



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS RETREAT CENTER

Dear friends,

If I could sit down with you face to face and give you a report of how your friendship and support shaped Dunrovin during 2017, I would say, "You made a big impact!"

You might ask, "Why?"

Youth programs are mature and running well; even in the midst of change during 2017, we adapted. Dunrovin is financially solvent and many facility improvements were completed. But we must ask, "Did we love those who came to us?"

YES! SPREADING GOD'S LOVE – IT'S WHAT WE DO.

As guests relax in body and mind, the sense of God's holy presence refreshes them.

Undergirding all of that good stuff is our staff. I am proud of the group of people who give their best at Dunrovin. Perhaps our finest hour came during July, when we pulled together to care for 100 guests after a nighttime thunderstorm downed our power lines and a dozen trees. We not only survived but also thrived by doing what we do best - caring for our guests and for each other.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPREAD GOD'S LOVE.

Thanks be to God!



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*Your concerns, questions,
or comments are welcome.*

ANNUAL REPORT

2017



**"I SMILE MORE
AT DUNROVIN."**

-SUMMER CAMPER



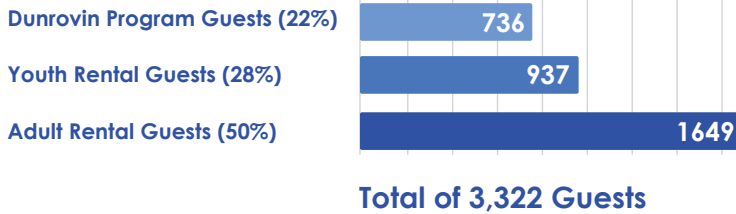
**"MY TIME AT DUNROVIN HELPED ME REALIZE I NEED
TO SLOW DOWN AND TALK TO GOD MORE."**

-GETAWAY RETREAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

GUESTS

The word is out – guests enjoy the serenity of God’s creation where they unwind from daily stress and take a deep breath of fresh air. In 2017, Dunrovin welcomed men’s/women’s church groups, youth groups, Jewish women, Catholic seminarians, business people, fire fighters, college professors, painters, writers, families, children, private retreatants, and more...

2017 Breakdown of Guest Use



“I NEVER KNEW ABOUT THIS PLACE. IT IS LIKE A GEM SO CLOSE TO THE CITY.” -GUEST IN CABIN

DUNROVIN HOSTED 17 NEW GROUPS DURING 2017.

RENTAL INCOME INCREASED 18.5% COMPARED TO 2016.

What do guests say when we tell them that income from their rental groups cover Retreat Center operating expenses that bring young people to retreats and camps?

“WE’RE GOING TO SPEND MONEY SOMEWHERE, MIGHT AS WELL BE WHERE IT WILL DO A LOT OF GOOD!”

YOUTH PROGRAMS

FOUR DISTINCT YOUTH PROGRAMS IN ONE MISSION

GETAWAY YOUTH RETREATS: Give students time to unplug from everyday routines and reflect on who they are in God.

YOUR DONATIONS SPREAD GOD’S LOVE TO 164 YOUNG PEOPLE.

“THE RETREAT INTRODUCED ME TO ALL THE WAYS GOD LOVES ME AND HOW I CAN LOVE HIM IN RETURN.”

LEAD-ENCOUNTER: An evangelistic peer-to-peer approach to spark the faith.

YOUR DONATIONS PROMOTED A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS FOR 206 STUDENTS.

“I REALIZE JESUS KNOWS I AM STRUGGLING TO BELIEVE BUT HE WANTS ME TO ASK HIM FOR FAITH & FOR HELP.”



LEAD-INTENSIVE (DLITE): A dynamic leadership training for teens with a missionary opportunity close to home.

YOUR DONATIONS GREW THE GODLY FAITH AND CHARACTER OF 42 TEENAGERS.

“MY DLITE TEAM TAUGHT ME THAT I CAN’T ALWAYS DO THINGS ON MY OWN. SOMETIMES I NEED SOMEONE TO GIVE ME A HAND.”

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMPS: A place where inner-city children discover a world outside of poverty.

YOUR DONATIONS CHANGED A LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD FOR 217 CHICAGO AND TWIN CITIES CHILDREN.

“I LEARNED TO BE LESS SELFISH AND TO PUT OTHERS BEFORE ME.”



CHEERFUL GIVING

FUNDS RAISED 64% INCREASE OVER 2016

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR A LARGE GIFT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR

With sincere gratitude, we acknowledge the gifts of:

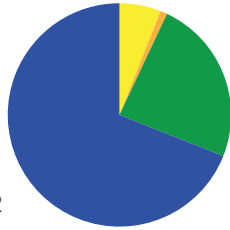
- 123 individual donors
- 11 Christian Brothers/communities
- 10 foundations and grants
- 3 religious/priests
- 1 matching gift by an individual
- 39 gifts in kind by individual donors
- And many others who abundantly supported Dunrovin through prayer, service, and encouragement.

100% of your donations are used to pay out-of-pocket expenses as you create a safe, fun, and faith-filled retreat experience for youth who could not otherwise afford to come!



INCOME

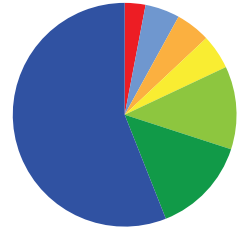
Program Fees (6%)	\$32,371
Interest & Misc (1%)	\$3,822
Contributions & Grants (24%)	\$119,819
Rentals (69%)	\$346,572



Total Income \$502,584

EXPENSES

Administration (3%)	\$16,257
Insurance (4%)	\$21,622
Maintenance, Building, Grounds (5%)	\$22,705
Utilities (5%)	\$26,259
Future Project Adjustment (12%)	\$55,474
Food, Kitchen, Laundry (14%)	\$68,289
Salaries & Related Costs (56%)	\$271,278



Total Expense \$481,884

Net Ordinary Income \$20,700

2017 SUNSET BENEFIT CRUISE

"DUNROVIN IS AN ORDINARY PLACE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS."
-JOAQUIN MARTINEZ, ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS

In July, 266 friends joined in a gorgeous evening on the Sunset Benefit Cruise, courtesy of St. Croix Boat & Packet of Stillwater.

You made it happen! Thank you! You gave an additional \$5,435 to meet Greg & Cathy Stevens matching challenge gift of \$5,000. Total net income for the cruise was over \$19,000.

Congratulations to Mr. Jim Franzen, Recipient of the 2017 Brother I. Damien Award, for carrying on the vision of serving youth at Dunrovin since the 1980s.

Thank you to cruise sponsors Catholic United Financial, Premier Banks, Mainstreet Bar & Grill, US Foods, and Caspers of Egan.



HEARTS OF SERVICE

- Members of Stillwater Troop #132 completed two Eagle Scout projects. Thank you, Chase Glasser and Aaron Wessel!
- HERO of Forest Lake built a hefty life jacket rack as a classroom project. Thank you, Mr. Tischler and students!
- Five buildings received new roofs after severe hail damage from a June storm. Many more improvements were done using the "While we are at it..." formula. Thank you, God, for protection over all the workers!
- Staff members cook, clean, repair, and minister, striving to offer a safe and peaceful environment for all. Thank you, Susan, Jenny, Janice, Gail, Julie, Paul, John Mark, Nancy, Mary, Tim, Jim, Mary, Anna Rose, and Mario!
- The Board of Directors oversees Dunrovin's operations, taking responsibility for moral, spiritual, legal, and fiscal well-being of the Retreat Center and its mission. Thank you for exceptional leadership!



Dunrovin Summer Sky - photograph by John Mark Sorteberg

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LIVE, JESUS, IN OUR HEARTS..FOREVER!



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