



Mission Statement

The mission of Merry Heart Children's Camp is to provide a safe, nurturing and fun outdoor experience for youth with heart conditions where they can meet new friends and develop courage and independence without fear of being judged by others.

Benefits

Our camp helps these young people by providing opportunities to:

- Interact with their peers.
- Be educated about their heart conditions.
- Explore issues surrounding their heart conditions.
- Learn new skills.

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Merry Heart Children's Camp 2018 End of Camp Progress Report

November 12, 2018

Dear Parents, volunteers and Supporters,

Merry Heart Children's Camp had our fourth successful camp in August. Forty-nine campers were scheduled to attend camp, but 1 camper required surgery and 1 became sick prior to camp. Therefore, we had 47 campers attend camp this year, which was an increase of 10 campers from our 2017 camp. Of the 37 campers that attended last year, 25 returned and 1 camper was a counselor in training (68% returned). We had 22 new campers, the largest number we have ever had. There were 23 girls and 24 boys from all parts of Oregon and SW Washington. The age range for our campers was 9 to 14 years.

We continued our counselor in training program this year. We had 7 teens, 15 to 17 years. The counselors in training were given more responsibility this year and their head counselor coordinated their activities such as the popular round robin of different activities for the campers.

Our volunteer staff also increased. We had 12 counselors, 5 of whom had heart conditions themselves and they were great role models for the campers. We again had 2 head counselors, one for the counselors and one for the counselors in training (CIT). They both were very supportive and improved the experience for our CITs. Our head nurse and another pediatric nurse were present throughout the camp. In addition to our nursing staff, the camp had 2 nurse practitioners and 2 pediatric cardiologists who provided medical supervision.

In addition to the camp director, the sports and the craft activity directors, we added an assistant camp director and a craft activity assistant. There were also 10 volunteers who helped with activities and logistics. This year we had several speakers discuss different aspects of the camper's heart conditions with the campers, 5 pediatric cardiologists and a pediatric cardiac nurse, 2 pediatricians

with a heart condition and 2 representatives from a biomedical company. The most popular was an adult with a heart condition who has his own business and was very honest with the youth about how a heart condition has affected his life and how he learned to do things differently to accomplish his goals. He answered all their questions, even ones about his tattoos. The campers talked him into



staying for dinner and the talent show. He demonstrated a talent of his own.

The campers and CITs continued to enjoy swimming, fishing, archery, sports, nature walk, crafts and the popular all camper activities. Our movie this year was COCO which everyone enjoyed.

In February 2018 we had a strategic planning meeting. We discussed how to improve committee membership, publicity, fundraising and recruit more volunteers. Our biggest decision was to raise funds to support a paid executive director to accomplish our goals of having teen and family camps, events that raise more funds and approach donors for long term funding. We have been an all-volunteer organization and we need to take this step to expand our outreach and sustain our camp into the future.

Your support helped us cover the cost of room and board for campers and volunteers (\$17,294), camp supplies (\$419.26), medical equipment rentals (\$456.00), background checks (\$722.00), t-shirts for campers and volunteers (\$1,243.05), new online registration system (\$599.00) and camp liability insurance (\$4,838.40). You are recognized as a supporter of Merry Heart Children's Camp on our website under sponsors and at all our events.

Our camp is an annual camp for children with heart conditions and we want it to continue far into the future. The campers and board cannot THANK YOU enough for your support. We hope that you continue to support our summer camp so that children with heart conditions can continue to have fun and learn about their heart conditions and its impact on their life with old and new friends like them.

Sincerely,

Mary Rice

Mary Rice, MD
President of the Board





Merry Heart Children's Camp is honored to collaborate with individuals, private foundations, corporations and corporate foundation sponsors who help create a camp dedicated to children with heart conditions. We would like to recognize the generosity and thank them that help make Merry Heart Children's Camp possible. THANK YOU.

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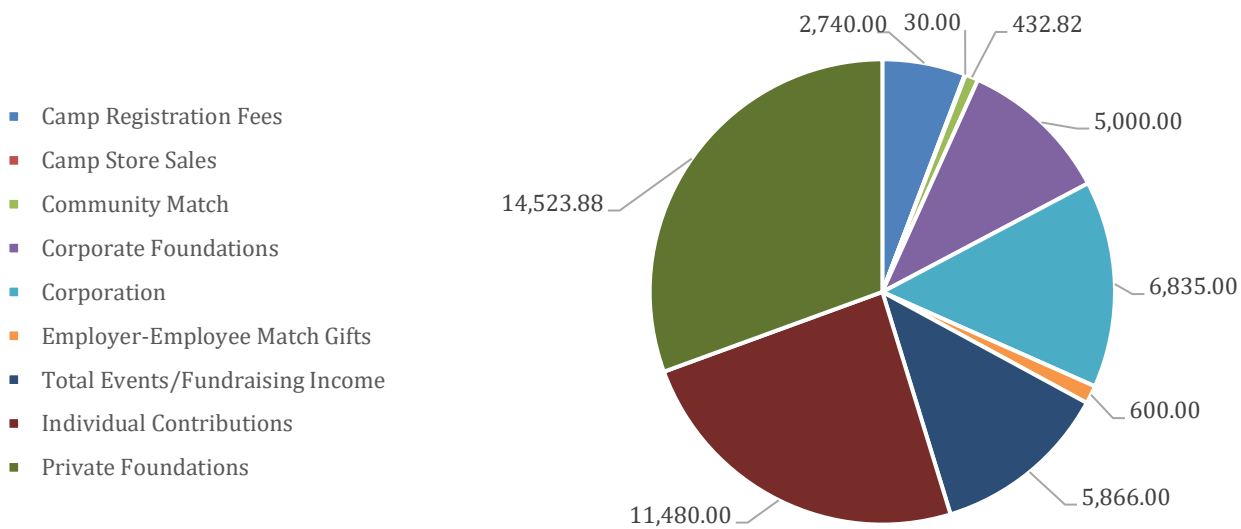
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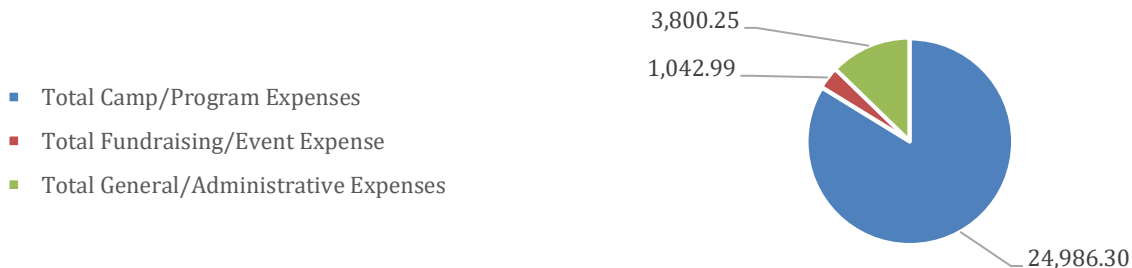
SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is a crucial aspect of any nonprofit organization. To sustain our camp and organization into the future, we are investing future dollars into an investment fund to help us expand our program to teen and family camps and provide dedicated leadership for the future.

2018 Income (\$)



2018 Expenses (\$)



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