

# **REPORT** IMPACT 2018

"Via helped me get my job. I have a lot of *friends* here."

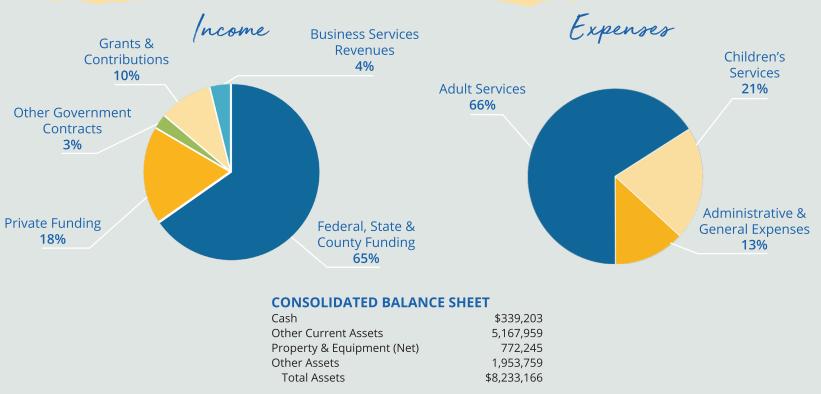
– Michael, Martin Guitar Employee





6 Our brother George received services from Via and was part of the Via family for 39 years before he passed away. He loved the friends he made there. Knowing he was happy and engaged every day brought peace of mind to our family. We are proud donors to Via and encourage others in our community to support the many services Via offers to people with disabilities."

Paula & Richard Henry



Current Liabilities	\$2,262,395
Long-Term Liabilities	21,634
Total Liabilities	\$2,284,029

FY 2018 VIA OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY, INC. Total Income \$10,911,945

Total Income (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

#### Community Employment, Small Group Employment, Student Work Experience, School-to-Work Transition Services, Business & Industrial Services

Zach works in the sampling department at Cigars International. "I like it here because I made friends with lots of people," says Zach. "My boss is cool and supportive of what I do. All of the Cigars International employees in the warehouse treat me awesome."

President of Cigars International parent company, Niels Frederiksen, is inspired by Zach's motivation and enthusiasm. He deems Zach as a model employee. Frederikson has shared Zach's story internationally with employees across his companies.

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Employment Sites 82

#### Speech, Occupational & Physical Therapies, Lehigh Children's Academy, Teen Experience, Reading Together at Home

Via's Teen Experience helps students with disabilities learn while having fun. The program introduces vocational, social and independent living skills to more than 25 teens to help prepare them for life after high school. Teens volunteer with nonprofits, visit employers, develop work skills, and participate in recreational activities.

Chrissy stated, "I had so much fun this summer and made a lot of friends. I enjoyed learning about different jobs and am looking forward to learning more this school year."

Children & Teens Served



TEEN

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HILDREN

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#### Community Mentoring, Autism Services, Creative Expressions – Adult Training Services, Behavior Support Services

Via helps people access recreational, volunteer and educational opportunities throughout the community where they can gain important skills that enrich their lives. These opportunities – especially volunteering – also brighten the lives of others.

Michael has volunteered through Community Connections for more than five years.

"I like volunteering at Meals on Wheels and helping people. I get to say hello, bring them food and tell them jokes. It's fun. I also like helping bagging toys at the Salvation Army and going to the library and Barnes and Noble to read books. I am happy to be out in our community."



People Served

Via staff are dedicated and compassionate people who exemplify Via's values and work diligently to meet Via's mission of helping the people we serve reach their full potential. Every year, each staff person undergoes 24 hours of high quality training to ensure they provide the best services possible.

66 What I really like about working at Via is the opportunity to work with people towards their goal. It means a lot knowing I'm doing something meaningful and enriching people's lives."

10,285 Hours

Lorraine Calandra

COMMUNITY







## SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1952

### VIA'S MISSION Help people reach their full potential.

#### VIA'S VISION

Via creates pathways to success through vocation, inclusion and advocacy. We envision a time when all people have equal access to developmental and educational services, meaningful friendships, a rewarding career, an enriching community life, and a satisfying retirement.

#### VIA'S VALUES



#### PEOPLE

People should be treated with dignity, respect, fairness & courtesy.



**COMMUNITY** Developing community supports & resources enhances our quality of life.



#### DIVERSITY

It is essential to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect for each other's differences.



#### **ADVOCACY**

Everyone is responsible for bringing about the change necessary to benefit those we serve.



#### GROWTH

Personal growth is promoted through attention to present strengths, not past weaknesses.



#### SHARED IDEAS

Individuals should actively participate in their service planning.



#### REHABILITATION

Services must be available for as long as they are needed.

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Via Events, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that operates Via Thrift Stores and several special events activities. The mission of Via Events is to raise funds to advance the services provided by Via of the Lehigh Valley.

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