

The LifeSouth Community Foundation commits to increasing lifesaving blood donations through community education, partnerships, awareness and health.

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Community Foundation

2025 Annual Report



Connecting With Future Health Professionals Through HOSA

HOSA, or the Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America, is a career and technical organization uniting students pursuing careers in health care.

In 2025, LifeSouth connected with students at HOSA conventions in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

High School Donor Program

This recruitment plan focuses on a donor group responsible for a large percentage of our blood collections: high school students. The program offers opportunities for high schools to connect with LifeSouth.

School Grants

LifeSouth's School Grant Program provides grants to schools for hosting blood drives with LifeSouth. School clubs and organizations can also help organize blood drives on behalf of their school and receive the grant directly. The LifeSouth Community Foundation awarded \$484,600 in grants to 453 schools for the 2024-2025 school year.

Student Scholarships

The LifeSouth Community Foundation grants \$500 scholarships to graduating students who help coordinate a successful blood drive on their high school campus. Through an application process, scholarships are awarded in the student's name to the college or technical school they will attend. In 2025, The Foundation awarded scholarships to eight students. Fifty scholarships totaling \$25,000 have been awarded to student advocates since the program began.

Youth Grant Program

LifeSouth supports community non-profit youth organizations by providing reimbursement to programs that host blood drives and recruit blood donors. Reimbursement is based on the total number of donors registered at the group's blood drive. The program educates youth about the importance of blood donation and helps provide lifesaving blood for patients. LifeSouth awarded \$4,600 in youth grants to 20 groups during the 2024-2025 school year. From the 2025-2026 school year forward, LifeSouth's new Community Grant Program will replace the Youth Grant Program.

Volunteer Internship Program

The 80-hour volunteer internship program gives students hands-on experience in all aspects of blood banking. The goal of the program is to educate and inspire the next generation of medical professionals to consider the blood banking industry when choosing a career. In 2025, LifeSouth had five students complete the volunteer internship program in Citrus County, Fla.

Community Service Hours

LifeSouth grants community service hours for time volunteered helping organize and recruit at blood drives.



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LifeSouth Community Grant Program

In 2025, LifeSouth introduced the Community Grant Program, which rewards local nonprofit groups that host blood drives and rally their communities to donate. The more donors a group recruits, the more funding they can receive, and organizations can host an unlimited number of blood drives per year.

Organizations that host blood drives are eligible for grants to help cover event-related costs and support community initiatives when minimum goals are achieved. Funding is awarded based on the number of donors who register for the drive, not solely on the number of successful donations.

Businesses can also participate by sponsoring a nonprofit. All grants go directly to 501(c)(3) organizations with a valid tax ID.



LifeSouth in the Classroom

The LifeSouth in the Classroom program is taught by LifeSouth team members and volunteers at area schools. The program reaches children ages five to 18 through a STEM-based curriculum. It is free, easy to teach and explores the functions of blood through hands-on interactive activities and the social responsibility of donation. LifeSouth in the Classroom aims to create a new generation of motivated blood donors. The curriculum includes an ABO typing lab, Who Gives to Whom demonstration and a take-home donation guide.

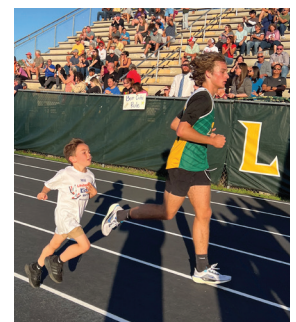


Citrus County Kids Marathon

The 2025 Citrus County Kids Marathon was held at Lecanto High School in Lecanto, Fla. on February 28. The event had over 750 Citrus County middle and elementary school student participants.

The students ran 25 miles during the school year, leading up to the last 1.2 miles of the marathon, which were run at the event. All runners received a commemorative t-shirt and a finisher's medal.

The Kids Marathon is held in partnership with the Citrus County School Board with 15 schools participating.



Financials

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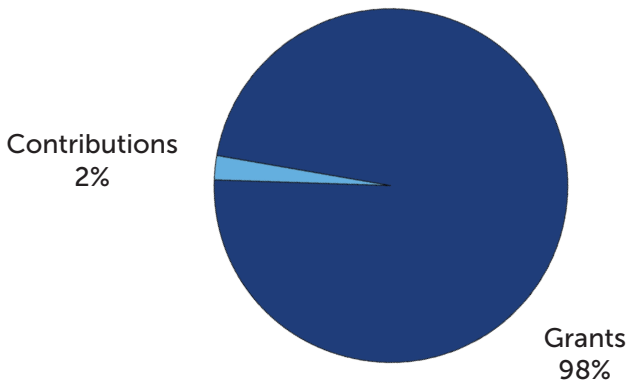
Grants	\$ 400,000
Contributions	\$ 7,899
Event Registrations	\$ 90
Total Contributions	\$ 407,989

EXPENSES

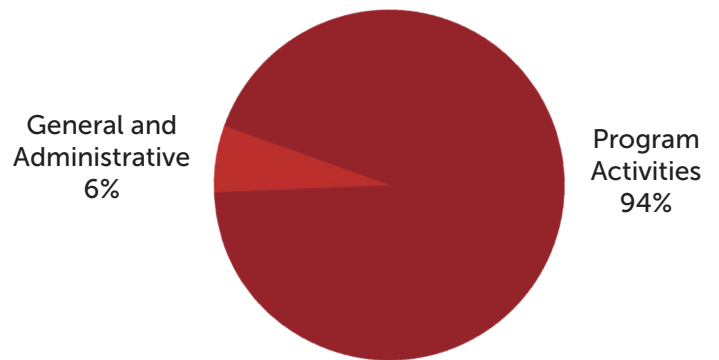
Program Activities	\$ 516,002
General/Administrative	\$ 30,514
Total Expenses	\$ 546,516



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