

Four Winds Westward Ho

Annual Report

2024





Charlie as a counselor with Shining Mountain, 1980

Dear Friends of Four Winds,

As I reflect on 2024, one word resonates deeply with me: *Gratitude*.

I am incredibly thankful to be part of a community that is so passionate about our camp's past, present, and future. This year, we launched our largest fundraising campaign ever, Sky&Sea, aimed at making essential updates to our Lodge and Dock. Thanks to your generosity, we received more than 160 individual contributions to this project. In just over 9 months, we raised more than \$3 million. As you can see in the progress photos included in our Annual Report, the Lodge is looking spectacular and is set to welcome campers this summer.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you who contributed to our annual fundraising efforts that supplement revenue received through tuition. Your support allows us to maintain our robust financial aid program, endowment, and unique programming offerings, including our beloved Carlyn.

Our staff has shared their excitement about the many items purchased from the wish list, such as saddles, paddle boards, and "fancy" pickleballs. We are committed to preserving our camp's rich history, and I want to thank you for supporting the war canoe restoration efforts, digitization of archival video footage, and ensuring we have a plentiful supply of bloomers for summer 2025!

As we prepare for this summer season as well as paving the way for our 100th Anniversary in 2027, please know on behalf of the Board of Trustees how deeply appreciative we are for this wonderful community that enables us to provide such a transformational experience for children.

With gratitude,

Charlie MacPherson

Chair, Board of Trustees

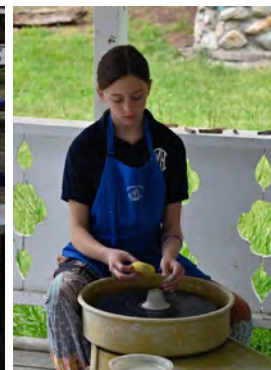
Mission Statement



Four Winds * Westward Ho fosters a spirit of adventure and delight, cooperation and compassion, creativity and self-confidence within campers that will enrich and inspire them throughout their lives.

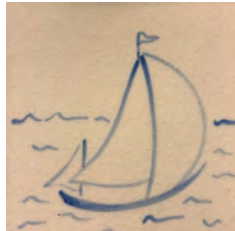
Oh, how we thank thee!

Four Winds * Westward Ho is grateful to the generous community of families, alumni, and friends who support the program, campers, year-round staff and physical space each year. This year was an extraordinary year for giving at Four Winds with the capital campaign, Sky & Sea, funding improvements to the Lodge and Dock as well as the annual fundraising to support Financial Aid and Camp operations. Each gift ensures a summer of adventure and delight, with experiences that support growth and memories for a lifetime.



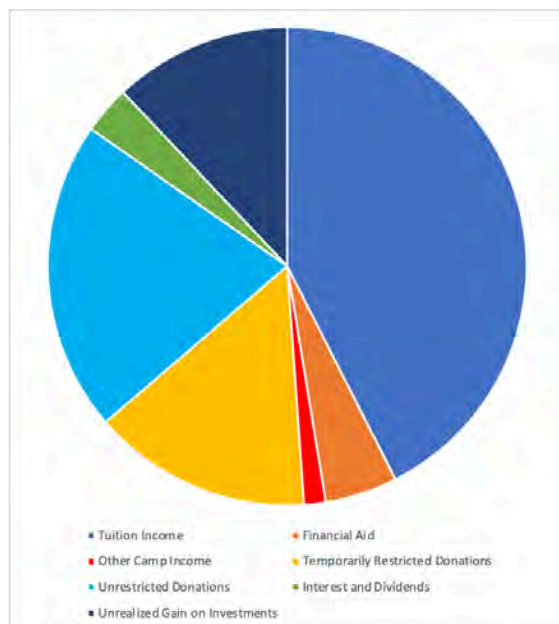
Giving in Action - Generosity by the Numbers

- 50: Gallons of ice cream scooped for CT ice cream during 1st session
- 15: Polar Bears who volunteered for the Polar Bear Plunge 2024
- 53: Campers receiving financial aid (16 who had their first summer at FWWH!)
- 75: New middies made to replenish the uniform supply
- 4: Counselors who had received financial aid as campers
- 1,200: Pounds of clay used on Julie's Porch
- 70: Activity Area pins given out during Slides and Pins this summer
- 12: Large raised beds for new plants in the Garden
- 20: Horses in the barn during the summer
- 700: Miles logged by the Carlyn during 2nd session
- 104: Sky & Sea tiles to be installed in the Lower Lodge
- 302: 4" candles held under the Maple Tree after Last Evening Fire each session



Financial Highlights

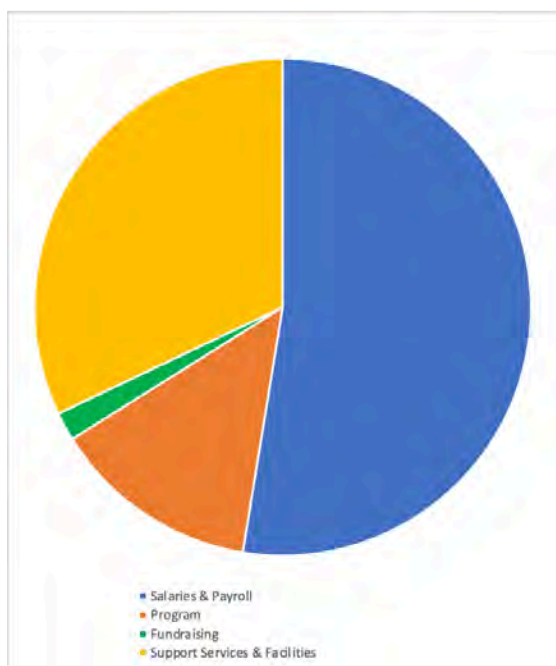
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024; pre-audited figures



Revenue

Tuition Income	\$2,771,956
Financial Aid	-\$318,566
Other Camp Income	\$95,474
Temporarily Restricted Donations	\$965,331
Unrestricted Donations	\$1,370,206
Interest and Dividends	\$211,520
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$784,567

Total Income **\$5,880,488**



Expenses

Salaries & Payroll	\$1,546,747
Program	\$397,915
Fundraising/Alumni Outreach	\$54,573
Support Services & Facilities	\$942,956

Total Expenses **\$2,942,192**

Capitalized Items	\$610,750
Depreciation	\$217,674

Revenue in Excess of Operating Expenses is \$2,938,296. Revenue in excess accounts for Sky & Sea funds raised in advance of construction costs.

Donations

Four Winds * Westward Ho appreciates the support received from the following individuals, corporations, and foundations. Gifts of all sizes help us meet our yearly needs, including camper Financial Aid. This year, the community gave beyond historical fundraising to support the Sky & Sea Campaign, creating a new giving group named "Lodge Keeper." Your support allows us to preserve the physical space, while maintaining the diversity and quality in Camp programs that have made Four Winds such a magical experience for campers for almost 100 years. Thank you to the following donors who gave to Camp between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

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We would like to give special recognition to each of these donors who have exceeded \$100,000 in lifetime giving to Four Winds Camp

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We would like to acknowledge these donors who have established monthly donations to Four Winds.

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Endowments, Scholarships and Special Gifts

Four Winds * Westward Ho maintains its vitality by having a strong financial foundation. An endowment sufficient in size acts as the basis upon which long-range plans and decisions are made. The goal of the Four Winds * Westward Ho Endowment Program is to preserve the beloved aspects of Camp that can only exist with the support of our community such as Financial Aid, Big Boat Sailing, and maintaining the property. Donors can contribute to the endowment to sustain the future of Camp, which provides annual interest that can be actively applied towards the goals of Four Winds * Westward Ho as designated by the donor. Our long-term investments, which include both our endowment and a smaller Board Designated Fund, are currently valued at over \$3.8-million and managed by Mercer with Vanguard as the Custodian. The Board Finance Committee regularly reviews this management as a critical part of its fiduciary responsibility.

“Donors who contribute to Financial Aid are giving more than just a monetary gift—they’re investing in a child’s future. By supporting this program, donors are saying, ‘We believe in kids and in the power of camp to transform lives.’ The impact of their generosity extends far beyond one summer; it lasts a lifetime.” Allie Torrance Okner, Financial Aid Committee

Program Endowments

Helen Roberts Fund for Dance, Art and Music

Established in memory of Helen Roberts, former dance and music director, this supports the Artist-in-Residence program which brings professional artists to work with campers.

Kaiser Hammond Fund

Established to support art and gardening programs at Camp.

Program and Preservation Fund

Established to enhance Camp programs and to preserve Camp’s physical space.

Scholarship Endowments

1000 Friends of Four Winds

Established in 2009 by alumni Sara Foster & David Louchheim to support scholarships for campers.

Paul Allen Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Established in 1997 to support four campers from San Juan County, WA.

Bruce and Marty Coffey Scholarship

Established by the Coffey family in 1998 to support scholarship campers.

Coleman Family Scholarship

Established by the Coleman family 1998 to support scholarship campers from Orcas Island.

Michael Douglas Leadership Scholarship

Established in 1998 in recognition of Michael Douglas' outstanding leadership as Camp Director from 1997-1998.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Scholarship

Established in 1999 to support four campers from King County, Washington.

Henry and Eleanor Jansen Foundation Scholarship

Established in 1996 to support scholarship campers from Whatcom County, Washington.

Kimball Foundation Scholarship

Established in 2000 to support scholarship campers from the San Francisco Bay Area.

David Louchheim Scholarship

Established in 1999 by camp alumnus David Louchheim to support scholarship campers.

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Established in 2008 to support scholarship campers.

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Established by the Rowe Family in 2004 to support scholarship campers from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Prairie Foundation Scholarship

Established in 1999 to support scholarship campers.

Abby Rueb Scholarship Fund

Established in 2012 in recognition of Abby Rueb and to support financial aid for campers.

Alan and Mary Schulman Family Foundation Fund

Established in 1998 by the Schulmans to support scholarship campers.

Carlyn Kaiser Stark Scholarship

Established in 1998 through the Kaiser Family Foundation to support scholarship campers.

David and Kay Syre Fund

Established in 1996 by the Syres to support scholarship campers from Whatcom County, Washington.

The Pegasus Fund

Established in 2007 by Erin Hafkenschiel and Jonathan Tucker for middle school age students from under-served communities.

The Rob Dickson Memorial Pegasus Scholarship Fund

Also established in 2007 by Erin Hafkenschiel and Jonathan Tucker for middle school age students from under-served communities.

Andrew Van Zandt Scholarship

Established in 2004 in memory of camp alumnus Andrew Van Zandt.

Walsh Family Foundation Scholarship

Established in 1998 by members of the Walsh family to support scholarship campers from the Bay Area.

Unrestricted Endowment

Homer Family Endowment Fund in Honor of Marion Wiley Homer

The family of Marion Wiley Homer established this fund in 2002 to honor and remember their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend of Ruth A. Brown. Marion was the inspiration for three generations of FWWH campers.

Gifts in Honor:

Bill and Pam Ayer in honor of **Elizabeth Ayer**.

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Calvin Mew in honor of **Jack Helsell**.

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Janet Schiff in memory of **Charles Schiff**.

In memory of **Dana Berg**.

Allison and William Kuehn in memory of **Sam Coleman**.

Jim Brinkley & Sheila Lukehart in memory of **Marion Wiley Homer**.

Sky & Sea Update



Construction began on the Lodge in September 2024. Dowbuilt has been an excellent partner with Four Winds, thoughtfully preserving the existing beauty of the Lodge while building for the future by adding dormers, enlarging the deck, and redesigning the lower floor.



Part of the restoration work has included a new roof for the Lodge. In addition to new dormers to provide sun and weather protection, the entire Lodge will have a new deck surface.



Four Winds * Westward Ho is excited to welcome campers and staff to the completed Lodge this Summer 2025. Due to permitting, the Dock work is expected to begin in the Fall of 2025.

Thank You to Sky & Sea Supporters!

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*Planning Ahead to Support Four Winds * Westward Ho*

The "Ruth Brown Legacy Club" includes people who have identified Four Winds * Westward Ho as a beneficiary in their Estate Planning, so when that person passes away, Camp receives a donation. It's a wonderful way to give to Camp without impacting your current financial situation, and is a crucial piece of our fundraising efforts. The "RAB Club" currently has over 50 members. We appreciate their commitment to the future of Four Winds. For more information about adding Four Winds to your Estate Plan, please email info@fourwindscamp.org.

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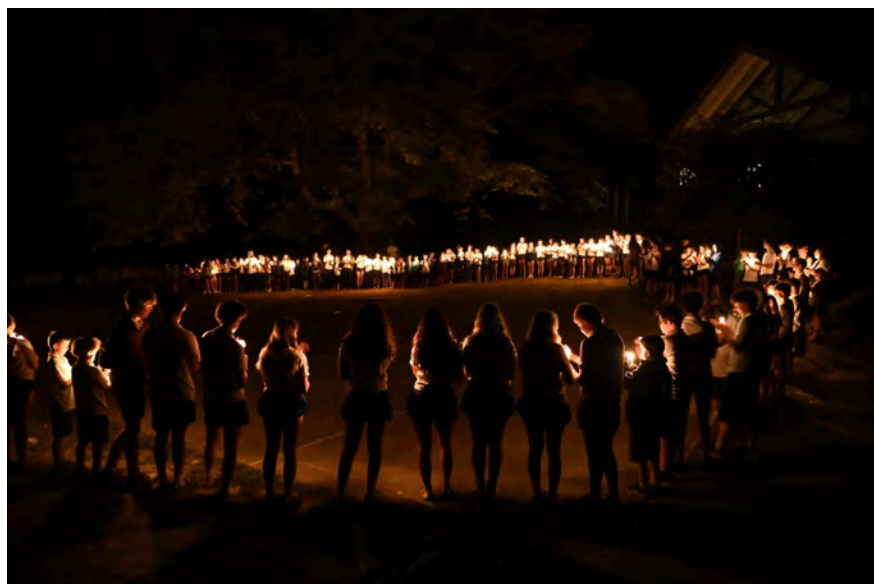
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Whoever has known the mountains

Whoever has known the mountains,
The forest, the sky and the sea,
Warmth of the friendly camp fire,
Strength of the winds that blow free;
The color and fragrance of meadows,
The lilt of a sudden song,
His are the gifts worth having,
Treasures to last a life long,
These are the treasures with having
Shining, enduring and strong.

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