit status by the Federal Government.

August 2019 **MOU SIGNED WITH REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Redwood City School District agreed to refer us to students in need at Kennedy Middle School.

September 2019 **MENTORING BEGINS WITH ONE STUDENT**

Our first mentor begins meeting with an 8th grade student.

November 2019 **TRAINING THE FIRST COHORT OF MENTORS**

We held sessions to train our volunteer mentors on how to be a mentor.

January 2020 **SIGNING ON THE FIRST SET OF FAMILIES**

The first set of families, some from Kennedy Middle School, and some from a church in Redwood City, signed the paperwork to entrust their students to our mentoring.

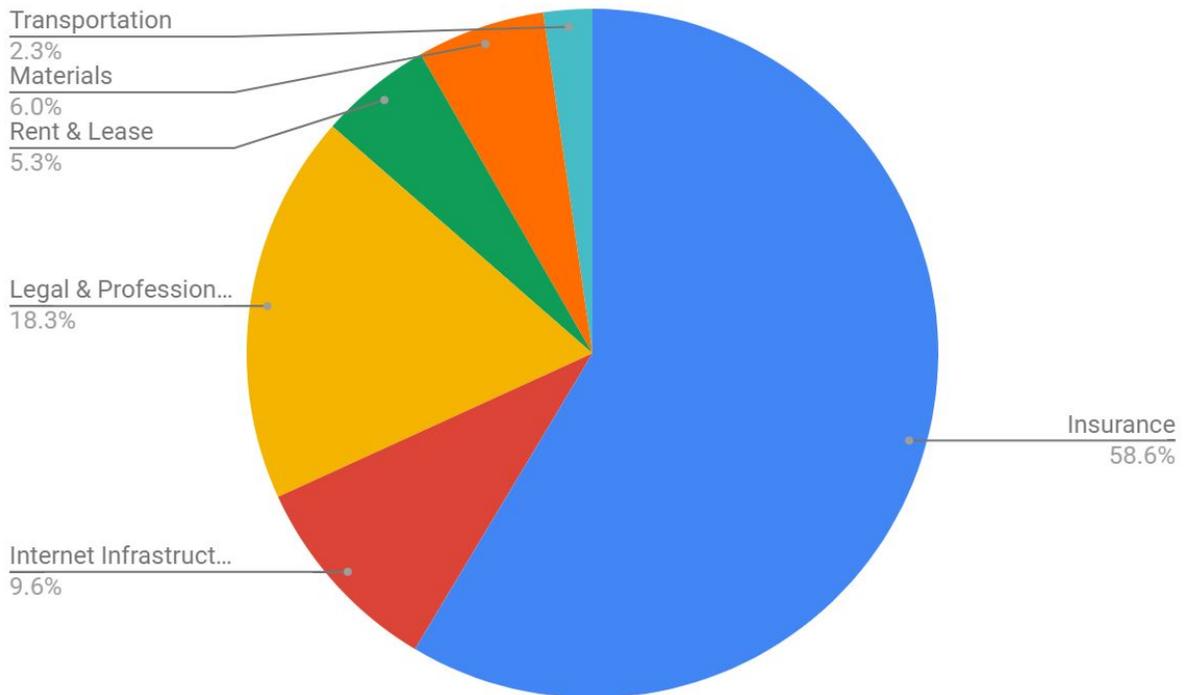
FINANCIALS

REVENUE

Our operating revenue for FY2019-20 was \$15,000, from donations. We also received in-kind donations of 18 iPads, which we are in the process of distributing to our students.

EXPENDITURE

Our expenses were 25% of our operating revenue, with the largest chunk being insurance, followed by legal and professional fees for setting up the organization.



LOOKING AHEAD

The COVID-19 crisis unexpectedly put a stop to our in-person services, and it has forced us to devise a set of tools and a strategy for distance learning. In the year 2020-21, we expect to provide each of our students with a tablet, internet access, and a set of tools for remote learning. We hope that once in place, it will actually be easier for our mentors to check in with our students. In this time, we expect that our services are even more essential, as many of our students are in danger of being left behind academically.