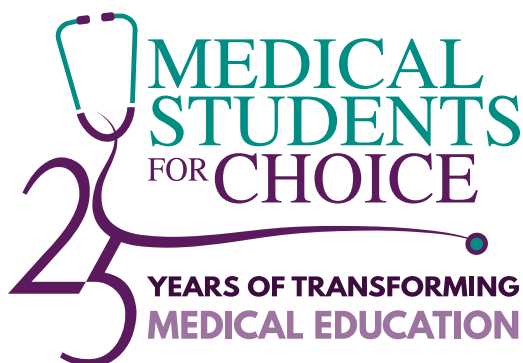


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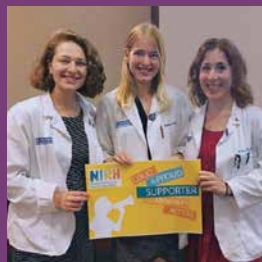
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Thank you so much for all that you have done for MSFC. It is extremely meaningful that we have support from others, as many of us have felt very unsupported and alone at our medical schools. I am from Central PA, where most do not agree with me, and having a support network through MSFC has changed my experience completely. Thank you for all that you do.

— Erin, ATI Participant

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I was frightened by the prospect of Roe being overturned, but emboldened by my desire to see physician-led advocacy first hand. Our MSFC chapter went to work...I heard confidence in the voices of my classmates, too, and I felt proud to be testifying alongside such passionate and determined future-physicians.



— Rachel - Albert Einstein College of Medicine



Read more about the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's chapter advocacy work in our blog: [msfc.org/advocacy18](https://msfc.org/advocacy18)

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During my RHE, I spent the first part of this summer at a family health clinic in the Bronx learning about reproductive justice and abortion under the supervision of some of the most inspiring...women I have ever met. More than any other time in my life, I feel like I know what I want to be when I grow up: I want to be just like them—doctors who listen, who inform, who support, who care, and who treat individuals with respect, with compassion, and with dignity.

— Cara - Tulane University School of Medicine



You can read more about Cara's Reproductive Health Externship experience here: [msfc.org/cara18](https://msfc.org/cara18)

# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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In 2018, MSFC continued to experience the robust student activity we have seen since the 2016 election, both at the campus organizing level and in MSFC's direct educational programs. Contributing to our long-term impact were some MSFC alumni achievements, including the appointment of an MSFC alumna to the Board of Directors of the National Abortion Federation. MSFC Alumni have also testified against abortion restrictions in hostile states and brought attention to abortion in a Post-Roe world, participating in the Bustle Abortion AMA.

2018 saw a remarkable uptick in draconian restrictions on access to reproductive rights at the state level, and, as always, Medical Students for Choice remained focused on advocating for access to family planning services, including abortion. As we seem to be moving closer to a Post-Roe world, it is increasingly important that we use our voices as medical professionals to spread the message that abortion is an essential part of healthcare. *With the support of donors like you, MSFC broadened collaborative relationships to bring the voices of our students into the public policy arena, advocating for state legislation that will ensure access to safe abortion in some states while fighting the passage of abortion bans in many others.*

Worldwide, MSFC has organized country-wide abortion training programs for medical students in Germany, radically changed family planning curricula in Uganda, and educated Canadian medical students on medication abortion regimens. I have been proud to lead this organization in a time of growth, confronting challenges with speed and flexibility organization-wide. Our student members around the world inspire me every day with their passion and dedication to this work and their future patients. As we pursue our vision of reproductive justice, I am excited that we are creating physicians who will not only treat patients, but also work to overcome the intersectional barriers that affect their health and care. Thank you for your contribution to this effort!

Sincerely,



Abigail C. Davies  
President 2018-2019, Board of Directors  
*Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University*





## MSFC ACROSS THE GLOBE

Being an MSFC member means being part of our strong network of committed advocates for the integration of abortion education into medical school! In 2018, new chapters in Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, Colombia, Burundi, and more joined the ranks of MSFC membership. MSFC now has **220** chapters in over **20** countries, with more joining each month. Our chapters are supported with funding for student events and guidance from alumni to mentor members. In 2018, our members hosted almost **1800** events, including **200** hands-on trainings, plus lectures and visits to clinics. Members educated their peers, broke down stigma, and challenged restrictive abortion policies. Our members are passionate about abortion access, but they care about reproductive justice as well—connecting abortion and family planning access to transgender healthcare issues, challenges facing refugee and immigrant populations, and providing trauma-informed care to survivors of sexual violence.

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Each time we have an event, we are surprised by the new faces we see and amazed by the growing receptiveness. We are witnessing the beginnings of strong advocacy for change on our campus, and hopefully in clinical practice beyond.

*Student Leaders*

*University of Florida College of Medicine*

## ABORTION EDUCATION DESERVES A PLACE IN CURRICULUM

MSFC student leaders and chapter members work to add abortion formally into their school's curricula. With guidance and curriculum resources from our student organizers, chapters work to establish family planning electives, add lectures on abortion, remove stigmatizing content from their curriculum, and more.

Using a template course proposal, Temple University in Philadelphia was able to convince their administration to implement two lectures in family planning in the second year curriculum, and also make changes to the third and fourth year curriculum! In the Caribbean, our chapter at St. George's University was frustrated that there was very little reproductive health content in their curriculum. Using slides from MSFC, they designed a lecture on abortion that was taught in May 2018.

## HANDS-ON TRAINING

The Abortion Training Institute is a fully-funded, intensive educational opportunity for medical students. They learn about the clinical aspects of abortion care and provision, abortion-focused legislation, and advocacy from reproductive health and family planning experts in a small-group setting. In 2018, MSFC held three ATIs where **107** students received fully-funded training (**thanks to you!**).



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The ATI gave me a much deeper understanding of the process of abortion, including the steps that can be more uncomfortable to perform, and a stronger knowledge of the barriers that women often face to access this care. I left the ATI with a strengthened resolve to get abortion training during residency in order to provide them as a PCP, and now am looking **ONLY** at residency programs that will allow me to get training. Moreover, talking with residents and providers left me with concrete knowledge of how to find training experiences.

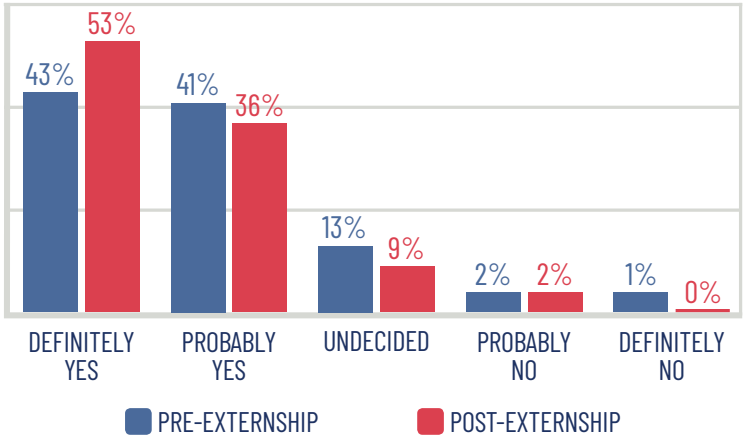


*Rachel, ATI participant*

# LEARNING TO PROVIDE: THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EXTERNSHIP

This past year, your gift helped MSFC fund **150** medical students and residents to receive training in abortion care at **126** facilities across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Ghana! On average, we provided **\$660** per extern to be trained in a full range of sexual and reproductive healthcare, including ultrasound technique, pelvic exams, pap smears, contraception, and STD testing and counseling, in addition to surgical and medication abortion provision. Our evaluation results consistently show that participation in the Reproductive Health Externship increases a medical student's intention to provide abortions in their future practice.

DO YOU PLAN TO PROVIDE ABORTION SERVICES  
IN YOUR FUTURE PRACTICE?



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This is such a unique opportunity to gain clinical exposure in a classically underrepresented area of medical school curricula, and I am certain that I would not have received such a robust abortion education in medical school without the RHE. Being immersed in the clinical work is inspiring, and interacting with patients seeking abortion care reinforced to me why becoming an abortion provider is such an important career goal for me. Being able to have one-on-one time with an abortion provider was also extremely valuable, as I was able to get a lot of my questions about being a provider answered through honest conversations.

Makenna, RHE participant

## FOSTERING CONNECTIONS

The Conference on Family Planning is the premier conference for medical students interested in abortion, reproductive health and family planning. MSFC brings together hundreds of medical students, residents, and expert faculty from around the world for a weekend of lectures, interactive workshops and seminars on subject matter excluded from the standard medical curriculum. Sessions incorporate the following themes: abortion care and family planning, hands-on training simulations, international family planning, advocacy, abortion messaging and activism.

Your gift to MSFC allows hundreds of students from around the world to receive subsidies towards registration fees. Students from hostile states and new chapters have their registration fee completely covered by you! Held in Denver, CO, the 2018 Conference on Family Planning hosted **382** students from **98** schools from the United States and Canada (and even one student from Peru, and another from the Caribbean).



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The CoFP was an amazing opportunity for me to be surrounded by people who are so openly willing to discuss and tackle the realities of our reproductive health care. It was inspiring to be surrounded by other students who want to make a difference and to meet providers who are continuously fighting for patients' rights to health care. It solidified my belief that women's healthcare, specifically abortion care, and advocacy work is something I want to add to my eventual health care practice.



*Michelle, Conference Attendee*



## A UNIFIED FIGHT FOR ABORTION ACCESS

Around the world, our chapters collaborate to march from their classrooms to the courtrooms and challenge unjust laws limiting abortion access.

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Doctors and med students have a role and responsibility to engage and inform the general public on the health implications of the current law.

*Katherine - School of Medicine Trinity College Dublin*

In Ireland, MSFC members partnered with Doctors for Choice to host conversations about what legalizing abortion meant for Ireland. They mobilized their peers to vote to repeal the 8th amendment that had made abortion illegal in Ireland since 1983.

In Iowa, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, students fought against 6-week abortion bans. In Chicago, MSFC members urged their senators to oppose Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination. Their actions are not only important in the fight for abortion access, but are great training for the rest of their careers as physician advocates!



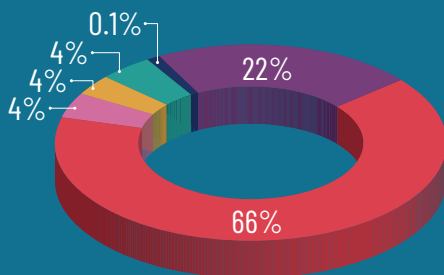


# 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## INCOME

Individual and Trust Contributions	\$	409,415
Foundation Grants	\$	1,227,974
Investment Income	\$	74,834
Net Gain/(Loss) on Investments	\$	(80,594)
Meeting Registrations	\$	69,275
Other Income	\$	1,882

TOTAL INCOME  
\$1,702,786



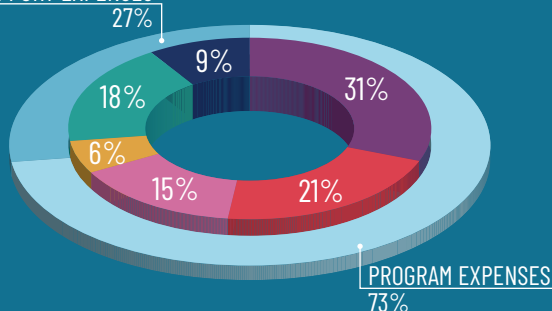
TOTAL NET ASSETS \$4,130,905

## EXPENSES

Student Organizing	\$	424,989
Conferences and Meetings	\$	291,055
Externship Program	\$	210,137
Outreach and Communication	\$	86,133
Management and General	\$	246,273
Fund Development	\$	120,963

TOTAL EXPENSES  
\$1,379,550

### SUPPORT EXPENSES



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Thank you for your generous donation to MSFC! This amazing organization promotes pro-choice future physician training, which is increasingly important in a hostile health environment. The Abortion Training Institute weekend, which your gift helped fund, was an incredible weekend filled with meeting inspirational mentors, like-minded peers, and lots of advocacy talk. I've gained the skillset of being able to speak intelligently about abortion with people who may not see eye-to-eye with me. Thank you again!

Alice - UT Southwestern, ATI Participant

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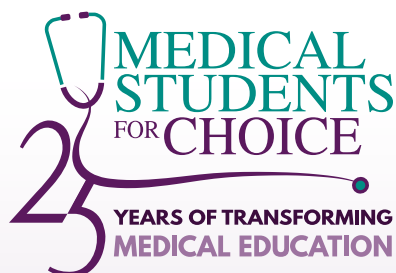
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