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PROJECT LIFELINE YEAR IN REVIEW  
Annual Report for the Academic Year  
June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019

*"I am confident that I will be successful at DePaul thanks to the help and support I have from Project Lifeline. You are an incredible program that provides opportunities to people like me so that we can transform our lives and give back to our communities. I am so lucky to be a scholarship recipient, and I am very grateful for all of your help and support."*

*Arnold Y – recent graduate from Harold Washington College with a 3.0 GPA and current student at DePaul University*

*"Project Lifeline has changed my life in many ways. Project Lifeline has not only provided me with financial help throughout the years, but also emotional support"*

*Aaliyah P – Student at Harold Washington College working toward her Associates Degree with a 3.0 GPA*

For the past 30 years, Project Lifeline has devoted itself to building a foundation of support and encouragement for court involved children who would otherwise lack the resources to continue their educational goals. For these students, achieving educational success is the clearest route to a better, more productive life.

Project Lifeline's partnership with the Cook County Juvenile Probation Department is a facet of the program that has made it unique. **Volunteer probation officers are assigned to each scholarship recipient to help the student navigate the college experience and its many challenges, especially for the first-generation attendees.** The quotes from two current participants are examples of the importance of mentoring in the program.

The close partnership between the court, the probation officers and the students has resulted in over 140 of program participants earning degrees or certifications from community colleges, traditional colleges and universities and technical schools. **Project Lifeline's financial support with tuition, books, tutoring and housing as well as emotional support has fueled these academic accomplishments.**

Project Lifeline graduates have had many remarkable success stories. Here are some prominent examples:

- Sarah S - Regional Sales Manager Prime Rate Mortgage
- Zolottie B - Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer
- Yessina R - Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer
- Hector E - Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer
- Whitney C - Merchandising Manager Pottery Barn
- Chaniqua C - Board Certified Chicago Public School Teacher - Chicago Teaching Policy Fellow
- Jameisha W - JD - Recent Graduate John Marshall Law School
- Carolyn E -PHD - Director of Residential Life Langston University
- Yvette C -PHD - Research Assistant University of Illinois Chicago
- Tom M - Entrepreneur - CEO Atmosphere Events Group
- Chris B - Entrepreneur - Founder Deep Security Inc.
- Misael R - Automotive Technician - BMW of Orland Park
- Sally C -Founder & CEO of Tap In Leadership Academy

### **Milestones:**

During the past year, Project Lifeline celebrated the graduation of six recipients. They earned degrees from the following institutions:

#### Bachelor's Degrees

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
University of Illinois Chicago  
Northern Illinois University  
Resurrection University (Nursing)

#### Associate Degrees

Olive Harvey College  
Moraine Valley College

As they reached these educational milestones, all of these students have acknowledged the importance of the assistance that Project Lifeline has provided them. While the financial assistance was critical to their success, the patient caring mentoring, provided by their Project Lifeline Coordinator, was also a major component.

The student who earned his Associates Degree from Olive Harvey College did so with a 3.0 GPA. He has applications pending at several major universities and plans to pursue a degree in Engineering. The student who earned her Associates Degree from Moraine Valley College is currently a student in a highly competitive MRI Tech program at Triton College.

### **Financial Review:**

During the past year, Project Lifeline spent \$245,183 on behalf of 57 students. This included \$11,308 for tutoring. For the fifth consecutive year Project Lifeline sponsored a five-day Writing Workshop for our new students. This program is specifically designed to enhance their writing skills and to prepare them for college level work. It was staffed and run by Roosevelt University faculty at a cost of \$5,500.

### **Projected Budget for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year:**

For the 2019/20 academic year Project Lifeline has budgeted \$260,000. This will be allocated to 45 returning students and 19 newly accepted recipients.

Project Lifeline can offer scholarships and support to these students only due to the generosity of donors like you. These students continue to inspire us with their ability to overcome the daunting obstacles in their path.

### **Project Lifeline Donors:**

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### **Conclusion:**

Project Lifeline has been committed to reshaping the ways court children think about themselves, their education and their future. The opportunity PL offers is never simply monetary. It has as much to do with building our students confidence, guiding them through the difficulties, and celebrating every success. Project Lifeline continues to reach new milestones in its ongoing mission to help these deserving students overcome some of our community's harshest life circumstances and shape their own futures.

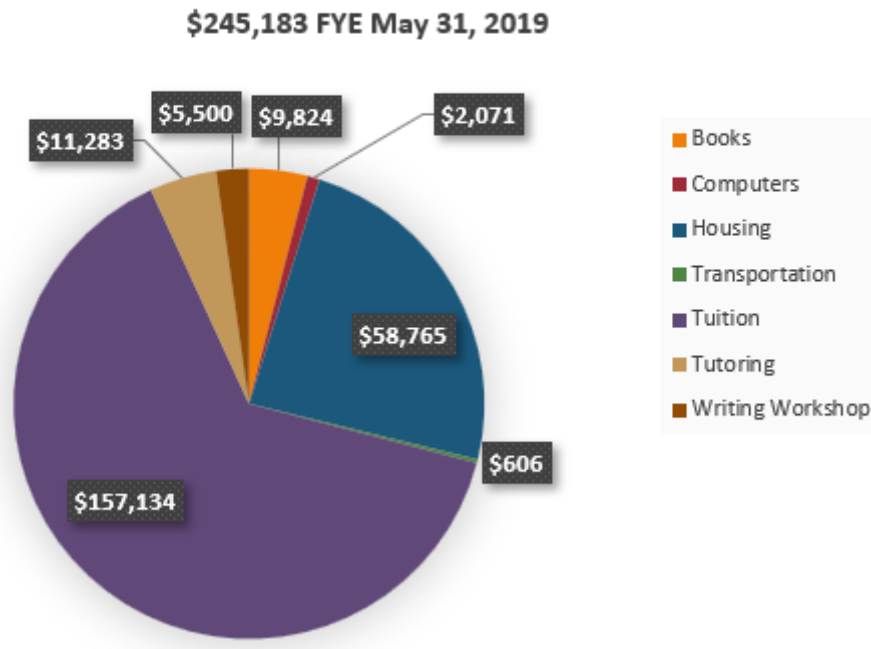
*"I couldn't have done it without Project Lifeline"*

*Danielle H recent Nursing School graduate*

*"The people at Project Lifeline really have motivated me through kind words and encouragement that is hard to find anywhere else."*

*Jose S second year pre-med student at UIC with a 3.8 GPA*

## Project Lifeline Spending by Category



## Outflows for Students vs Administrative Expenses FYE May 31, 2019

