



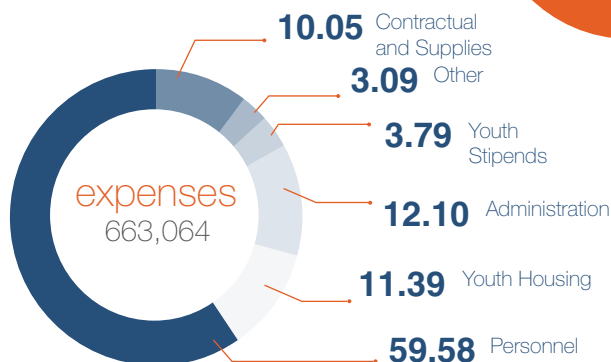
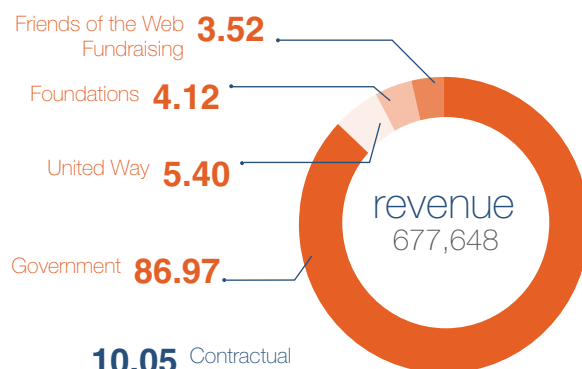
Learning by doing...youth becoming adults

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Young people—adolescents and young adults—are The Learning Web's reason for being. Assisting them on their journey to adulthood is our mission. Our program foundation is a community-based, mentor-apprentice/hands-on learning experience — a model that connects youth with adults, sparks a passion, helps youth learn life skills and envision a rich future; all helping them become engaged citizens who value themselves and their community.



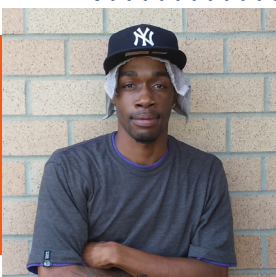
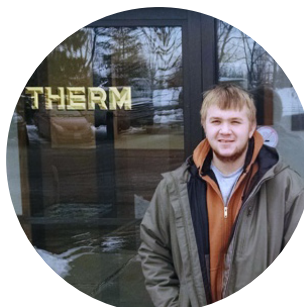
Making lasagna and sharing it with foster families and bio parents was a fun learning experience for the 36 foster care adolescents who participate in our Life Skills Program. From cooking to credit checks, the program helps these young people prepare for living independently.

"I confirmed that my plan is to go into the medical field and I received a lot of great ideas for colleges and future plans," said Emma Robison, center, about her exciting experience on a Bangs ambulance. Like the 88 other Learning Web youth apprenticing all over our community, Emma better understands the responsibilities and demands of the field.



Brothers Mohannad and Murabit Abdel-Rehim have raised the bar for service! Learning Web group leaders describe the boys as insightful and grounded, with a great sense of humor. Cayuga Nature Center staff was amazed at how much they accomplished there. Joining the brothers, 45 other youth took action to address community needs.

Josh Wurgler wanted a job with a career path when he joined our Supported Employment Program. Josh, like 40 other young adults in the program, was between jobs. He secured a job at Therm, a supplier of custom-machined turbine components. Starting in facility maintenance, his great work earned him a promotion to a machinist. Josh enjoys his job and the training he is receiving.



Terrel Smith faced housing issues when he turned to Youth Outreach for help. He worked hard to find a good job and stable housing for he and his son. Terrel enjoys his managerial duties at Taco Bell where he has worked for several years. Having fun with his son and being there to support him as he grows up is Terrel's focus now that housing and employment problems are a thing of the past.

704

County youth engaged with our community through LW programs.

8800

volunteer hours offered by community adults who introduced new possibilities to young people.

121

Apprentices learned and worked beside community mentors.

137

Exploration visits expanded youths' vision of their future.

47

middle schoolers volunteered at

28

community sites

40

unemployed young adults worked on job skills that will lead to career path jobs.

289

Homeless youth used resources to stabilize their housing and work towards self-sufficiency.