



Mission

Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing and fun outdoor experience for children and teens with heart conditions so that they can experience courage, independence and friendship without fear of being judged by others.

Objectives

To provide a summer camp environment where children are encouraged to make new friends, share experiences, and participate in sports and activities to the best of their abilities.

To provide a safe and medically supervised camp program for children with heart conditions from Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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Merry Heart Children's Camp 2015 Annual Report

Our First Camp!

It was an exciting year for us. We had our first summer camp this past August and we are still feeling proud for helping make it happen. Twenty-five campers (15 boys and 10 girls) between the ages of 9 and 14 attended the five-day, four-night camp. Our campers came from all parts of Oregon (Cornelius, Creswell, Damascus, Dundee, Eugene, Fall Creek, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Salem, Sandy, Vernonia, and Warren) and Southwest Washington (Battle Ground, Vancouver).

At camp the children participate in the following activities: swimming, fishing, archery, soccer, volleyball, arts and crafts, nature walk, an obstacle course and crafts.

For a majority of them this was the first time they met someone like them. The most rewarding part of the week was watching the children form friendships. They organized games of volleyball, they played in the pool and they sat quietly on benches, visiting and exchanging stories. In just four days, we saw their self-confidence rise and new friendships grow.

Next year, we plan to nearly double the number of campers. We expect to have 48 children with heart conditions attend summer camp. The dates for camp will be August 21 – 25, 2016. Our camp is held at Camp Howard.

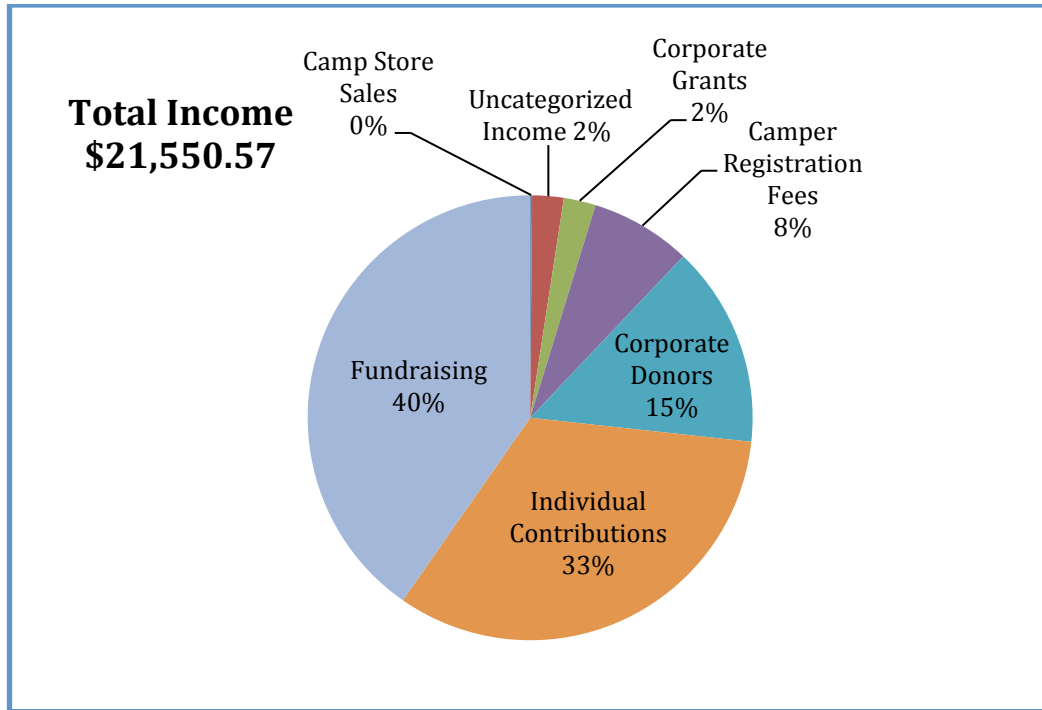
The camp experience costs only \$50 per camper. The actual cost per camper is \$550 and is covered thanks to donors. We are grateful for the overwhelming generosity of our supporters. Thank you for making our first summer camp successful.

We had two fundraisers, a tea with silent auction and a St. Valentine's concert by Treble in River City. We thank those individuals who attend the tea and St. Valentine's concert for their support.

Our **Volunteer Program** consisted of 47, including our board, amazing people in 2015. Throughout the year, these volunteers generously donated estimated hundreds of hours of their time providing support to our events and summer camp program. We are so thankful of our volunteers.



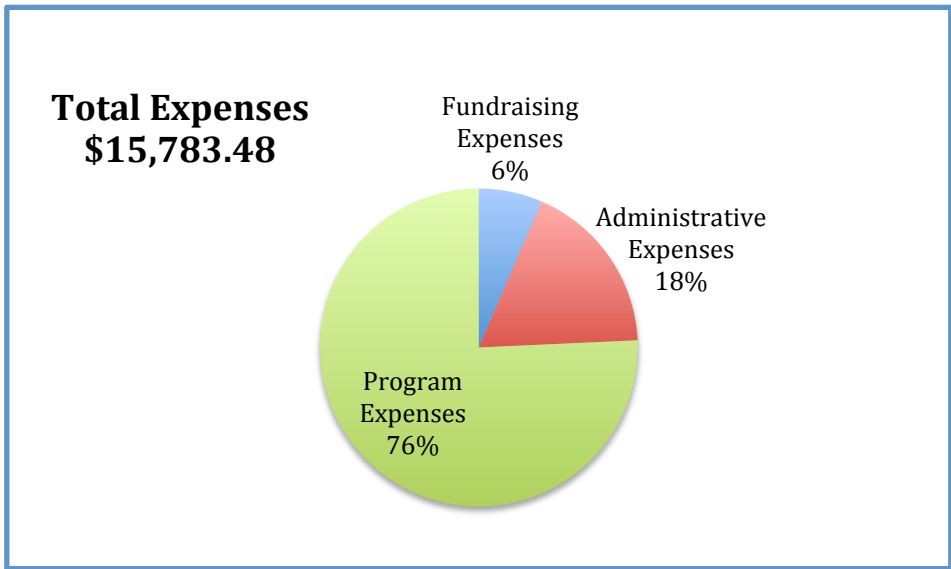
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Anika, like fellow counselors Max and Dave, look forward to her duties at the camp so she can visit with other heart patients and watch the campers develop relationships of their own. She wants the campers to know they're not alone and that there are other kids like them.

Three of our eight counselors this year was adults with congenital heart disease and served as great role models for the campers.

The children had discussions with the adult congenital heart counselors, pediatric cardiologists and a cardiac surgeon.



They learned more about their heart and got to know other children with heart conditions.



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Thank you to the following friends of Merry Heart Children's Camp for their investment in the lives of children with heart conditions.

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*Ash, a 13-year-old camper
with an abnormal heart
valve commented,*

*"This is the first time I felt
normal and not out of place."*



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Merry Heart Children's Camp	
Balance Sheet	
As of December 31, 2015	
ASSETS	Total
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	12,930.94
Total Bank Accounts	\$12,930.94
Total Current Assets	\$12,930.94
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,930.94
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Change in Net Assets	12,624.72
Net Assets - Opening Balance	1,644.75
Net Income	-1,338.53
Total Equity	\$12,930.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$12,930.94



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