

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Dear Friends of Dunrovin,

Looking back on 2022, I realize how much happened during the year. Our staff served so many new people! Sometimes it is easy to think we exist in this one little corner of the world, but truly we are connected far beyond our property lines. Dunrovin is more than trees and a river. We are connected to a 300-year-old worldwide mission of the De La Salle Christian Brothers. Lasallian education travels across multiple cultures, languages, and races.

With your help, we connect youth to a wide world beyond their limited view. Anytime students experience life outside their neighborhoods, homes, or classrooms, they find out more about themselves and the world around them. Each student can explore a different disposition when the stress of grades and schooling is removed, even for a day. On a retreat, a student simply may not need the resilience necessary when living in poverty or in a neighborhood of violence. This gives the student space for internal rest, which allows growth of internal hope.

Thank you for being connected to this mission.

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God,

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Our Board offers outstanding support, advice, and wisdom as they keep us connected to our mission. Thank you, Board members, for the exemplary way you fulfill your leadership roles.





In June and July, students and alum from San Miguel School Chicago returned for Summer Leadership Camp. We hadn't seen them since 2019! High school students in the DLITE program learned servant leadership as they played with, prayed with, and listened to the younger students. A communal spirit develops in this secure setting, as students discover new things about themselves and encourage each other along the way. All students are invited to recognize their internal value, their place in the church, and their capability in society.

Twin Cities LEAD is off to a good start. Teen leaders from Hill-Murray High School and Totino-Grace High School received leadership training in the fall, and then they offered retreats for local middle school students from the Ascension Catholic Academy network. These retreats - shorter versions of the summer program - are filled with prayer, team building, relationships & community, games, laughter, and eating!

"Everyone has a different background, and you don't know what someone is going through, so be kind." -Hill-Murray teen leader

## **Connected to Guests**

Total guests increased 83% from 2021.

2022

2,976

2021

1,630

Retreat Rental Guests 2307

Cabin Guests 298

**Dunrovin Youth Program Guests 347** 

Dunrovin Adult Program Guests 24

Number of Guest Groups 85 (53 adult, 32 youth)

#### New in '22 - Come Away With Me retreats!

Jerome and Mary Meeds began a new retreat for adults. Four retreats throughout the year offered a powerful impact of prayer and encounter with God. Stay tuned for more dates throughout 2023.





## Connected to You



Thank you for your generous outpouring of support for the mission of Dunrovin. You make it possible to bring kids, particularly underserved youth, to their Happy Place. You make it possible for us to offer a home away from home for youth and adults. Together, we change lives. Thank you!

#### Contributions & grants increased 16% from 2021.

2022 \$114,5232021 \$98,432

71 Consecutive-year Donors • 65 First-time Donors
36 Recaptured Donors • 9 In-Kind Gifts
4 Foundation Grants • 1 Matching Grant

We are grateful for the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation who offered a challenge grant of \$10,000. A \$50 donation from a DLITE alum young adult put us over the top of the \$10,000 mark two days before Christmas!

#### **2022 INCOME**

| Programs <1%                                  | \$1,550   |  |
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| Interest & Other 4%*                          | \$24,616  |  |
| Designated funds from 2021 Federal Grants 13% | \$76,518  |  |
| Contributions & Grants 20%                    | \$114,523 |  |
| Rentals & Retreats 63%                        | \$368,283 |  |

### Total Income: \$585,490

#### **2022 EXPENSES**



#### Total Expenses: \$585,490

\*\* Development \$932 (4%); Programs \$1,455; (6%) Marketing \$7,351 (32%); Operations (58%) \$13,565



2022 saw the return of the Sunset Benefit Cruise. Thanks to you and our Board of Directors' matching gift, we raised over \$47,000 to bring inner-city kids to the wide-open green spaces of Dunrovin, where they experience both fun and time with God who loves them. With sincere gratitude to our sponsors and those who gave in-kind donations - THANK YOU!

<sup>\*</sup> Includes a government grant of \$19,703

## Connected to Mission & Vision

In November, Jerome and Mary Meeds received affiliation into the De La Salle Christian Brothers. What an incredible and humbling honor! They can now officially be called "Brother Jerome, AFSC" and "Brother Mary, AFSC."





In October, we christened the Brother James Miller Garden House. Blessed Brother James, a farm boy from Wisconsin, taught at Cretin High School in St. Paul during the 1960s and visited Dunrovin, a place of rest and recreation for the Brothers. His passion for the poor took Br. Jim to Central America, where students were illegally registered into the military. He fiercely advocated for the students until the military reluctantly released the boys. In early 1982, Brother Jim was gunned down and killed instantly, presumably by the military. He was proclaimed a martyr for the Christian faith and beatified by Pope Francis in December 2019.









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