

# **SURFING THROUGH THE WAVES OF 2020**

**A YEAR IN REVIEW  
ANNUAL REPORT**



**ROUNDHOUSE AQUARIUM  
TEACHING CENTER**

MANAGED BY OCEANOGRAPHIC TEACHING STATIONS, INC.

**THE HEALTH OF OUR PLANET DEPENDS ON A  
HEALTHY OCEAN, AND IT IS PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO  
UNDERSTAND ALL THAT IT OFFERS THE WORLD.**



More than ever, your loyal support and friendship allowed the Oceanographic Teaching Stations, Inc. (OTS) to navigate the extraordinary circumstances of 2020. We are filled with gratitude to you for your kindness and invite you to celebrate the ocean and the incredible strides made in ensuring a global community that appreciates the importance of marine habitats.

*Thank you!*



# NEW VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES AND LEARNING PROGRAMS ABOUT THE WONDERS OF THE OCEAN



97% of students  
served were in K-12  
grades from around  
the world!





Your kind gifts of talent, time and treasure educated more than 25,000 students from around the world!

Consistent with OTS' Education Equity policy, priority was given to serving schools that had low-income student populations of 50% or more.



# LIFE AT THE AQUARIUM FLOURISHES

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Your generosity and loyal support ensured the health, safety and daily care of the marine animals at the Roundhouse Aquarium, providing interactive distance learning and educational exhibits for people of all ages to learn about the awe-inspiring ocean. In 2020, all exhibits were featured in virtual programs broadcasted across the globe!





# INSPIRING CURIOUS MINDS AND COMMUNITY WORK

Your generous donations helped spark interest and compassion for the environment through the Roundhouse Aquarium Volunteer Program and youth enrichment initiatives like the Science-Adapted Leadership Program for Students (SALPS), stirring both high school and college level students to participate in community science and service learning.

Volunteers and youth have dedicated 3,500 hours to help carry out our mission.



"I learned a lot from SALPS.  
The experience helped me  
hone my skills in scientific  
research, public speaking  
and teamwork."

-Mia, SALPS Student





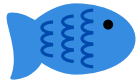
# OUR BREATHTAKING OCEAN NEIGHBORS



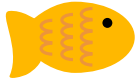
The deep blue sea is an incredible ecosystem, and it takes a village to care for it. As an ocean advocate, your support enables a healthy environment for majestic wild animals to thrive just off the pier and throughout the Santa Monica Bay.



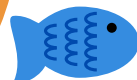
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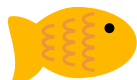
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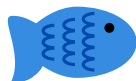
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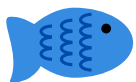
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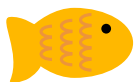
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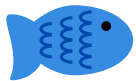
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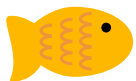
COMMUNITY SCIENCE



SCIENCE-ADAPTED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM  
FOR STUDENTS (SALPS)



HANDS-ON SCIENCE ACTIVITIES



IMMERSIVE FIELD LABS



# YOUR INVESTMENT AT WORK

Served more than  
25,000 K-college  
students virtually



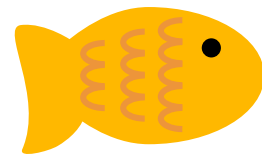
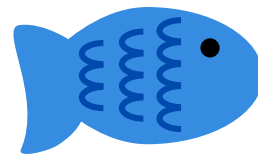
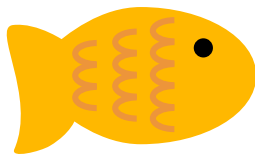
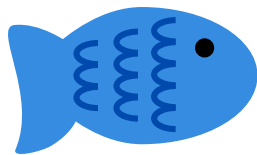
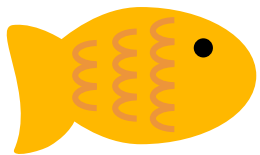
Welcomed 48,000  
visitors from around  
the world



Educated 21,000  
low-income students



Instructed 450  
students from  
India virtually



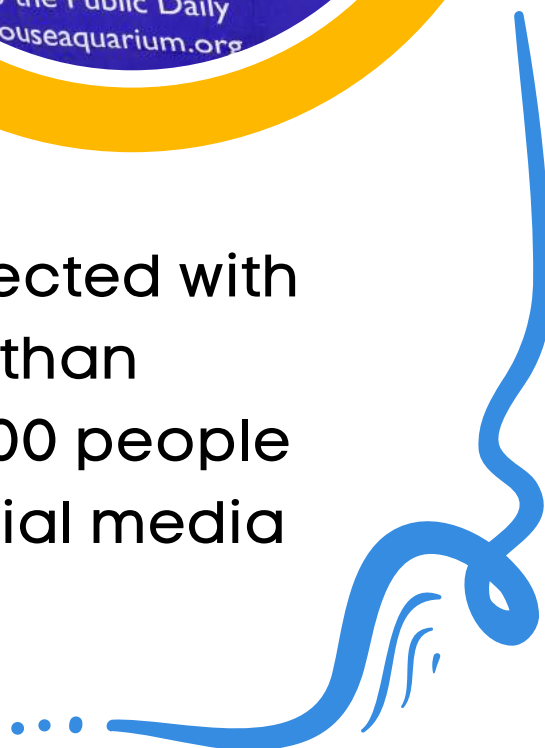
Managed 3,500  
service learning hours

Engaged 144 youth  
volunteers

12 SALPS community  
scientists



Connected with  
more than  
700,000 people  
in social media

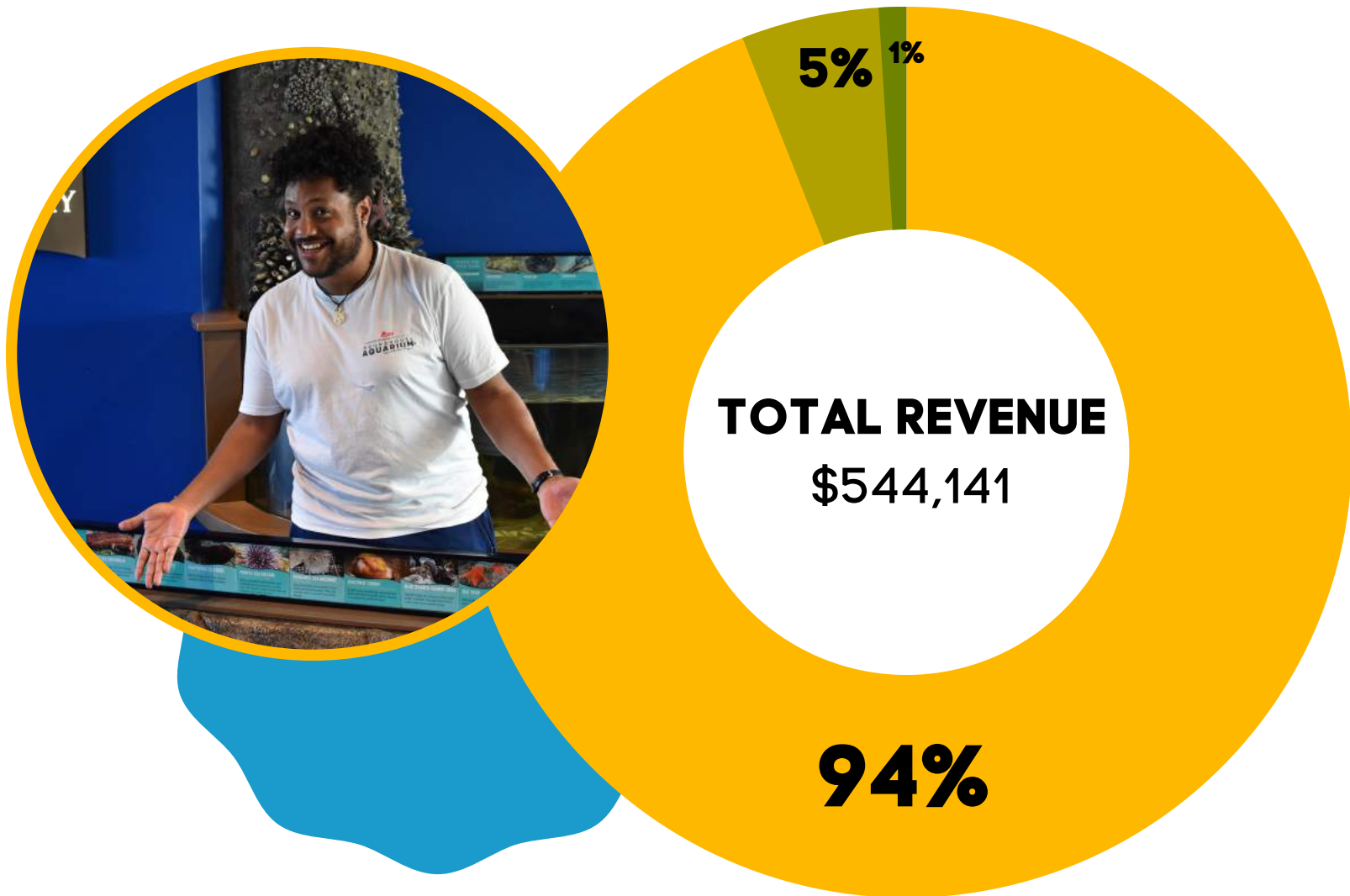




# 2020 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2019-AUGUST 2020

2020 was an extraordinary year that challenged all of us to carry out our mission differently.



**GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND INDIVIDUAL GIFTS**  
\$508,232



**PROGRAM SERVICES**  
\$30,126



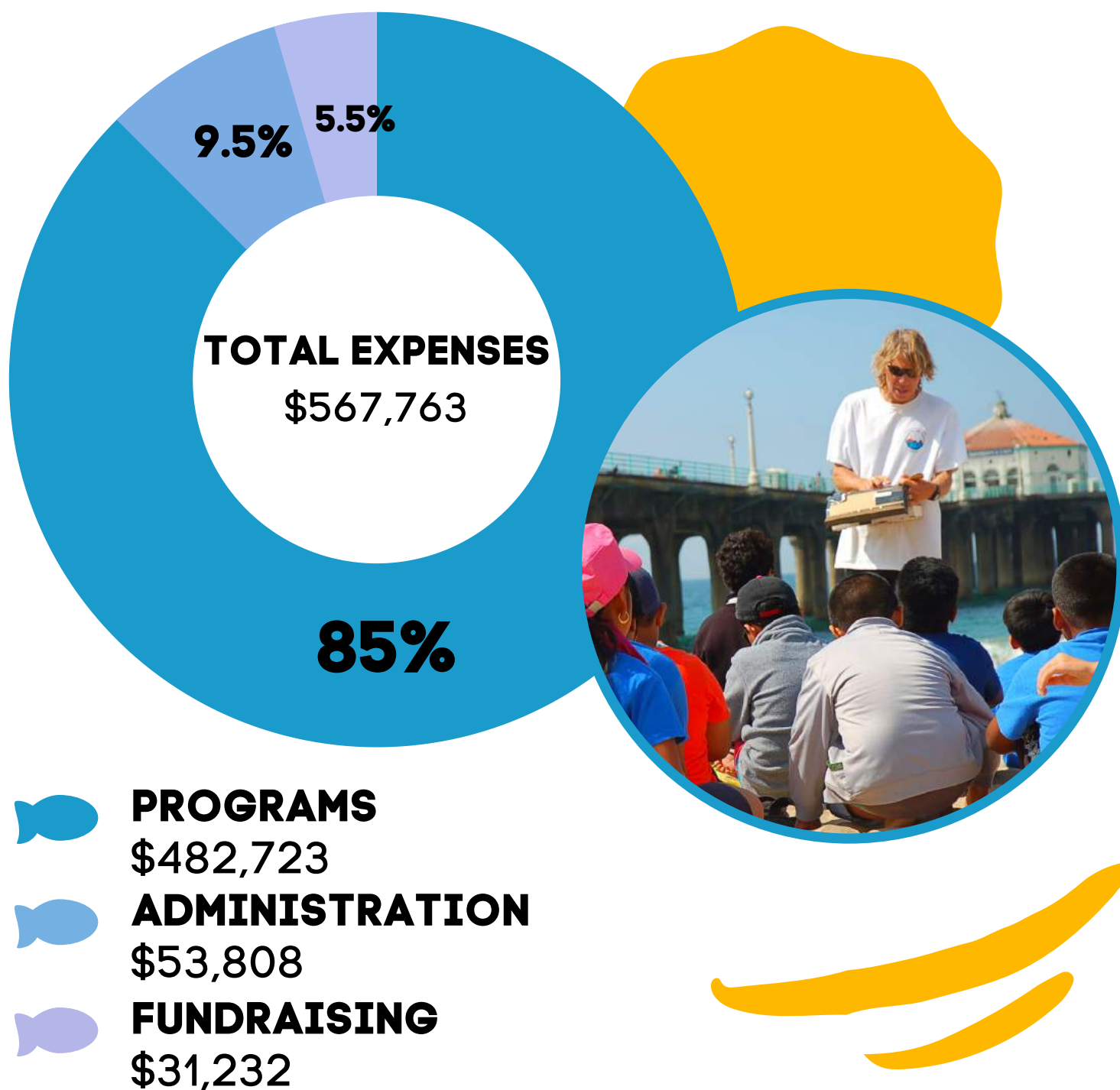
**IN-KIND**  
\$5,783



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SEPTEMBER 2019-AUGUST 2020

The Oceanographic Teaching Stations, Inc. temporarily closed the Roundhouse Aquarium and suspended in-person programs and events due to the COVID-19 pandemic.





# YOUR SUPPORT

Literacy in marine science is fundamental to ensuring the health of our oceans and our environment. The Oceanographic Teaching Stations, Inc.'s (OTS) work in the Roundhouse Aquarium embodies our community's aspirations for a healthy ocean and a healthy planet.

Gifts from friends like you make it possible for OTS to serve our community with inspiring and immersive science education programs, meaningful scientific research, and the care and exhibition of tactile, learning collections, and displays.

To realize our shared vision for a sustainable world, we look to the support of individuals, corporations, and foundations who share our commitment to enhancing informal education for our community in marine science and environmental conservation. We invite you to join us in inspiring our youth and engaging our community to renew connections with, and increase appreciation for, our natural world!

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