

COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES

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Gratitude Report
July 2022-June 2023





Left to right: Emily, mom, dad, Sherlyn and Jonathan

Educating Generations of Scholars

During the fall of 2019, Emily Elizalde was just beginning her college journey as a freshman at Illinois State University. Although her time on campus was cut short due to the pandemic, she persisted and when she returned to ISU she was determined as ever to attend classes, join clubs, and network. Emily spoke at CBO's high school graduation celebration and shared this advice with the class of 2027, which included her sister Sherlyn: **"My number one tip when it comes to college is to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. It can be hard to start a new life somewhere but being open to putting yourself out there will help you tremendously in college and later on in life. College is not easy...I know I definitely struggled in some classes. But just remember that CBO is there for you every step of the way. Take advantage of any and all resources at school. Remember that you are never alone. It was all worth it the second I crossed that stage at graduation and saw my family in the crowd. As a first generation Latina student, I couldn't have done this without CBO."** Emily graduated in May 2023 with a BA in Marketing and Spanish. She is excited to begin her career as a Human Resources Associate at a Fortune 500 company. Sherlyn began her freshman at Lake Forest College this fall. Thanks to your support, families like the Elizalde's are thriving in our local communities.

Mission

College Bound
Opportunities **mentors,**
empowers, and **inspires**
low-income, first-generation
Scholars to overcome
barriers, graduate college,
and achieve success in life.

229

CBO Alumni

210

High School and
College Students

98%

College
Graduation Rate

26

College Graduates from
Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Vision

All low-income,
first-generation
students are afforded
the opportunity to
graduate college and
pursue their dreams.

In Memory of Jim Hanig



We were saddened by the passing of Jim Hanig, a founder of College Bound Opportunities. Jim was instrumental in building CBO into the flourishing college access and success program it is today. He was a founding board member of CBO, serving on the board for 10 years, including four years as Board Chair. Jim's passion for making the world a better place helped spur his determination to improve life's opportunities for hundreds of our grateful CBO students and alumni. May his memory be for a blessing.

"Jim always had the right words of encouragement for students, especially during our career prep sessions. He was attentive and caring and always made sure to ask our names. Thanks to his dedication and passion for education, I and many others were able to fulfill our college dreams."

Tatiana Alonso, CBO Alumna Class of 2012

Congratulations to CBO's Class of 2023 Graduates!

Nicole Alonso
Illinois State University

Montserrat Garcia
College of the Holy Cross

Nadia Rodriguez
University of Illinois Chicago

Jacob Avenaim
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

Yasin Haffary
Hamilton College

Venecia Rodriguez
Hope College

Catalina Catalan
Northeastern Illinois University

Mia Kravitz
Lake Forest College

Haide Rojas
Illinois State University

Yailyn Compres
Hope College

Martin Melchor
Bradley University

Lisa Ryou
University of Michigan

Alice Cruz
Lake Forest College

Dominique Mendoza
Ohio State University

Katrin Svadlena
University of Illinois Chicago

Emily Elizalde
Illinois State University

Cindy Orihuela
Illinois State University

Marco Toledo
Dominican University

Andy Estrada
Loyola University Chicago

Julissa Porcayo
Lake Forest College

Jorge Urbina
University of Chicago

Marlene Flores
Northeastern Illinois University

Maria Ramos
Illinois State University

Imani Williams
Lawrence University

Rolando Flores
Marquette University

Jose Reyes
University of Wisconsin Madison

CBO is incredibly proud of our 2023 college graduates! They had to adjust to a new normal when their campus life was interrupted by the pandemic. Nonetheless CBO Scholars returned to campus, persisted and graduated in May of 2023.

Congratulations, Class of 2023! You Made It!



Welcome Class of 2028!



Emily Amezcua

Emily Aparicio Bahena

Ricky Barcenas*

Val Bykova

Stephany Delgado

Miranda Dominguez

Brenda Gomez

Jasmin Gonzalez

Jorge Hernandez-Lopez

Emily Huicochea

Sacit Lamothe

Brandon Lopez

Bethany Marrufo

Ricardo Melchor

Carla Mora

Linjian Ni

Valerie Oviedo

Katherine Pacheco

Caleb Park

Lizbeth Perez Silva

Lizette Perez Silva

Sofia Ramirez

Amy Rodriguez

Laura Rodriguez-Rios

Melissa Romero

Grace Tao

Mya Weatherspoon

***In Loving Memory of Ricky Barcenas**

In the summer of 2022, CBO accepted 27 juniors into the class of 2028. They visited college campuses, began building college lists with the access and persistence team and participated in essay writing workshops to prepare for the busy college application fall season.

Celebrating a New Tradition



During the holiday season CBO alumni started a new tradition. They came together to purchase the rising college freshman (class of 2026) a class gift. Scholars each received a shirt to take on campus and represent CBO far and wide. Thank you to the alumni who made a donation and kicked off this new tradition!

Enrique Agüero (Class of 2021)
Tatiana Alonso (Class of 2012)
Daniel Arias (Class of 2020)
Roberto Astudillo (Class of 2013)
Brian De La Cruz (Class of 2021)
Chase Ellman (Class of 2012)

Denisse Gaitan (Class of 2020)
Alexis Gould (Class of 2016)
Alexa Lopez (Class of 2022)
Harry Morales (Class of 2022)
Carolina Muñoz (Class of 2021)
Mari Najera (Class of 2011)

Thank You for Your Contribution



CBO ALUMNI

We love adding the newest graduates to this list each year and are thrilled to count **229** Alumni living, working, pursuing graduate degrees and starting families in cities across the country and around the world!

Ailyn Adames	Daunyell Boyd	Marlene Flores	Johanna Izoteco
Samantha Adan	Justine Burchall	Rolando Flores	Ta'Mya Jarrett
Enrique Aguero	Natalie Burchall	Teresa Ferrusca	Ashley Johnson
Anna Aguilar	John Burger	Denisse Gaitan	Davina Kang
Sasvi Alam	Justin Burger	Catherine Garcia	Shani Kaplan-Golan
Kiley Alexander	Marilyn Carmona	Lupita Garcia	Josh Kim
Julieta Alonso	Dylan Carrigan	Adilene Garcia	Davie Kravitz
Nicole Alonso	Catalina Catalan	Montserrat Garcia	Mia Kravitz
Tatiana Alonso*	Jorge Castellanos*	Trinity Garcia	Vanessa Lara
Yesenia Alonso	Luis Castellanos	Mariana Garfias*	Daisy Lazcon
Yessenia Alvarado	Francesca Castelli	Miguel Garfias	Ashley Lazer
Brianna Alvarez	Alan Castillo	Stephanie Goebel	Andrew Lester
Esther Armenta	Adriana Castrejon	Lucas Goebel	Caroline Lester
Daniel Arias	Erica Castrejon	Stephanie Gomez	Cecilia Limon
Elizabeth Astudillo	Jessica Castrejon	Eduardo Gonzalez	Lauren Lonski
Roberto Astudillo	Frankie Charles	Jennifer Gonzalez	Alexa Lopez
Sadie Avelar	Liz Chavez	Jonathan Gonzalez	Jackie Lopez
Eric Avila	Amy Chen	Emil Gorgioski	Brittany Lowis
Michael Avila	Starr Clark	Alexis Gould	Marjanae Maggett
Tonny Avila	Yailyn Compres	Sarah Gracz	Antonio Mancilla
Jaritza Ayala	Alice Cruz	Sheila Grant-Shaffer	John Mannebach
Lis Bautista	Ferni Cruz	Alex Guajardo	Kate Mannebach
Maria Bautista	Martha Cruz	Maria Guadarrama	Juan Marban
Samantha Bahena	Emily Cushing	Hannah Guerrero	Jessica Marban
Lesly Barrera	Brian De La Cruz	Paola Gutierrez	Jasmin Mateos
Salomon Barrera	Enrique Diaz	Yasin Haffary	Emily McGee
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Angelina Becerra	Kristina Diez	Shoshan Handy	Karla Medina
Danielle Belmont	Zari Dobrev	Monica Harasim	Rebecca Medina
Nicole Belmont	Bibi Donis	Samantha Harasim	Diana Melchor
Tracie Belsanti	Chase Ellman	Diego Hernandez	Martin Melchor
Jorge Blancas	Emily Elizalde	Moises Herrera	
Isabelle Block	Andy Estrada	Cassandra Ibarra	

*CBO Mentors

CBO ALUMNI

100% of Alumni are working and or in graduate school.
Many alumni are working in our local communities.



Dominique Mendoza
Andrea Montalvo
Nayeli Montes
Harry Morales
Samy Morales
Carolina Muñoz*
Angelina Najera
Mari Najera*
Tania Najera
Yukare Nakayama
JJ Nawrot
Elsie Ocampo
Steve Ochoa
Jacqueline Onofre
Connor Oriot
Cindy Orihuela
Jenny Ortega
Alejandrina Pareja*
Yoli Pareja
Yuli Paez-Naranjo*
Ana Perez
Stephany Pichola
Julissa Porcayo
Rodrigo Pozo
Gabby Queen

Brian Quijada
Willy Quijano
Lupe Quintana
Vanessa Rolan
Eryn Reda
Andy Reyes
Juan Reyes
Jonathan Reyeros
Keana Richardson
Gloria Rios
Adilene Marban*
Maria Ramos
Jose Reyes
Juan Reyes
Berenice Rodriguez
Daira Rodriguez
Ivan Rodriguez
Jairo Rodriguez
Nadia Rodriguez
Venecia Rodriguez
Haide Rojas
Susana Rojas
Ana Roman
Jazmin Roman
Judith Roman*

Martha Roman
Cristal Roman
Pam Rosales
Stefano Rosenberg
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Nic Roti
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Thank you, CBO Mentors!

Mentors are at the heart of CBO and the reason our Scholars graduate at a 98% rate well above the national college graduation average. These volunteers commit to supporting their mentee through CBO's 6 year program from the time they are accepted into CBO as high school juniors until they graduate college. Thank you to CBO mentors for mentoring, empowering, inspiring and cheering on CBO Scholars!

Class of 2023

Julio Abreu*^
Jodi Alperstein
Cheryl Bergman
Joanne Bregman
Garrett Cohn
Marcia Cotler
Sarah DiMatteo
Jennifer Dolin
Judi Elman
Charlene Entman
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Joy O'Malley
John Poust
Lisa Rouff
Bonnie Shlensky^
Karyn Silverstein



Thank you to our mentoring committee; Cathy Abreu,
Tina Anagnos, Pat Cannon, Leslie Hyman, Karen Lygizos,
Ellen Robinson, Bonnie Shlensky and Susan Pinkus

CBO Mentors

Class of 2026

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Jennifer L. Gattari
Connie Gill^
Jenny Halpern
Amy Holtsford
Megan Kaplan
Jackie Kaweck
Felicia Lerner
Jennifer Lorenzini
Ellen Lubelfeld
Nick Lygizos
Patrick McKenna
Megan McNichols Mahon
Susan Mittman
Amy Mysel
Mark Pellegrino
Hugh Pinkus^
Sara Poticha^
Lana Razumov
Ellen Robinson^
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Tosia Sas
Ian Shapiro
Lynne Shapiro
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Amy Small
Lauren Smith

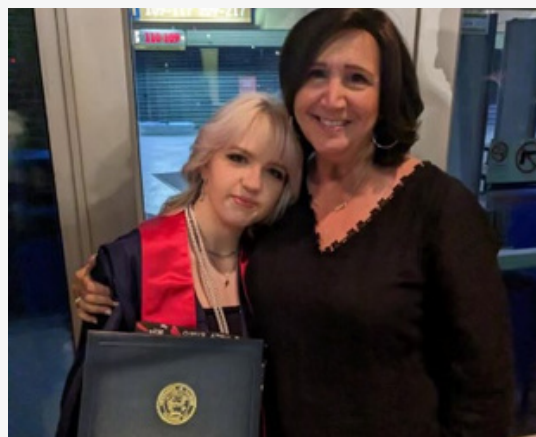
Mike Stein
Anjilena R Truffa
Julie Worden
Rick Worden
Bruce Zessar

Class of 2027

Andres Almendarez
Alan Andrews^
Linda Andrews^
Bev Beck
Ziva Benarieh
Nathan Bowker
Paula Canchester
Jorge Castellanos^
Lori Cloch
Karen Cole
Janis Douglas
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Leslie Katz
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Julie Levine
Karen Lygizos^
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Michele Metrick
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Beth Rosenbaum
Heidi Sachs
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Class of 2028

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Sue Stephenitch
Brian Weinberg
Elain Weinberg
Jeffrey Winter



*Students have graduated from college/mentor has completed 6 year program

^Have mentored more than one Scholar

College Access

The college access staff works with high school Scholars on an individual basis to ensure they are prepared to apply to a variety of colleges. College Access programming includes the following support for high school Scholars:

- 1:1 assistance with college applications, essays, financial aid & scholarship applications
- Advising students on colleges best suited for all their needs
- Workshops on transitioning from high school to college
- Staff is embedded in each partner high school
- Attend college fairs, meeting with college representatives & campus visits
- New laptop as a graduation gift for college!

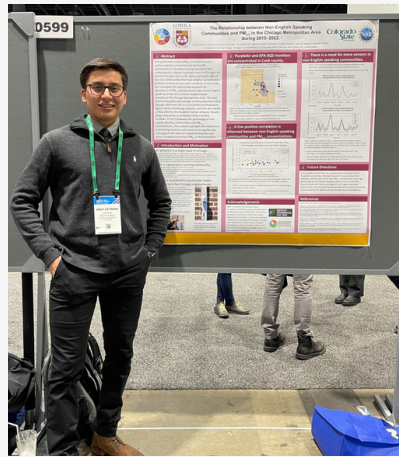
Partner High Schools

CBO has forged outstanding relationships with its six partner schools: Buffalo Grove High School, Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep, Deerfield, Highland Park, Lake Forest and Vernon Hills High school. Members of the administration, faculty and staff at each school are responsible for encouraging students to research and apply to CBO.



College Persistence

Earning a four-year college degree and creating a network established as part of higher education remains a critical component for success in today's society. Our college persistence team guides the Scholars while in college to find resources, advocate for themselves and thrive on campus.



Members of the College Persistence team provide:

- Assistance connecting students with campus resources
- Weekly check-ins with CBO Staff in person or virtual
- Review of class schedules & credits to ensure timely graduation



Wonder what a day in the life of a CBO Scholar is like?

Watch Ashley's, "Day in the Life" from the Augustana College campus

Follow us on Instagram: @CBO4SUCCESS for more campus tours

Colleges & Universities

Below is a list of colleges and universities Scholars have graduated from or currently attend.

American University
 Andrews University
 Augustana College*
 Azusa Pacific University
 Baker University
 Ball State University
 Beloit College*
 Benedict College
 Bradley University*
 Butler University
 Carleton College
 Carthage College*
 Carroll University*
 Case Western Reserve University
 College of the Holy Cross*
 College of Lake County*
 Columbia College Chicago*
 Columbia University
 Concordia University Chicago
 Cornell College
 Denison University*
 DePaul University*
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 Northwestern University*
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 Saint Mary's College (IN)
 St. Louis University
 St. Olaf College
 Southern Illinois University*
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 Tulane University
 The College of Wooster
 The George Washington University*
 The Ohio State University
 Trinity International University
 University of California - Los Angeles
 University of Chicago
 University of Connecticut
 University of Denver*
 University of Illinois Chicago*
 University of Illinois Springfield*
 University of Illinois Urbana Champaign*
 University of Iowa*
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan*
 University of Missouri
 University of Pennsylvania

University of Rochester*
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin - Madison*
 University of Wisconsin - Platteville
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College*
 Villanova University
 Western Illinois University*
 Wellesley College*
 Wheaton College
 Williams College



*multiple students attend(ed)

CBO's Career Prep Program

Over the years, CBO's Career Prep Program has evolved to meet the needs of our Scholars to help guide and prepare students to enter the workforce including; resume review, LinkedIn profiles and practicing interview skills.

This year, we were thrilled our annual Internship Fair returned to an in-person event. It was a successful event with great energy from the participating employers and Scholars.

Thank you to our Career Prep Committee:

Ziva Benarieh, Paulette Bizar, Nicole DiVito, Elizabeth George, Daniel May, Ian Shapiro, Tom Terranova and Erin Wozniak

2023 Internship & Summer Jobs Fair

Thank you to the participating employers:

- Abbvie
- bcu
- Bounce Children's Foundation
- Camp Marimeta
- Discovery Day Camp
- First Bank Chicago
- Flashcut CNC
- Global Repair Group
- Grainger
- HuFriedy Group
- Koch Foods
- Levr Health
- Medline
- Northwestern Mutual
- North Star Camp
- Quad A
- Tamarak Day Camp
- UPS



Special thanks to Our Sponsors and Volunteers!

Regina Hirn, Claudia Phalen, Courtney Olson, Jackie Flick, Kerry Duellman, Sena Kararic, Frankie Tran, Stacy Raven, Amy Kahhat, Christina Scandiff, Cathy Abreu, Karen Lygizos, Ellen Robinson, Seth Katz, Brian Weinberg, Mikayla Gehrisch, Jackie Kaweck, Susan Martersteck, Tina Anagnos, Ellen Lubelfeld, Lyssa Bernstein, Margaret Hennessey, Randy Brickman, Margie Falter, Kathryn West, Mari Najera, Yessenia Alvarado, Audrey Marin, Lucy Hammerberg, Tatiana Alonso, Elizabeth Temkin, Susan and Hugh Pinkus



Summer Career Prep Workshops

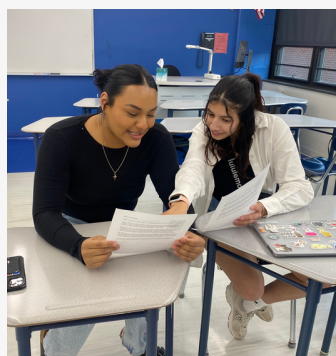
This summer students enjoyed a variety series of career prep workshops hosted by community professionals, board members and alumni.

Thank you to our sponsors, presenters, alumni & volunteers!

Cathy Abreu, Tatiana Alonso, Yessenia Alvarado, Currie Augustine, Ziva Benarieh, Paulette Bizar, Randy Brickman, Alex Calles, Esteban Carbajal, Nicole DiVito, Margie Falter, Jenny Halpern, Lucy Hammerberg, Margaret Hennessy, Danielle Kelly, Chris Liske, Lauren Lonski, Brittany Lewis, Karen Lygizos, Jasmin Mateos, Daniel May, Chris Metropulos, Mari Najera, Courtney Olsen, Jenny Ortega, Hugh Pinkus, Stacey Raven, Ian Shapiro, Alyssa Shapiro Shlensky, Bonnie Shlensky, Bev and Tom Terranova, Arturo Vergara, Brian Weinberg, Kathryn West and Erin Wozniak



This year's sessions included:
Importance of Getting Involved on Campus
Networking and Career Services
Interviewing Skills
Resumes and Cover letters
Majors/Minors and Elevator Pitches
LinkedIn and Networking
Financial literacy
Professional Tables





10th Annual Tees for Degrees

On Monday, August 8, 2022, CBO once again hosted our annual Tees for Degrees Golf Outing at the beautiful Merit Club. The event included several Par 3 Challenges with terrific prizes for the winners. The Grand Prize winner of the 18th hole putting green competition walked away with 2 tickets to THE PLAYERS championship at TPC Sawgrass, including a 3 night stay for 2. Despite more rain than we would have liked, it was a wonderful day and a successful event. We are so appreciative of the golfers, sponsors and donors who helped raise close to **\$80,000**, which will go directly to our CBO Scholars and families!

Thank You to Our 2022 Golf Committee

TODD HEYDEN, CHAIR

DENISE HOEFLICH, MARK FLAVIN, MARK GROSSMANN,
EDDIE LESHIN, ANDREW PLOCKER & MARK SCHULMAN





10th Annual Tees for Degrees

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Andie Kramer and Al Harris
Susan Levy
L.A Rizzolo Architects

CARDS FOR COLLEGE



We are grateful for everyone who played and supported CBO's Cards for College event, thanks to your support \$11,000 was raised for Scholars. Attendees learned more about CBO and heard first-hand from alumna Carolina Muñoz and Fannie Vazquez about their experience as CBO Scholars.

Thank you to our partner vendors for setting up beautiful boutiques for us to shop.

Bestowed Housewares, BOLDer Girls Jewelry, Emmis Jewelry, Kidoodles Inc & More Initial It Gifts, Lynks, One-of-a-Kind Bags by Kim, Rogawear and TSG Designs.



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PRESENTS

MINI MET GALA

BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS

CBO came together to celebrate Scholars and our community at our annual spring fundraiser. This year, we honored Elaine and Brian Weinberg, dedicated supporters of CBO of over 10 years. Brian has been CBO's Board Chair, a Board member, three-time mentor. His desire to help economically underserved teens, both at CBO and Cristo Rey St. Martin, where he is the Director of the Corporate Work Study Program is the driving force behind his continued participation with these organizations. Elaine has been a faithful member of the CBO Gala Committee for over 10 years and has recently become a mentor to a junior at Buffalo Grove High School. Being a mentor is a new journey for Elaine and she is excited to see how it unfolds.

Thanks to everyone who attended and donated during our third annual month of gratitude, we raised an astounding **\$250,000**, allowing us to fund **10 first-generation Scholars** throughout their college journey! Every gift to the Gratitude Gala - and any gift to CBO - has a direct impact on the lives of hundreds of young people, their families and entire communities.



Thank You to Our 2023 Gala Committee

MELANIE HANIG AND LISA XILAS, CO-CHAIRS - LISA FLEISHER, ELISSA HALPERN, BETH HULL, ELIZABETH MCGREGOR, BETH OLDERMAN, STACY RAVEN, LESLIE RUBIN, AND ELAINE WEINBERG



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Watch this year's gala video! Current Scholars and alumni spoke about their time in CBO. The video was directed and produced by alumna Yailyn Compres, Hope College, class of 2023

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The Cap & Gown Society recognizes those donors who have made a significant investment in CBO's Scholars with a contribution of \$5,000 or more, in one or both of the last two fiscal years.

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Thank you!



CBO's Honor Roll



We are very grateful for our monthly donors who support CBO on a monthly basis. Thank you for your commitment to Scholars!

Elliot Bell-Krasner

Linda Davis and Jeff Gansberg

Michelle and Mitchell Cohn

David Hyman

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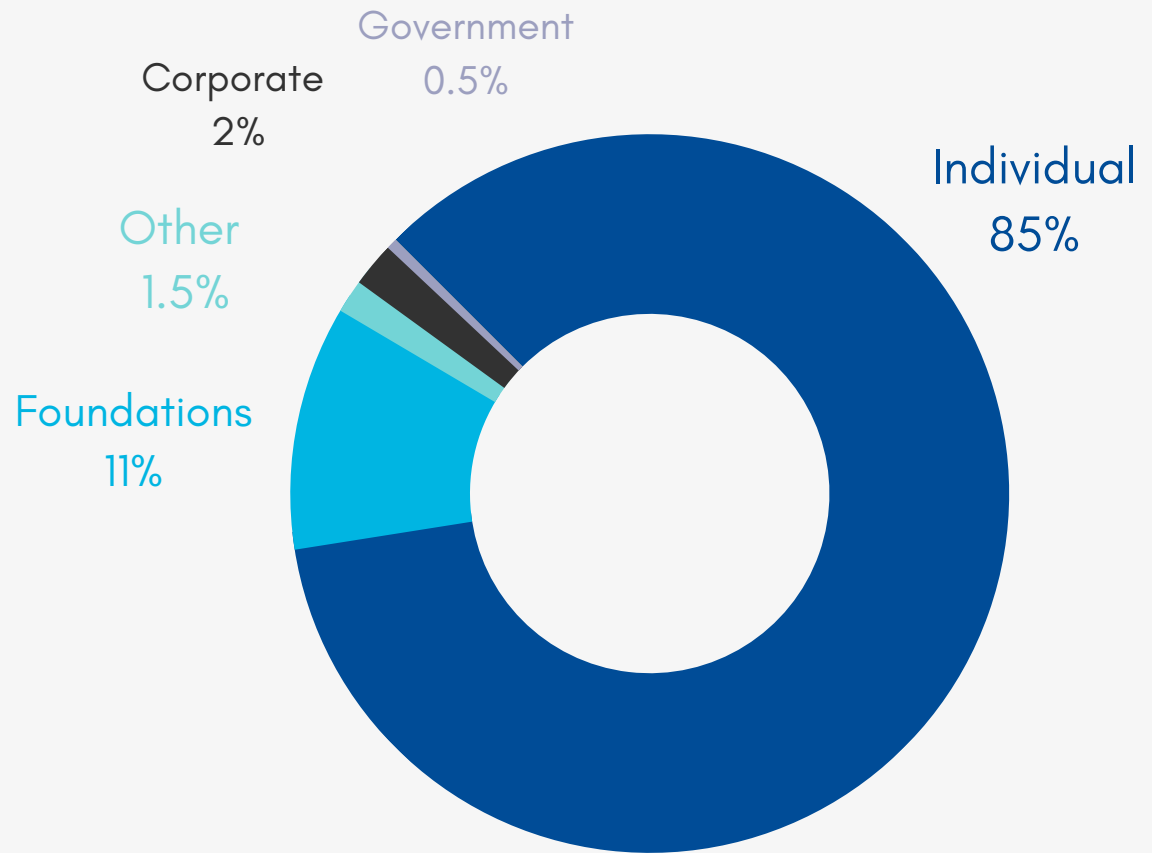
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