



GROWING TOGETHER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Supporters,

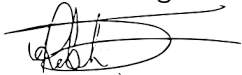
I was recently examining the doorframe of my son's bedroom, where we've tracked his growth since he was first able to stand. As I followed each notch with my finger, I noticed that his biggest growth spurt was between ages 5 and 6.

It is interesting how our investments rarely grow at a consistent rate. The Center and LIFT experienced tremendous growth this year that both humbled and inspired our team. Through opportunity, necessity, and the strength of our supporters, our staff doubled, and with it our capacity to grow our roots deeper into this community.

The metrics of our humble, soul-filled organization are a testament to our growth. But what isn't so easy to report is how many times we laughed until we cried, embraced one another in moments of grief, and stretched to support a neighbor or student in need.

Our work is heart work, and it grew infinitely this year.

With endless gratitude,



Rebekah TenBrink



GROWTH AT THE CENTER

The Friendship Community Center (The Center) has always existed to provide a gathering space for our community. We aim to enrich and strengthen multigenerational and multicultural relationships across Leelanau County.

In 2022, the programs and classes offered at The Center have grown to 26 hours of diverse opportunities with more than 200 participating community members each week.

While we proudly maintain beloved Center traditions such as monthly potlucks, senior cards, and Celebrate, we are also excited to expand our offerings for the

community.

Some noteworthy new traditions include our annual summer rummage sale during Suttons Bay's sidewalk sales and weekly jam sessions in the building's basement with musicians of different ages and skill levels coming together.

A new summer art series was also introduced in 2022. Thanks to the support of Friends of Fine Arts and the Suttons Bay Art Festival, community members had the chance to learn acrylic painting, clay-building, or pour art in multi-week classes taught by local artists.



REGULAR PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

5 LOAVES 2 FISH MEAL PICK-UP
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COMMUNITY JAM SESSIONS
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& MORE!

Visit our website at www.thecentersb.com
for our classes and events calendar!

LIFT GROWS IN LEELANAU COUNTY

For the first time ever, LIFT's afterschool program is available to Suttons Bay Middle School students five days a week until 5:30 PM.

With support from Rotary Charities of Traverse City, we hired Corrie Piersma as LIFT's first full-time Middle School Program Coordinator at Suttons Bay Schools. Corrie plans, prepares, and runs daily activities for 6th through 8th graders in LIFT's permanent classroom at the school.

Suttons Bay High School students participate in weekly planned activities with LIFT staff and volunteers in the evenings and on the weekends. This has included paintballing, snow tubing, skiing, and rock climbing!

In more subtle ways, LIFT also provides crucial support to school staff and administration by co-teaching a leadership class, sitting with students in the cafeteria, and co-hosting school dances.

LIFT's reach also expanded to Northport Public Schools in the 2022-2023 school year.

Northport Middle Schoolers are able to attend LIFT's afterschool program at Suttons Bay Schools four days weekly utilizing the school bus that drives student-athletes to Suttons Bay for collaborative sports. We have been thrilled to get to know some new teens and invite them into the LIFT family!



BRISA

Brisa is a 6th-grade student at Suttons Bay Schools. She attends our afterschool program for middle schoolers. This is what she thinks about LIFT.

“ I FEEL SAFE WHEN I COME TO LIFT. I ALSO HAVE A LOT OF FUN HERE, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE PLAY SPORTS AND GAMES IN THE HALLWAY. I COME TO LIFT BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING FUN TO DO AFTER SCHOOL AND I CAN HANG OUT WITH MY FRIENDS. ”



THE BEST SUMMER EVER

Thanks to the support of the Leelanau Township Community Foundation, Northport and Suttons Bay Middle and High School students had the chance to enjoy all that Northern Michigan summers have to offer alongside our staff and volunteers.

For the first time, LIFT hosted teens all summer long in a variety of weekly outdoor activities. Kayaking, mountain biking, fishing, and disc golf; you name it, our teens did it. We were even able to provide door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs for students without transportation.

Summertime, for many students, is a season of time with family, summer jobs, and being outdoors. For others, it can be a time of isolation, academic backsliding, and stressful home environments. That is why we prioritized making summer programming available and accessible in 2022.

The success of our first-ever LIFT summer programming has us excited to offer similar opportunities to our teens in 2023. If you see us around town this summer, be sure to wave hello!



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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The Center and LIFT are founded on the belief that true change happens through connection and community. We are proud to partner with a variety of local businesses and organizations to meet our community's needs and passions.

Do you have a partnership idea you want to bring to The Center? Please contact us at info@thcentersb.com.

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the need for
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connection in
Leelanau County!





ANTONIO FORD-MARTINEZ

Antonio Ford-Martinez has been a LIFT donor and volunteer for two years. This is why he chooses to invest in Leelanau County's youth.

“ AS A PARENT, I CONSTANTLY ASK MYSELF, 'WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP ENSURE THAT NOT JUST MY CHILDREN BUT ALL CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE NECESSARY TO LIVE LONG, FULFILLING LIVES?' THAT'S AN ENORMOUS UNDERTAKING AND SOMETHING I CANNOT DO ALONE. BUT THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT THE LIFT PROGRAM DOES.

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WHAT'S NEXT?

At the heart of our work as your community center is the building that has served Suttons Bay since 1853. As programming and community participation at The Center grows, so does our need for more space. That is why we are currently in the process of raising funds for an intentional restoration and overhaul of our facilities that will make this gathering space safer, more accessible, and more efficient. Our ultimate goal is to serve the community better and provide all its members with a place of belonging.

As a community-based nonprofit, we have included numerous community members in the design and direction of upcoming capital improvements.

Look out for more updates this year on this exciting project at The Center. Feel free to stop in and chat with us about the vision for the building and visit our website at www.thecentersb.com/together for more information.



Did you know?

Did you know that 2023 marks The Center's 170th year in Suttons Bay. The building that houses our organization has a rich history that we intend to restore and honor.

Looking for volunteers..

LIFT is looking for dedicated individuals to volunteer at our events, afterschool program, homework lab, and community cheer section. Interested? Email us at volunteer@thecentersb.com.

LIFT is continuing to expand opportunities offered for Northport Middle and High Schoolers in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Our newest staff member, Alana Slanec, was recently hired as LIFT's full-time Program Coordinator at Northport Schools. She will be facilitating daily afterschool programming for Northport's 6th through 8th graders from the time of dismissal until 5:30 PM. She will also coordinate regular out-of-schooltime activities for its 9th through 12th graders and serve as a support person for Northport Schools' staff and administration, lending a hand when and where it's needed most.

LIFT's long-term vision is to serve in a similar capacity in all of Leelanau County's schools. We can't share our enthusiasm enough for this first major expansion. We look forward to connecting better with the Northport community and most importantly, its teens.

The demand for social-emotional support for our area's youth grows year after year. Only with your support has our growing impact been possible. Thank you!

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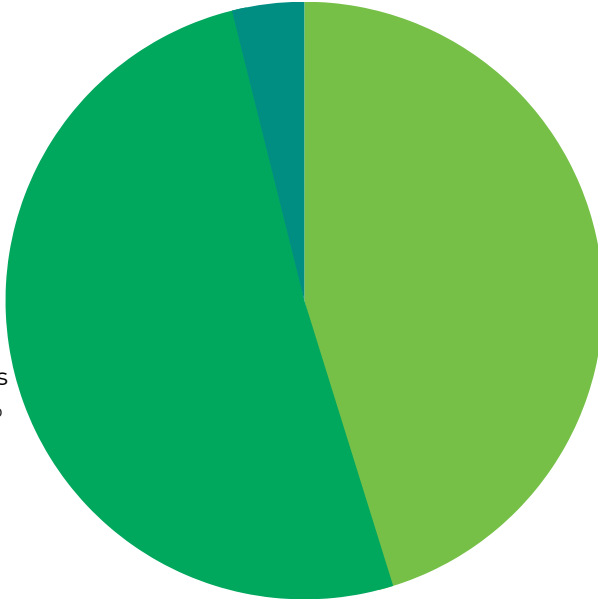
Building Usage
3.9%

TOTAL REVENUE JAN 2022 - DEC 2022:

\$256,914.18

Community Support
45.2%

Grants
50.9%

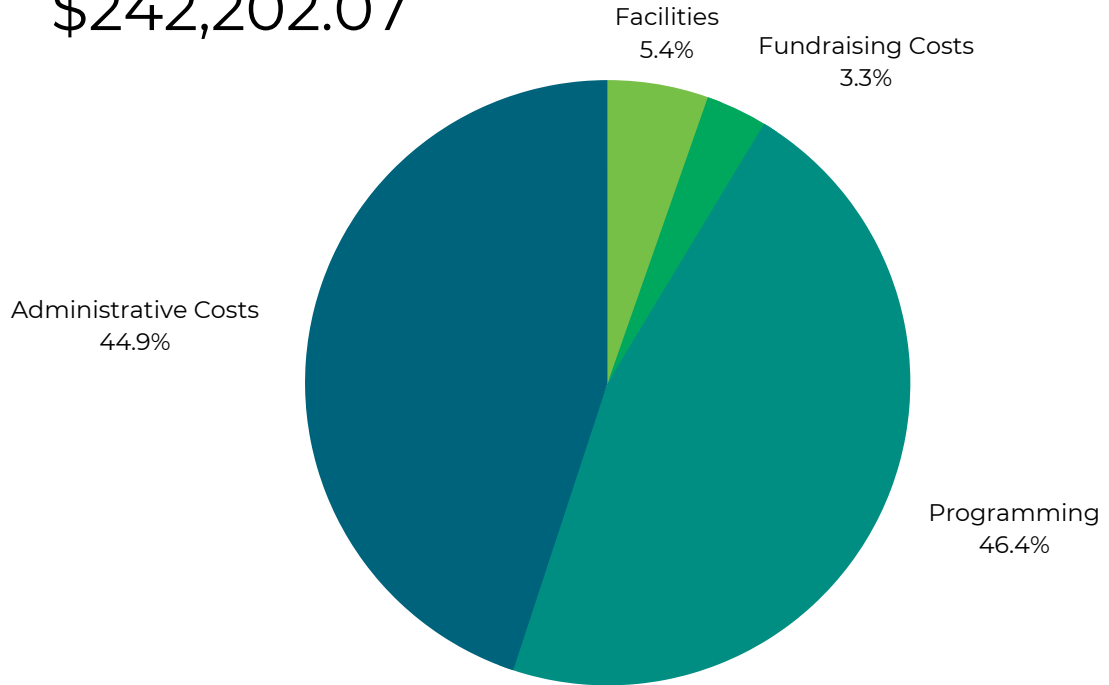


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TOTAL EXPENSES
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\$242,202.07





RENT THE CENTER

Did you know you can rent The Center for an event, celebration, or program? When you rent space at the Center, you will have access to our main hall located on the ground floor as well as our restrooms and a small kitchen! We would love to help you host your next gathering.

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