



**Accola Board of Directors
Advancement Report, February 19, 2026**

1. Executive Summary

From an upcoming article about Accola in next issue of ***Together***, “When Accola was envisioned by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, the call was clear: to carry forward their ministries, deepen their impact, and continue responding boldly to the needs of the time. In recent months, as our communities have been profoundly affected by increased ICE activity, the wisdom and courage of the Sisters’ vision have become even more apparent.””

The foresight that shaped and invested in the formation of Accola well positioned us to respond boldly and quickly to the needs of the time over the last few months. The **Accola Response Fund**, created in late January, received over 172 donations with more than 90% of donations from new donors from across the nation and around the world. The Leadership Team is making thank you calls to all these donors – our gratitude runs deep.

In addition – we are starting to see the impact of the Board’s investment in our volunteer, partnerships, and communication systems. These are the systems (and people) that are helping us respond to the needs of our times, supporting the increased needs of our participants, volunteers, and donors, and well positioning us for continued growth in the future.

2. 2025 YTD Numbers through February 8

FY2026 YTD Solicitation Revenue				
	As of Feb 8, 2026			
		FY2026	FY2026	FY2026
		YTD	Budget/YTD	%/YTD Goal
				Total Budget
Revenue				
Grants	\$	15,000	\$	28,537
Unrestricted Donations	\$	277,145	\$	528,281
Funds with Donor Restrictions	\$	105,078	\$	131,318
Total Revenue from Solicitation	\$	382,224	\$	688,136
Unanticipated Estate Gifts	\$	105,746	\$	72,917
		YTD		% to Goal
				Goal
# of Donors		501		49%
# of New Donors		172		119%

Progress: We are moving in the right direction from December to January with our Unrestricted (51% to 52% of YTD goal) and Restricted Donations (71% to 80% of YTD goal).

Additionally – we have a goal of 144 new donors for the year –as of 2/8 we have 172 new donors that donated \$23,689! This is due to the exceptional response to the Accola Response Fund.

We also received an invitation to apply for an ‘Invite Only’ grant round with Otto Bremer Trust. This was not expected, so we are hopeful that this will yield a positive outcome. We continue to work to develop relationships with funders to pave the way for future funding.

3. Breakfast Update:

We have 20 (yes, 20!) Table Host confirmations. These are people from our Board and Leadership Team who have committed to hosting and filling a table (or two). This is a wonderful start! Please reach out to Andree or anyone on the Advancement Committee for help inviting people to the Breakfast. Remember that there is lots of supportive information (including sample emails) on the Board Portal for you to use.

We have sponsorship requests out to over 75 organizations. If you have any connections to corporations, please let Andree know – and we will add them to our list! We are thrilled about the venue at St. Kate’s – it is a beautiful space and we are grateful for their support and sponsorship of this event!

5. Volunteers and Partners:

In the past two months more than 40 new volunteers have stepped forward—and we are prepared with the infrastructure and processes in place to onboard and steward these volunteers – something not possible three months ago.

As part of Accola’s outreach efforts, we identified 25 new faith organizations who have specific committees focused on Immigration or a stated interest in social justice. In January, we sent a letter of introduction detailing Accola’s programs and services. We have already had three groups reach out to learn more, request a speaker, and two that are coming to visit LIS this month.

4. Upcoming Advancement Priorities (Next 30–90 Days)

- Continue Monthly Accola Open Houses Learning in Style
- April 21 Fundraising Breakfast: BOD focus on sponsorships and filling a table (or 2)
- June 6 & 7: Wisdom Way’s Soul Conference
- Roll out new Database soon: Donors, Volunteers, all Programs and Partners all in one place!
- Website redesign continues – focused on bringing all three program websites under Accola
- Launch our Giving Circle (5-year pledge opportunity) in March

5. Board Action Items / Requests

• **Save the Date:** *April 21, 2026 for our Fundraising Breakfast.* We are asking Board members for connections to people or organizations that would sponsor the breakfast, and to fill a table.

- Always ~ Introductions to potential corporate partners and connectors.
- Bring guests and attend Open House Events.