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The Spina Bifida Association (SBA) promotes the prevention of Spina Bifida and enhances the lives of all affected.

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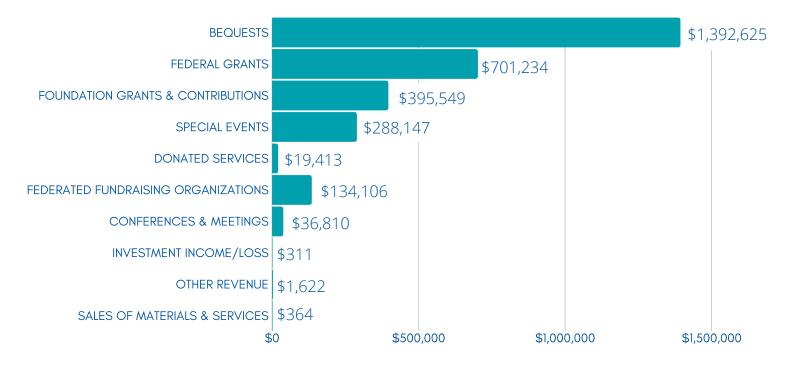
OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since 1973, SBA has been the only national, voluntary health agency dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with Spina Bifida and their families through research, advocacy, education, and support efforts. Below are SBA's top accomplishments from 2018, which would not have been possible without the continued generosity and support of our friends and allies.

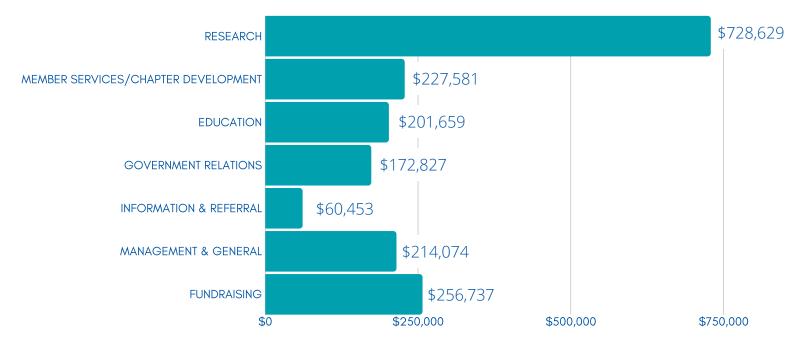
- SBA hosted its very first Teal on the Hill advocacy day in Washington, DC where 100 people from 29 states held 77 meetings with Members of Congress to educate them about the importance of the Spina Bifida Program at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, keeping catheters out of the competitive bid process, and protecting access to wheelchair accessories, among other issues.
- The Association launched SB-YOU, a brand-new webinar series that pairs healthcare professionals with real-life experts (individuals living with Spina Bifida) to talk about issues of importance to the Spina Bifida community. The first webinar focused on staying fit and healthy.
- SBA's Spina Bifida Collaborative Care Network released its long-awaited Guidelines for the Care of People with Spina Bifida after a three-year initiative involving more than 80 clinicians who reviewed the largest body of research assembled to date on Spina Bifida and other related care issues.
- Along with our Corporate Chapters, SBA hosted 10 Walk-N-Rolls for Spina Bifida throughout the U.S., bringing together more than 5,000 members of the Spina Bifida community.
- During Spina Bifida Awareness Month in October, SBA reached more than 500,000 people through a highly successful storytelling campaign on social media and a productive partnership with Redefining Spina Bifida.
- The Association conducted a survey of the Spina Bifida community to determine their interest and involvement in research prior to beginning work on a new research agenda. The Association received responses from 550 individuals who indicated that research is vital (85%). However, most have never participated in research (64%) because they have never been asked to do so (73%).

OUR FINANCIALS

REVENUE: \$2,969,559



EXPENSES: \$1,861,970



Net Assets Beginning of Year: \$655,451 Net Assets End of Year: \$1,763,040

Note: Annual Report financial information was compiled utilizing SBA's 2018 Audited Financial Statements.

OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to thank the many individuals, corporations, and foundations who supported our work in 2018, and our Board of Directors, Advisory Councils, and other committees and volunteers who donated their time and energy. SBA is a 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization, and we depend on your donations. Your tax-deductible gifts allow us to serve the more than 166,000 individuals living in the United States today with Spina Bifida and their families.

To use resources wisely, we have opted not to publish a list of our supporters in this report. However, a list of corporate contributions can be found on our website. If you have additional questions or concerns or would like information on ways to make a gift to SBA, please contact Elizabeth Merck, Director of Development, at emerck@sbaa.org or (202) 618-4754.



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