



2025

ILLINOIS PARK &
RECREATION FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT

Mission

Be a sustainable philanthropic organization benefitting members of the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA).

Vision

Invest in developing park and recreation professionals to achieve their full potential.

Values

Advancement of Illinois parks, recreation, special recreation, and conservation professionals. Committed to supporting students in the parks, recreation, therapeutic recreation, and conservation fields. Dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion.





MESSAGE FROM THE IPRF CHAIR

2025 was a landmark year for the Illinois Park and Recreation Foundation (IPRF). I am proud to share that, together, we achieved **\$250,000 in total giving**, a milestone that speaks volumes about the generosity, passion, and commitment of our trustees and the broader Illinois parks and recreation community.

This year also marked an important step forward in strengthening IPRF's capacity. We **welcome David Sacks**, who will join us as a contracted marketing and fundraising specialist. David's expertise will help elevate our visibility and create new pathways for engagement. His partnership is an investment in the future of the foundation.

Innovation and creativity in fundraising remained central to our success in 2025. A standout highlight was Mike Kies' "Paddle for Parks" challenge, where Mike completed the fastest known time paddling the Fox River. In total, he **raised an additional \$4,000** for IPRF. His determination on the water reflects the same dedication we see across our Board: individuals willing to go the extra mile so that others may benefit.

Looking ahead, the excitement continues to build. In partnership with IPRA, IAPD, the Hyatt Regency Chicago and the Friends of Illinois Parks, we are pleased to announce a brand-new fundraising event debuting at the 2027 Soaring to New Heights Conference - **Hustle Up the Hyatt**. This stair-climb challenge will encourage conference attendees to be active while raising money for a great cause. This event embodies the spirit of our profession: wellness, community, and a willingness to push ourselves to new heights, both literally and figuratively.

Thank you for helping make 2025 a year defined by impact, collaboration, and generosity.

Jarrod Scheunemann
IPRF Chair
Deputy Executive Director
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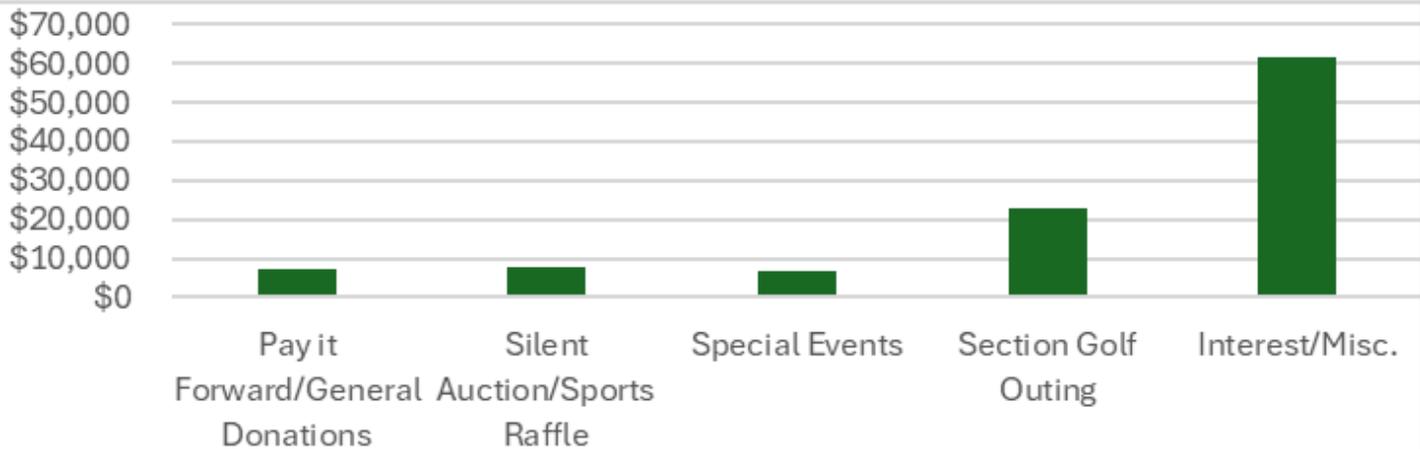
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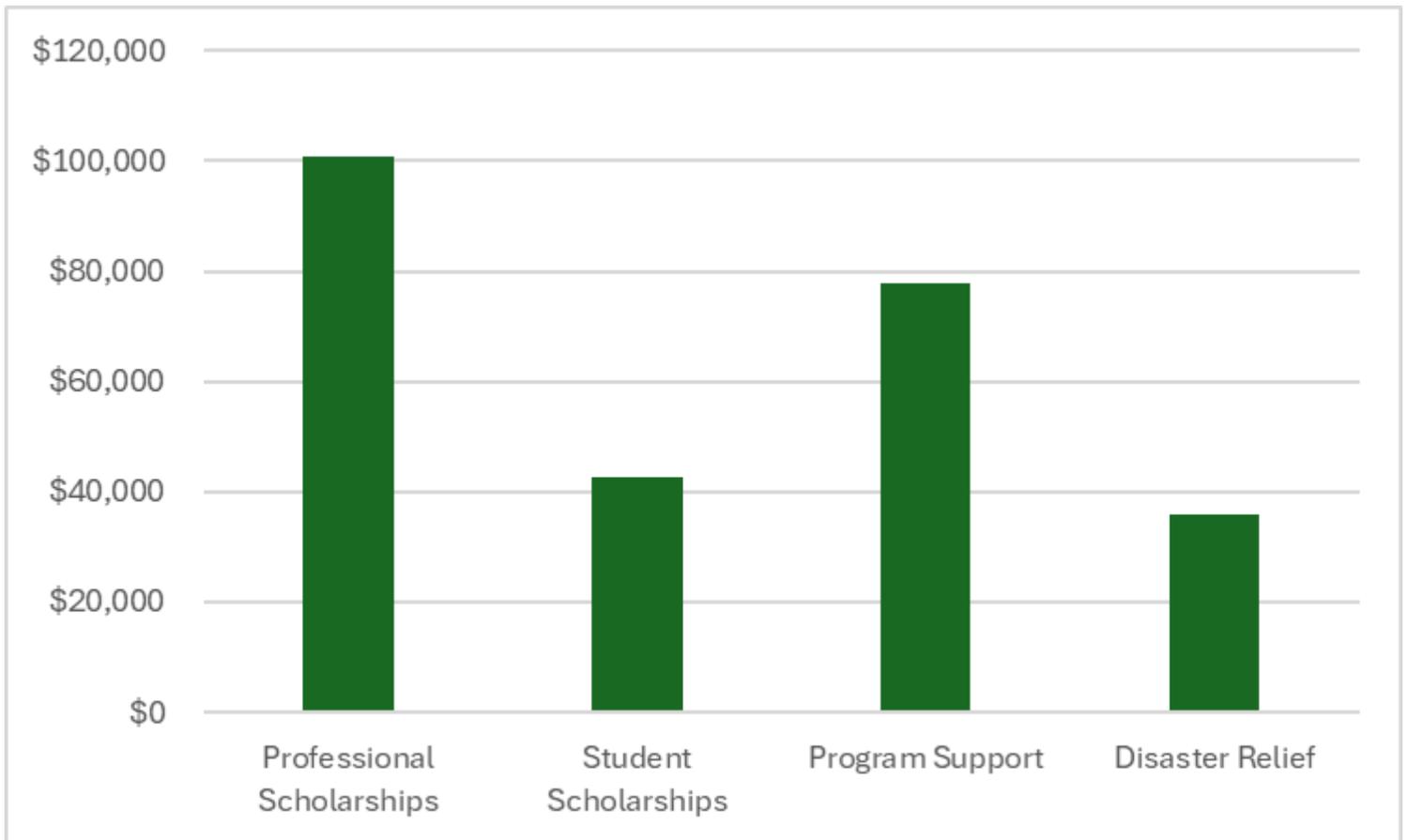
FINANCIALS

ASSETS	
Total Current Assets	\$76,907
Marketable Securities	\$650,192
Total Assets	\$727,099
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
General Scholarship Fund	\$696,725
Professional Development School (PDS) Scholarship	\$30,374
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$727,099

SOURCES OF FUNDS



IPRF IMPACT





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