

2019 Annual Report



Big Brothers Big Sisters

OF PONOKA AND RIMBEY



United Way
Central Alberta

Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Ponoka and Rimbey
serves children and families in the
county of Ponoka, Alberta. Serving
our community since 1988, we are
a strong and committed agency
that functions in good standing
with Big Brothers Big Sisters of
Canada.





Our Mission Statement

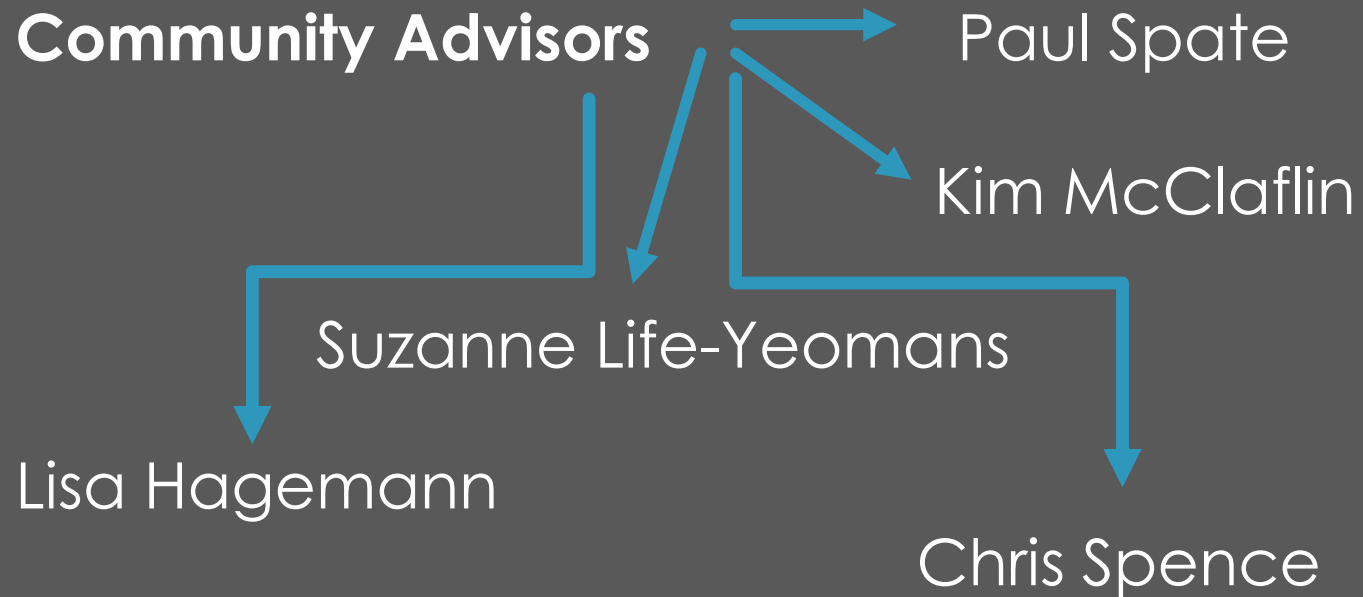
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ponoka and Rimbey is a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

Chairperson → Grant Jorgenson

Vice Chairperson → Jozina Meijer

Treasurer → Kelly Sperber

Secretary → Tony Ruijsch



2019 Board of Directors

Message From Board Chairperson

In many ways, 2019 was like past years, but it also had its own unique challenges and rewards. From the board's perspective, the programs continue to meet the needs of our community and the staff is highly qualified and skilled to deliver this great programming we have become accustomed to.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank a few of the many people involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ponoka and Rimbey.

- The youth that come to a single, or multiple events are the reason the agency exists and the life blood that keeps it running
- Those who volunteer at a large variety of functions, giving of their time and talents
- The staff who work diligently to make sure mentoring programs are developed and carried out and work hard to be a positive role model in the kid's lives
- Beth for her leadership and passion for the youth of our communities
- My fellow board members for their commitment to the health and vitality of youth programming in our community
- The businesses and residents of these communities who continue to show their support, and in doing so help to provide these positive role models in the lives of our youth

The board and staff remain dedicated to making sure every child in our communities has opportunity to be involved in positive programming that meets their needs and that of the larger community.

Grant Jorgenson
Board Chairperson
Big Brother Big Sisters of Ponoka & Rimbey



Message From Executive Director

At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ponoka and Rimbey, we believe that every child who needs a mentor should have a mentor. This belief drives our agency's passion to do all that we can to ensure that the youth of Ponoka and Rimbey are given positive adult mentors in their lives - mentors who will help them experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

At our agency, we have the privilege of witnessing first-hand the benefits of mentoring in our community. Recently, a school staff member told us, "It is just so very obvious as I walk through the school and see the kids with their mentors, that the positive, healthy relationships being built will affect the kids for years to come! The kids feel important when an adult comes to the school to do fun things with them!"

In 2019, our Ponoka and Rimbey agencies facilitated over 130 one-to-one mentoring matches. That number reflects dedication and passion from our staff, our board, our volunteers and our community, as a whole. Our agency is incredibly grateful for the support we receive from our community. With your continued support, we believe that we will continue to positively impact the lives of youth through mentoring.

Beth Reitz
Executive Director
Big Brother Big Sisters of Ponoka & Rimbey



2019 Staff

Executive Director → Beth Reitz

Ponoka Program Director → Morgen Chernick

Administrative Assistant → Cindy Reguly

Caseworkers → Morgen Chernick
→ Maren Vold

**Rimbey Program Directors/
Caseworker** → Haley Klugkist
→ Ashley Bryson
→ Annette Peck

Go Girls & Game On → Jenni Irwin
→ Maren Vold
→ Jesse Vaudry
→ Andrew Heinrichs

2019 Programs



Traditional Mentoring

A caring adult volunteer spends 3-4 hours a week, for at least 1 year, with a child between the ages of 6-16 years offering support, friendship and a positive role model.



In School Mentoring

A caring adult volunteer meets with an elementary school-aged child in the school environment for 1 hour each week to assist in strengthening the child's self-esteem and social development through participating in crafts, games, sports or other activities of interest to the child.



Teen Mentoring

A mature and caring grade 10-12 student is matched with an elementary school-aged child in the school environment for 1 hour each week to assist in strengthening the child's self-esteem and social development through participating in crafts, games, sports or other activities of interest to the child. The teen mentor receives leadership and mentoring training, as well as academic credits and experience.

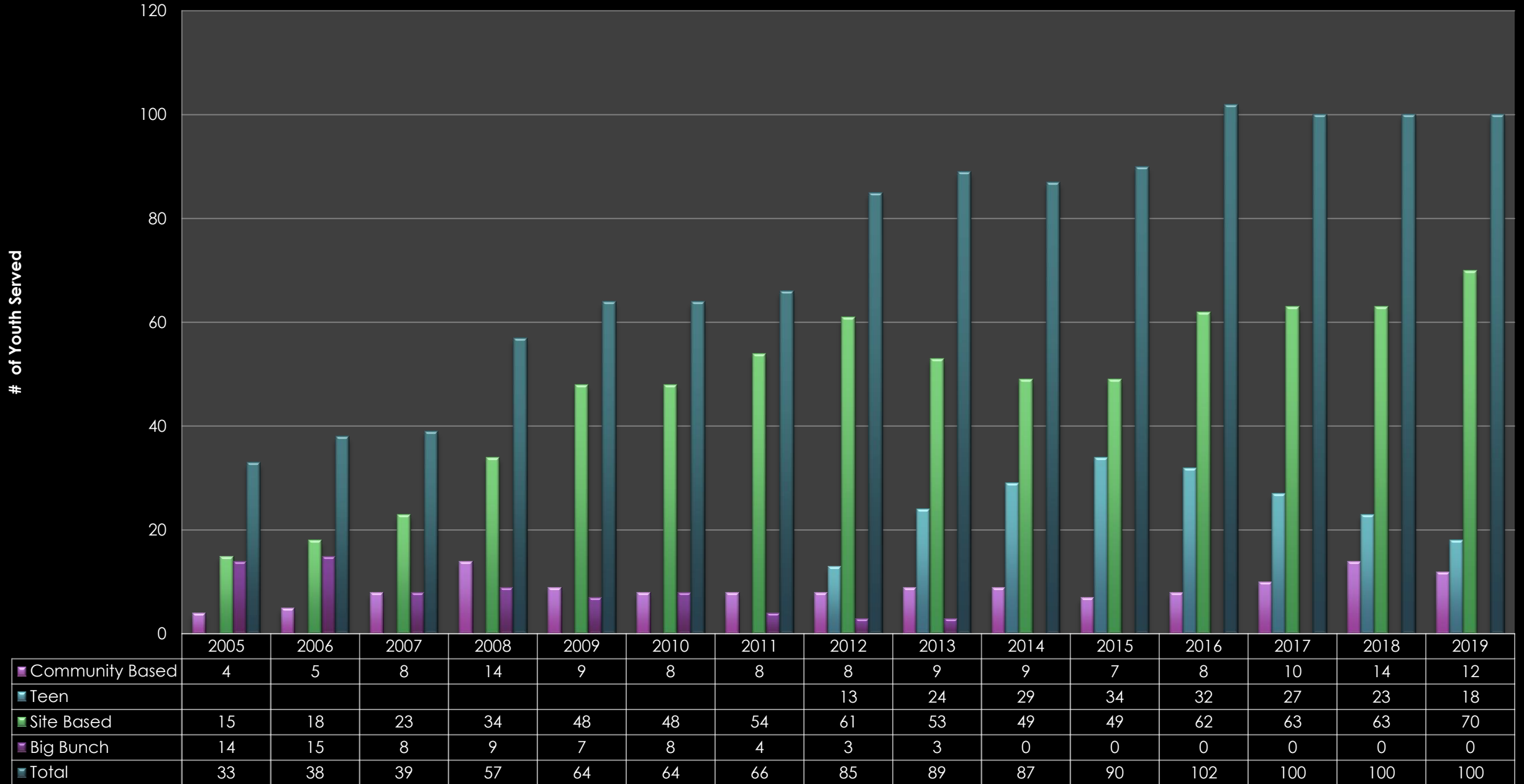


Group Mentoring

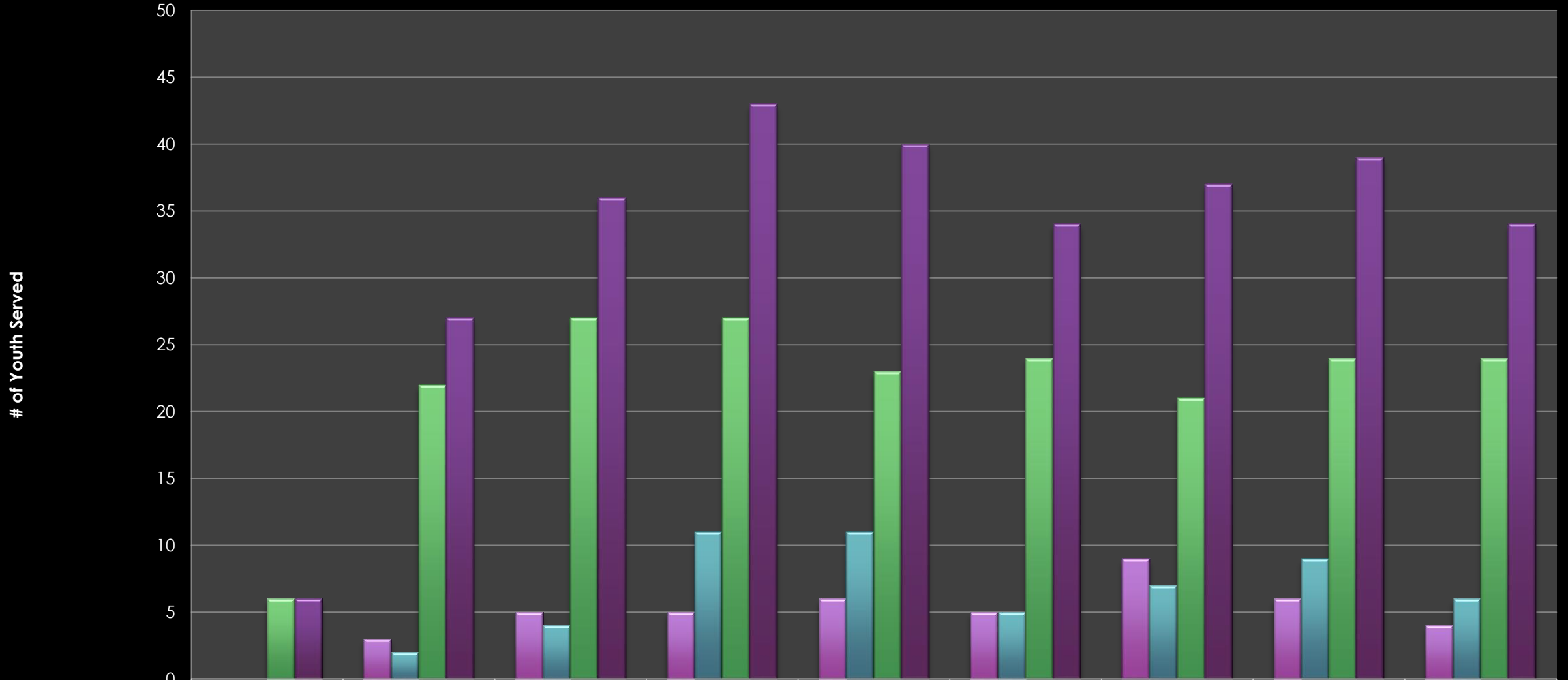


Go Girls and Game On are gender-specific programs that are offered in a group-mentoring setting and emphasize self-esteem, healthy living and body image. These programs take place within the school setting once per week (over the course of an 8-week period of sessions) and involve games, activities, discussion and nutritional snacks. Go Girls and Game On have 10-12 youth matched with 2 like-gender mentors.

2019 BBBS Ponoka Match Summary

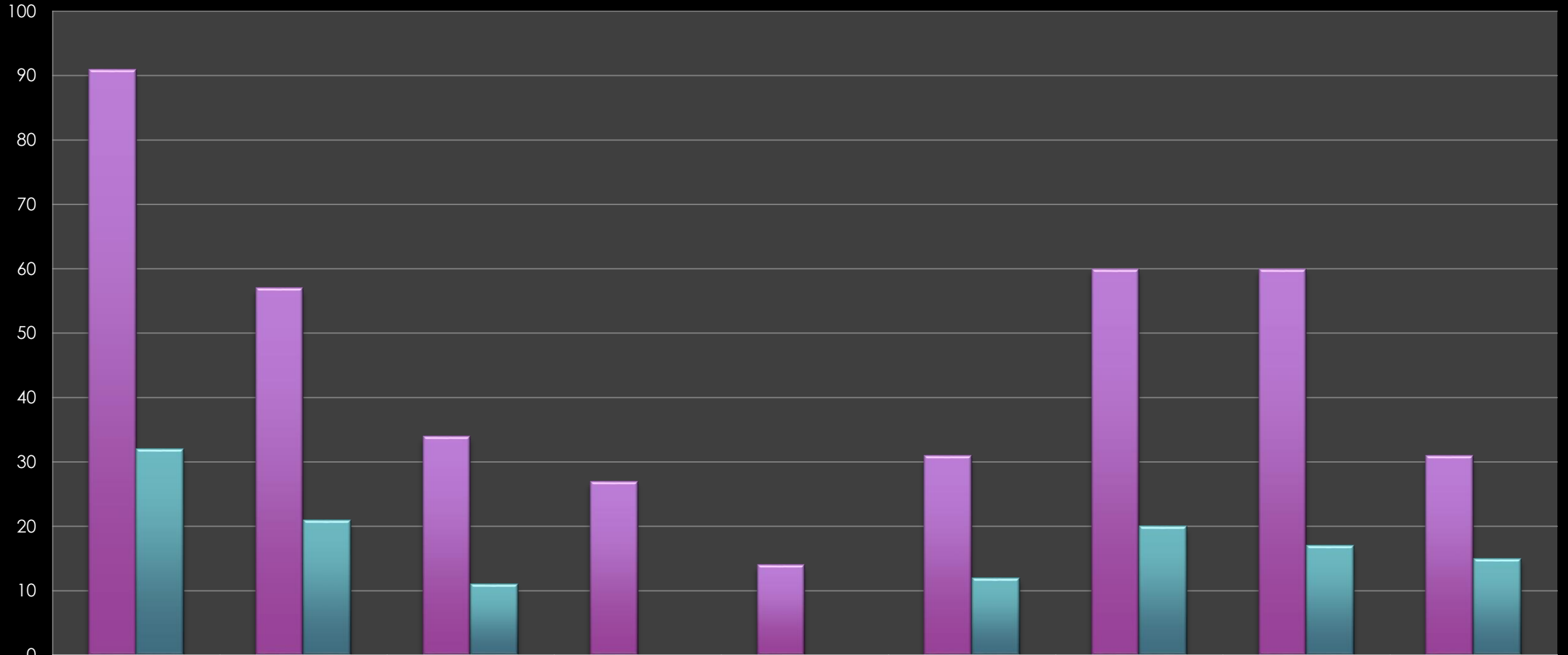


2019 BBBS Rimbey Match Summary



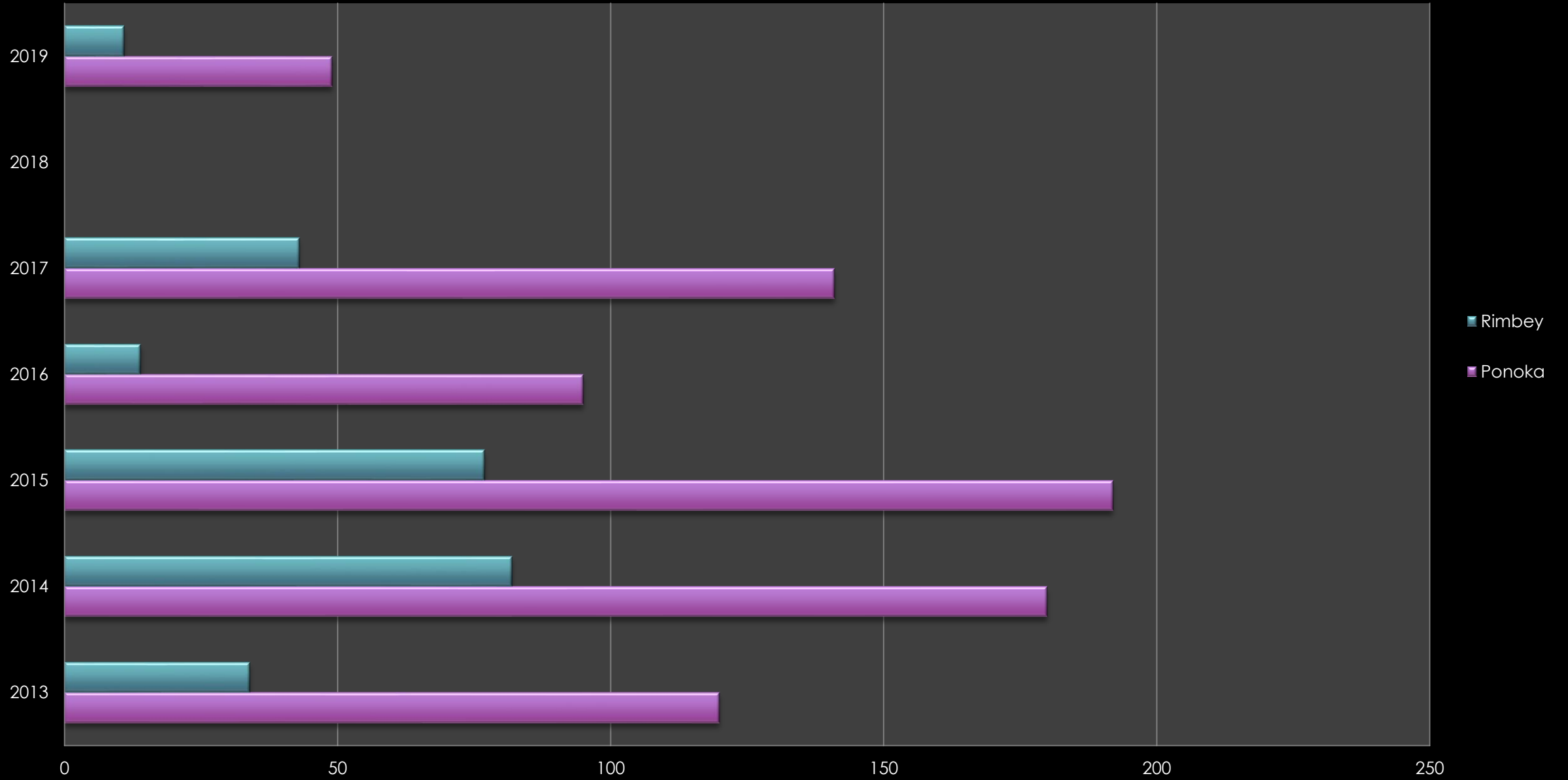
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Community Based	0	3	5	5	6	5	9	6	4
Teen	0	2	4	11	11	5	7	9	6
Site Based	6	22	27	27	23	24	21	24	24
Total	6	27	36	43	40	34	37	39	34

Demographics of Mentees in 2019



	Number of Children Served	Male	Female	Indigenous	CS	Rural Residents	Town Residents	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-18
■ Ponoka	91	57	34	27	14	31	60	60	31
■ Rimbey	32	21	11	0	0	12	20	17	15

Group Mentoring



2019 Financial Statements

Statement of Revenues as of December 31, 2019

Grants	\$123,485.00
Contributions	\$ 9,933.00
Fundraising	\$ 60,133.00
Interest Income	\$ 5,882.00
Total Revenue	\$199,433.00

2019 Financial Statements

Statement of Expenses as of December 31, 2019

Administrative Expenses	\$ 88,235.00
Mentoring Program Expenses	\$ 84,823.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 20,377.00
Go Girls and Game On Expenses	\$ 3,042.00
Youth Justice Program Expenses	\$ 876.00
Total Expenses:	\$197,353.00
Other Expenses: WCYF	\$ 30,000.00
Net Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenses:	\$ -27,920.00



2019

Ponoka

Partnerships

- **Wolf Creek Public School Division**
- **Ponoka RCMP**
- **Ponoka Youth Centre/BGC Wolf Creek**
- **Ponoka FCSS**
- **Ponoka Interagencies**
- **St. Augustine School**
- **Alberta Mentoring Partnership**
- **Ponoka HUB**

2019

Rimbey

Partnerships

- **Wolf Creek Public School Division**
- **Ponoka Youth Centre/BGC of Wolf Creek**
- **Rimbey FCSS**
- **Rimbey Interagencies**
- **Blindman Youth Action Society**
- **Rimbey Christian School**



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- **Alberta Human Services**
 - **County of Ponoka**
 - **Local Service Clubs**
 - **Local Businesses**
 - **Ponoka FCSS**
- **United Way of Central Alberta**

Thank you!

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Thank you!

Thank You Volunteers



Volunteers are an integral part of what we do. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ponoka and Rimbey could not exist without the numerous volunteers that give of their time. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Generosity and Support!

