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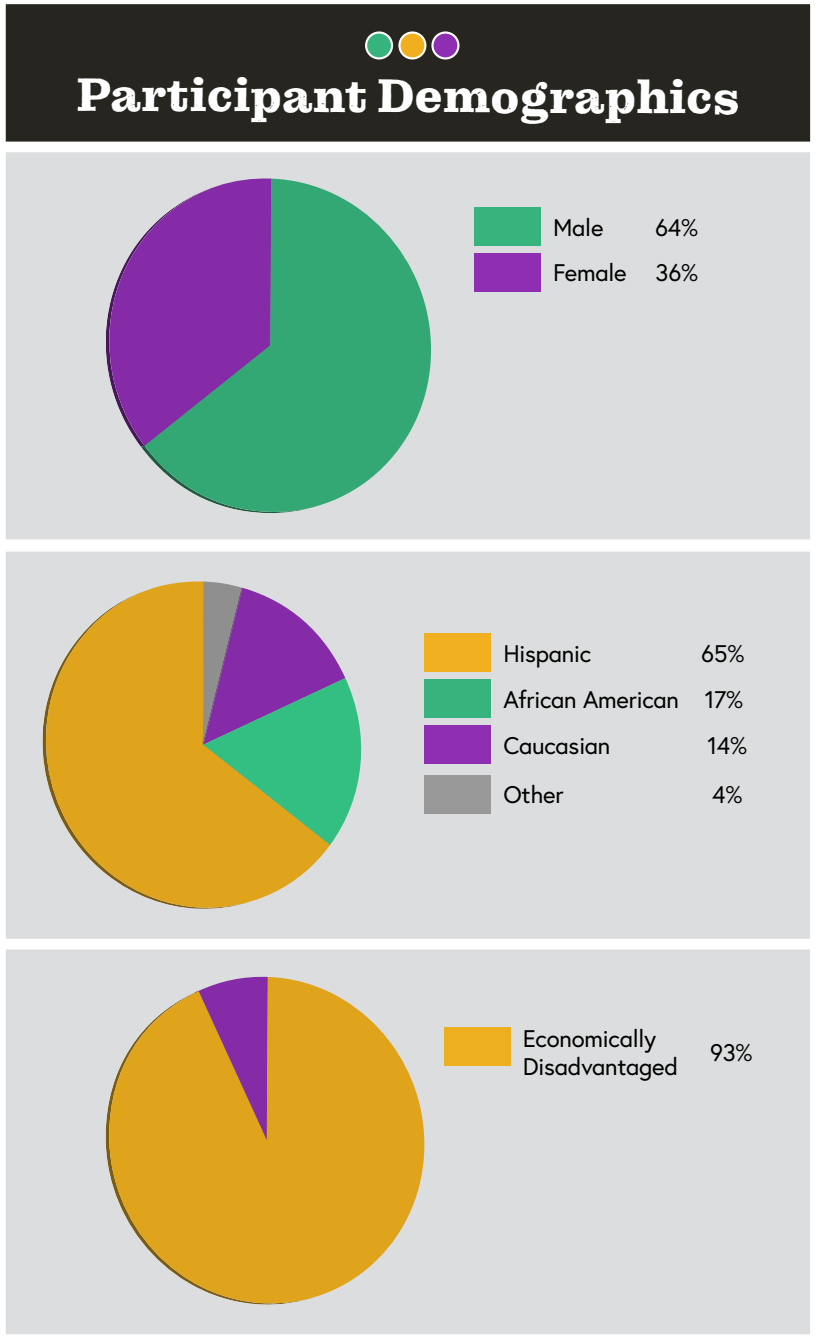
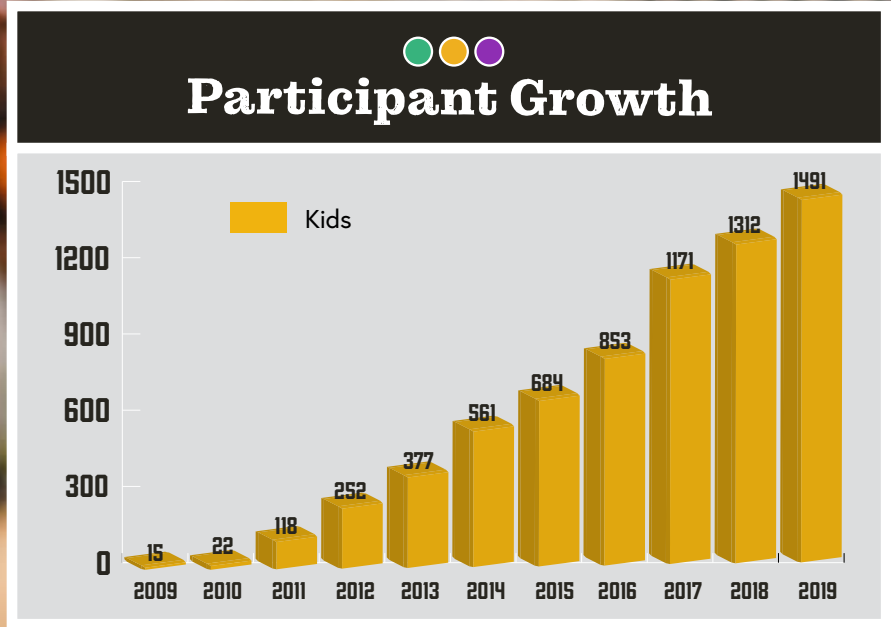
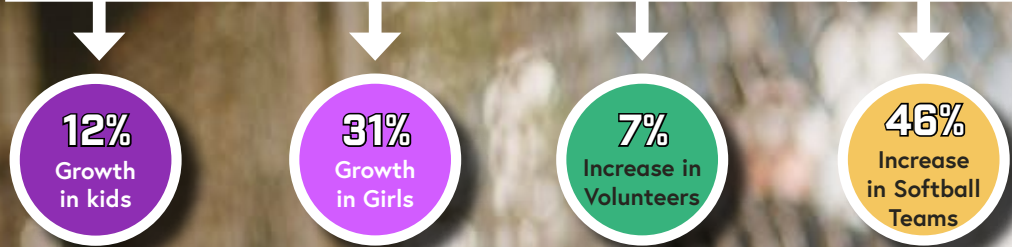
Annual Report



A Sense of Belonging

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- 1 Peter 2:9



Top Game Changers of 2019

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

➡ THIS ONE'S FOR THE GIRLS!

Expanded programming so that 127 more girls have a place to belong, grow, and thrive.

➡ GIVE 'EM SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF!

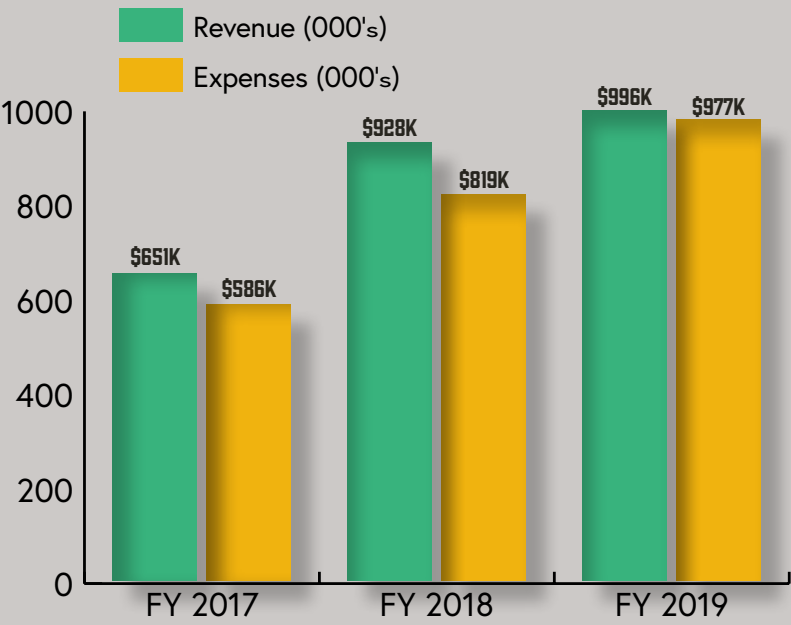
Breathed life (and pride) into two fields in the heart of the RBI Austin community with \$100K in grant funding.

➡ LOOK UP, CHILD!

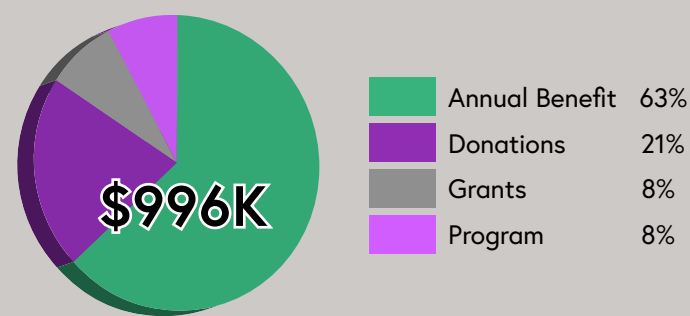
Launched inaugural program-wide, Bible-based summer curriculum for participants, families, and coaches.

FINANCIALS

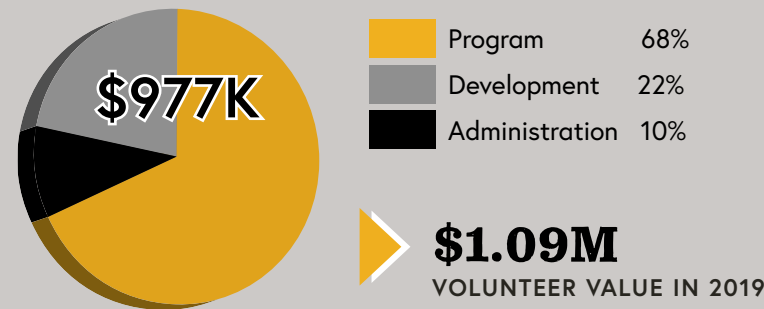
Three Year Financial Overview



Revenue



Expenses



Our low program expense is due in large part to our volunteers who contributed 42,936 hours in 2019.

Full financials are available at www.rbiaustin.org/finances.

**Here,
girls belong.**

▶ **46% increase**

IN NUMBER OF SOFTBALL
TEAMS (FROM 15 TO 22)

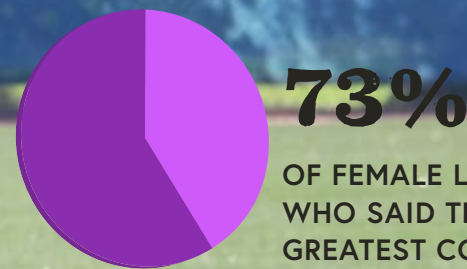
▶ **31% growth**

IN NUMBER OF FEMALE
PARTICIPANTS (FROM 406
TO 533)

▶ **First Regional
Softball Team**

LAUNCHED INAUGURAL
RBI AUSTIN REGIONAL
SOFTBALL TEAM WHO
COMPETED IN THE MLB RBI
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL

Not here.



OF FEMALE LEADERS
WHO SAID THE
GREATEST CONCERN
REGARDING GIRLS'
PARTICIPATION IN SPORT WAS THE
ABILITY OF THEIR PARENTS TO
AFFORD PARTICIPATION FEES.
(FEMALE LEADERS IN SPORT SURVEY, 2019)

▶ **2x** THE DROP-OUT RATE FOR
GIRLS OF COLOR
IN URBAN AND RURAL
CENTERS IS TWICE THAT
OF SUBURBAN WHITE
GIRLS. (SABO & VELIZ, 2008)

THIS ONE'S FOR THE GIRLS!

We live in a world where many girls are made to feel that they aren't good enough, that they don't belong, and that being a female somehow means being lesser than.

Not here. Because of your support, we realized unprecedented growth in girl participation this year. Our number of softball teams grew by 46% (15 to 22), and our number of girls grew by 31% (406 to 533).

Our 533 RBI Austin girls belong to a team and a community that supports them, cheers them on, and tells them they belong just the way they are.

**"The most
committed
team I've ever
played on
and the most
fun I've ever
had playing
softball."**

— Celine Rendon
on playing for the
inaugural RBI Austin
Softball Regional Team

JACKY BELONGS HERE.

"Having a community of support behind you...you need that. Being a mom has made me a better teammate and being a teammate has made me a better mom. I've learned that having a baby doesn't mean you can't dream."

This past summer, Jacky emerged as the 18U Softball Dodgers ace pitcher, leading them to the 18U Softball semifinal. There's more to this story though than a talented softball player.

Most girls in her situation wouldn't be playing softball. Jacky is the mother of a newborn baby. At an 18U Softball Dodgers game you'll find her baby in the arms of someone in the stands. First inning, it's Ms. Sharon, the mother of Jacky's teammate Mia. Another inning she's in the arms of Ms. Millicent, the mother of Darelyn who plays for the Dodgers' opponent that night.

Most high school summer softball teams don't have roster spots for teenage mothers. But for Jacky, this is different. Her RBI Austin family has wrapped its arms around both Jacky and her baby.

By playing with RBI Austin, she has much more than a place to play softball. She has a community who welcomes, embraces, and supports her — baby and all.

Here, kids belong.

GIVE 'EM SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF

Public playing fields make a bold statement about community values.

Because of your support and our partnership with Austin Parks Foundation, two \$50,000 grants were awarded to make high-quality improvements to two fields in the heart of our RBI Austin neighborhoods.

Our 1,491 RBI Austin kids have playing fields that communicate, "You're worth nice things. You're valuable. Take pride in belonging here."

> **\$100K**
IN GRANT FUNDING TO MAKE
IMPROVEMENTS TO MABSON FIELD
& PARQUE ZARAGOZA

> **45 FIELDS**
USED ACROSS GREATER AUSTIN

VIC BELONGS HERE.

Victor Mendoza III has much to be proud of — both on and off the field. Vic comes from a family where there is a lot of love and a lot of baseball.

"I grew up always throwing the ball with my two older sisters. My dad played ball in college. We were born into baseball. It's my dream to play," shared Vic.

"I'm proud to be part of RBI Austin because of my team. We've grown. We've gotten better together. I've had some incredible opportunities through RBI Austin like being selected to attend the 2018 MLB Breakthrough Series in Los Angeles and my team playing in two MLB RBI World Series.

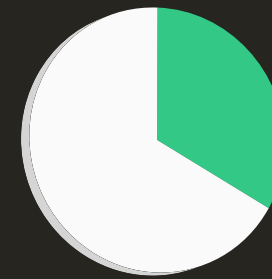
I've chosen to play for RBI Austin over other high-level programs in the area because of the people and the quality of baseball. My teammates are like family, and I'm proud to be part of this family."

Next year, Vic is planning to attend Prairie View A&M University (NCAA Div. 1) on a baseball scholarship.



Not here.

► KIDS FROM
PREDOMINATELY
AFRICAN AMERICAN
AND HISPANIC
NEIGHBORHOODS ARE
LESS LIKELY TO HAVE
ACCESS TO PARKS.
(THE ASPEN INSTITUTE: PROJECT
PLAY, 2019)



1/3 less likely

A CHILD IS 1/3 LESS
LIKELY TO ATTEND
CHURCH IF FROM A
LOW-INCOME OR
WORKING-CLASS
HOME.

(THE UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN'S MONITORING
THE FUTURE ANNUAL
SURVEYS)

Not here.

JAYDEN BELONGS HERE.

"It was incredible to see what God is able to do with His word. No one is too young to learn about God," shared Coach Austin.

"I was a little hesitant to start a curriculum with my T-Ball team this summer, because I didn't think it was possible for 4-6 year olds to understand what I was saying. I was blown away by our kids.

The first week, we circled the kids up at the end of practice, and to our surprise, they listened. One of our players, Jayden, even taught his teammates a song about the lesson.

For the rest of the summer, any time we circled up, they would sing the short song that we learned that first week.

We always ended practice and games by asking if anyone wanted to pray. Each time, we had multiple little hands go up in the air saying, "Me! Me! I do!"

This summer taught me that kids, no matter how young, are teachable and that God's word is powerful."

Here, children belong.

> **1,491 kids**

HAD THE OPPORTUNITY EACH
WEEK TO HEAR GOD'S WORD,
PRAY, AND BE AROUND
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

LOOK UP, CHILD

If we only focused on making better ball players, we'd be missing the mark. At the heart of RBI Austin is the desire to point everyone in our community to a better, bigger, eternal sense of belonging. A belonging to God that only comes through Jesus Christ.

Because of your support, this year we launched our first program-wide, Bible-based curriculum that equipped coaches and parents to share God's word with their kids.

1,491 kids had the opportunity each week to hear God's word, pray, and be around Christian community.





THANK YOU FOR POINTING OUR
1,491 RBI AUSTIN KIDS TO A SAVIOR
WHO WILL ALWAYS LOVE THEM,
NEVER FAIL THEM!



THANK YOU FOR GIVING OUR
91 RBI AUSTIN TEAMS SOMETHING
TO BE PROUD OF!



THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING A SENSE
OF BELONGING TO OUR 533 RBI AUSTIN
GIRLS (AND 958 RBI AUSTIN BOYS)!



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