



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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# A NOTE OF REFLECTION

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This year, we completed our thirteenth season of providing youth programming, produce to families in need and a variety of outdoor experiences to enhance the lives of those living in under-resourced neighborhoods in Fort Collins. This year brought us lots of new faces and some familiar ones too.

Last year we expanded our Apprenticeship program to two days per week and this year we added another session of the program. We also added space for more kids throughout our programs, with a total of 38 kids each week.

Along with more programs spots, we also focused on building our outdoor kitchen and planting a small orchard to add to our vegetable farm.

What an amazing season!

**anne genson**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# PROGRAMS

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## apprentices

AGES 9-12

This season we aimed to offer more spots for apprentices to join our team. We did this by offering two sessions (each meeting twice a week). Each child had farm responsibilities such as weeding, harvesting, and feeding the chickens, ducks and goats. Each apprentice earned a daily stipend for their work, with total earnings of \$2,500.

## philanthropists

AGES 12-13

This year we piloted our Philanthropists Program, or Flower Program. We had seven kids who grew flowers and designed bouquets for local businesses and nursing homes. Each teen earned a daily stipend for their work, with total earnings of \$2,000.

## csa members

This year we grew food for 30 families with half of those families receiving food at no cost after qualifying based on their income.

## interns

AGES 14-16

This season brought us 14 amazing interns - the most we've ever had. Each one learned valuable job skills and customer service skills. In addition they developed their resumes, participated in mock interviews and even earned high school elective credit through Poudre School District. Each intern earned a stipend with a total of \$6,400 earned.

## entrepreneurs

AGES 14-16

After interviewing for the position, we only offered our Sunday markets this year (not our salsa making program). This was due to delays in our kitchen build. However, we perfected our recipe so that in the future, kids will be able to join the program knowing the outcome is delicious.

## summer camp

AGES 5-11

This year our summer camps all sold out with 20 paying kids, leaving room for our apprentices as well. We held two separate weeks of camp and our interns were camp counselors, gaining more resume skills and talents.

# HIGHLIGHTS

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## raised beds

To increase the success of our greens beds (kale, lettuce, chard, bok choy), we added wooden frames to the beds. This helped with water control as well as erosion. This was especially important this year as another tenant on the property had a minor flood and these wooden beds helped us retain our soil through the season.



## additions

This season we planted 12 fruit trees to begin our fruit orchard. We planted 4 of each plum, pear, peach and apple trees. Although we won't benefit from the fruit for a few years, this will be added to our CSA shares for families in need. We also built a firepit which we used to cook lunches for kids this year.



## volunteers

This season we had volunteer hours throughout the season which really helped with larger projects. Getting everything planted, weeded and cleaned up was much smoother with all of our volunteers. We had over 300 hours logged.

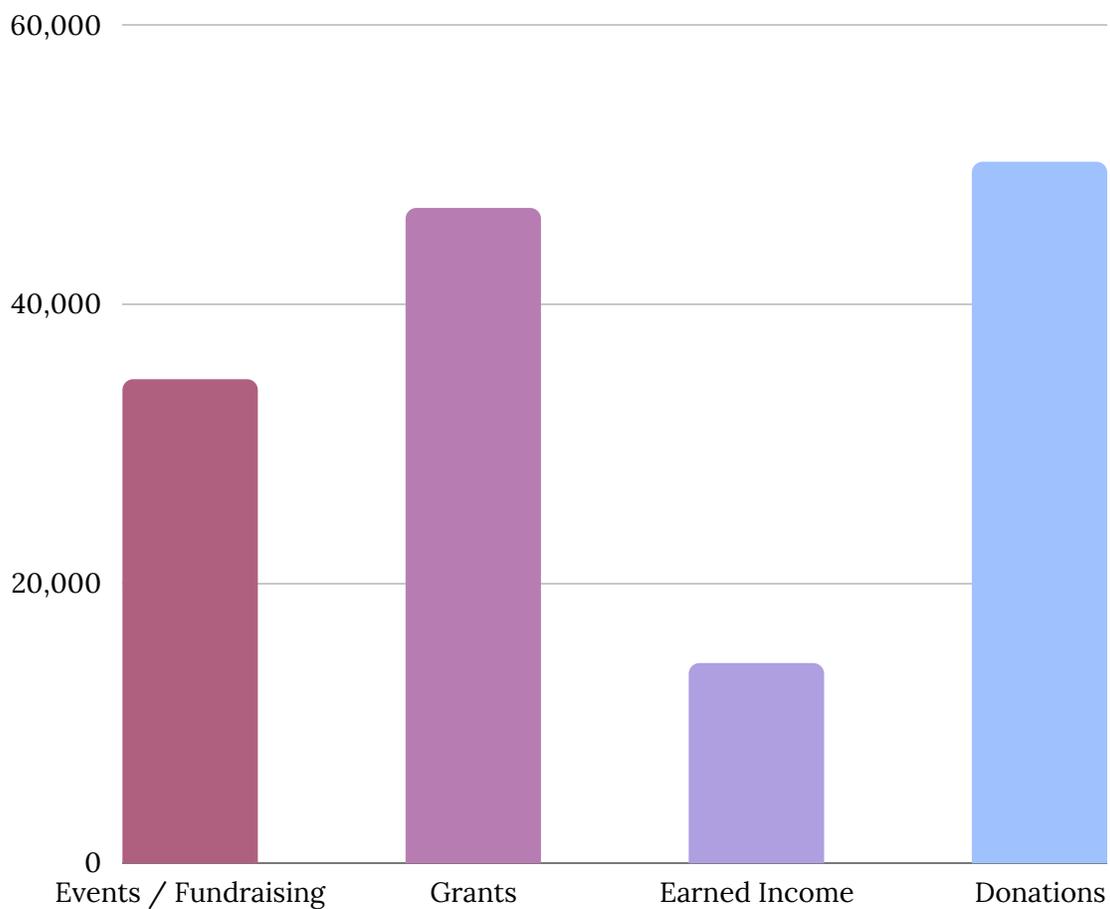
## outdoor kitchen

Through several grants, we were able to continue work on our outdoor kitchen. It is set to be done October 2022. We will then begin planning how to use it to best serve the community.



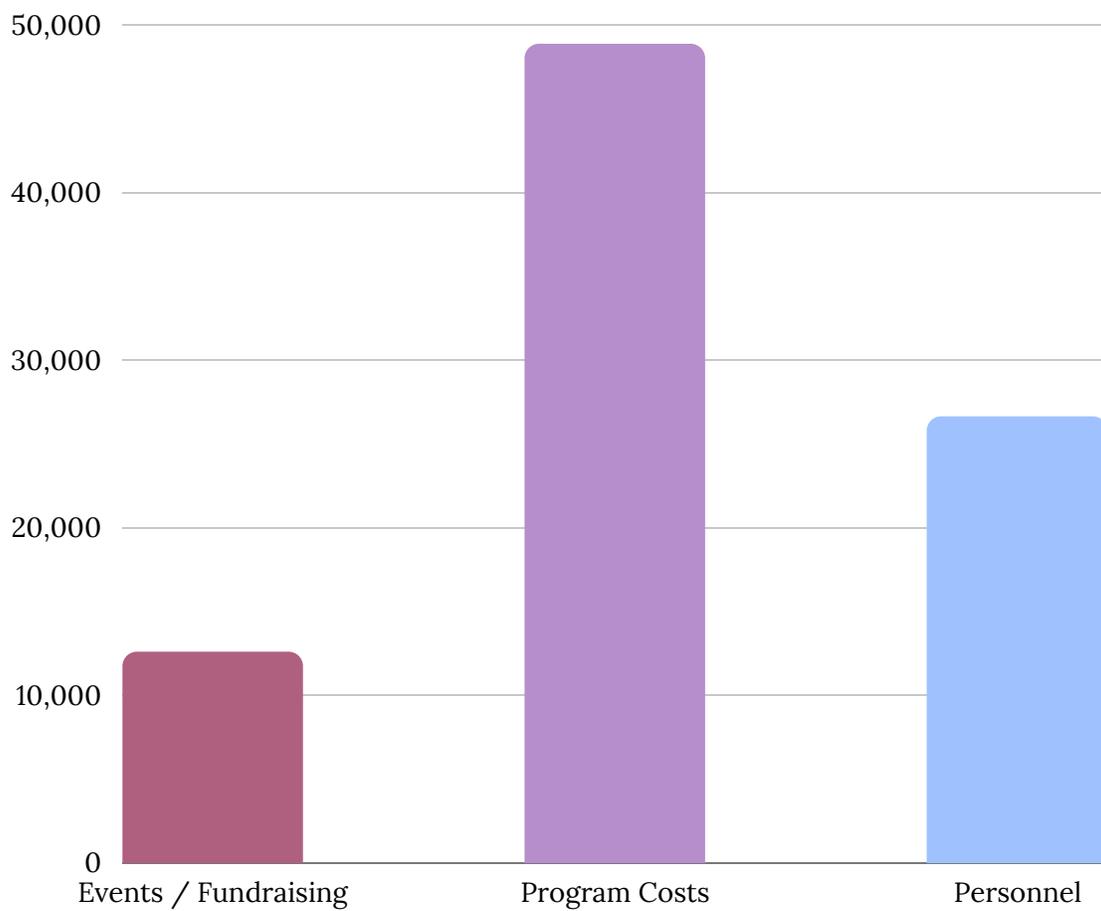
# REVENUE BY CATEGORY

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# EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

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# BOARD ROSTER

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## **BOARD PRESIDENT**

**Courtney Butnor**

**Courtney works as the Clinic Director for Salud Family Health Centers**

## **SECRETARY**

**Sofia Moore**

**Sofia is currently working with a Northern Colorado health initiative that will close the gap of patient navigation and survivorship planning for cancer patients and caregivers.**

## **TREASURER**

**Jennifer Hahnke**

**Jennifer Hahnke is the Education & Outreach Manager for the Better Business Bureau Foundation Serving Northern Colorado and Wyoming.**

## **MEMBER**

**Danny Hesser**

**Danny works as a Research Assistant for the Tuberculosis Lab at Colorado State University and resides in Fort Collins, CO. His term as a member is ongoing.**

## **MEMBER**

**Lindsey Sutherland**

**Lindsey works as an administrative assistant for a local, inclusive therapy practice.**

## **MEMBER**

**Alyssa Winter**

**Alyssa works as a researcher for Colorado State University.**

## **MEMBER**

**Lynda Byrnes**

**Lynda works for The City of Fort Collins.**

## **MEMBER**

**Molly Johnson**

**Molly is retired and volunteers throughout Fort Collins as time and passions allow.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Anne Genson, MPH**

**Anne teaches middle and high school with Poudre School District and lives in Fort Collins, CO. She is the founder and ED of the organization.**

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