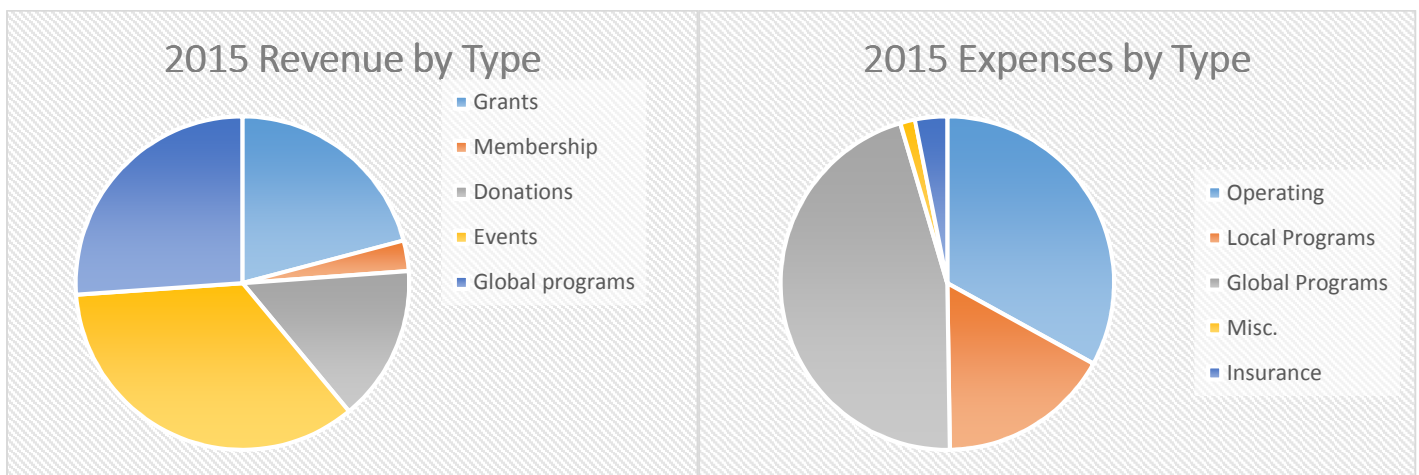
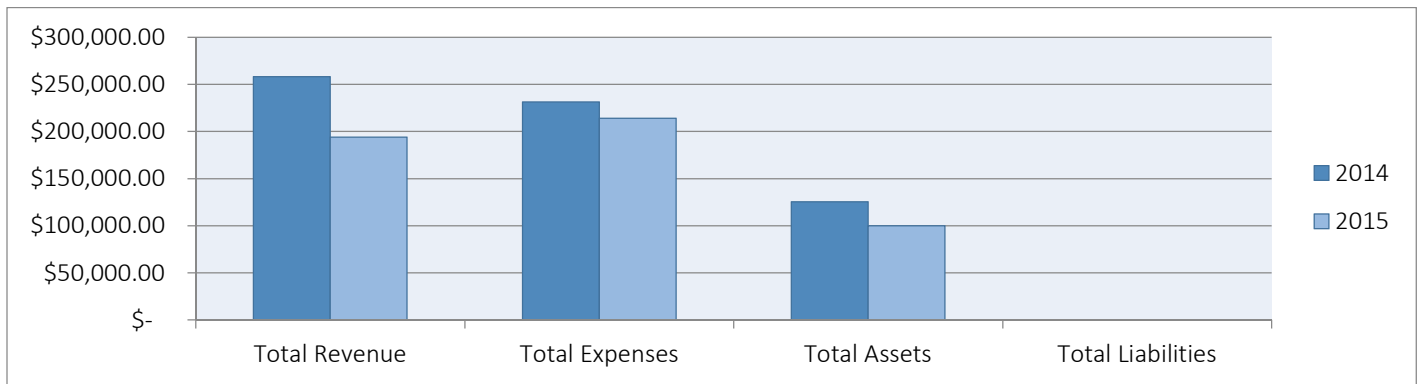


# 2015 Financial Summary



In 2015, Denver Sister Cities provided \$4.88 in activity for each \$1 spent.

## Highlights of 2015...

- The Global Exchange Speaker Series was kicked off with a keynote from Mayor Michael B. Hancock
- The Worldwide Festival 2015 was held at DPAC with delegations from six sister cities in attendance
- There were four adult delegation trips (Japan spring, Ulaanbaatar, Kunming and Japan fall trips) and 3 student exchanges (Brest, Luby Jenkins and Takayama)

### Awards:

- Innovation in Humanitarian Assistance Award from Sister Cities International to the Axum Committee
- Young Artists and Authors Showcase Video Competition Grand Prize from Sister Cities International to Denver Sister Cities student member, Bridget Gallaty

### Sister City Anniversaries:

Takayama – 55 years

Nairobi – 40 years

Axum – 20 years

*"The trip made me understand what French life is like and made me absolutely love the culture and the language. I really haven't realized it until now but I love doing things out of the ordinary."*  
 Tabitha Foster, 2015 exchange student

Quote #2



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# Annual Report 2015

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Special thanks to our Diamond member, Geotech Environmental Engineering!



**Michael Frank, President of Denver Sister Cities International**



What a year! Once again, Denver Sister Cities' volunteers made this a year packed with activities, trips, and visitors. As we expand our programming to include a stronger economic development component and promote business-to-business connections, the impact of Denver's Sister City relationships is even greater – almost a 5:1 return. I'm proud of this, but even more proud of emotional impact felt by every delegate and traveler, no matter their age or experience. My hope is that each Denver resident will feel the Sister Cities connection to our global brethren and will use that connection to move beyond mere tolerance to true cultural understanding and celebration. Join us!

**Beth Hendrix, Executive Director of Denver Sister Cities International**

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## City Leadership

**Akureyri:** Aaron & Lacey Walker  
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## Corporate Members

**Geotech Environmental Engineering:** Diamond  
  
**Metropolitan State University:** Platinum  
  
**Denver International Airport:** Gold  
**Visit Denver:** Gold  
**Farmers Insurance:** Silver  
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**Centennial Airport:** Bronze  
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