



WonderArts VT

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Our Community

Serving people of all ages throughout the Northeast Kingdom and beyond

Who We Serve

From toddlers to seniors, we run programs in schools in six towns and offer events and classes at community venues throughout Greensboro, Craftsbury, and Hardwick. By bringing our programs to multiple locations, we're able to reach more people in their home communities.

32% of our area's population engage with our programs



Key Statistics

For the **4,754 people** in our region of service:

- **80%** have a high school diploma
- **1 in 6** are self-employed
- **\$35,832** is the average annual income
- **50%** don't have access to high-speed internet
- **6 in 10** youth qualify for free and reduced lunch
- There are **62%** fewer services than the rest of VT
- **33** minutes one way is the average daily commute

43% of Orleans residents and **51%** of Caledonia residents work out of the county

Our Impact

Building connections through access to learning, resources, and opportunities

Cultivating lifelong learning and exploration to enrich our community, schools, and economy through creativity, conversation and collaboration

This Year, We...

- Reached **1200** adults and **500** youth
- Collaborated with **29** organizational partners
- Led **305** program activities, classes, and events
- Offered programs at **15** local venues and **13** school sites
- Provided economic opportunities for **63** businesses
- Hired **21** community members to lead classes
- Exhibited artwork from **12** local artists
- Led **5** professional development trainings
- Expanded programs to **2** new pre-school sites
- Welcomed **56** new Spark members
- Provided scholarships for **27** summer campers

93% of participants reported feeling more connected to their community after engaging in a WonderArts program

92% participant satisfaction rate for all classes

70% of participants came to multiple WonderArts programs

Our Heart is Here

We strive to provide a solid foundation of community care. By offering meaningful and accessible opportunities, we're investing in the mental health and social fabric of our region, building upon our area's resources, and celebrating our community members' resourcefulness. The ingenuity, neighborly mentality, and entrepreneurial spirit present in the residents of the Northeast Kingdom lie at the heart, and success, of WonderArts programming.

Our Work

Cultivating vibrancy in our community through the arts, recreation, technology, and sustainability

Over
700 hours
of programs
this year!

Community
Classes



Special
Events

NEK
Kids on the
Move

Community
Fun Runs



School
Classes



Film
Series



Community
Greenspace

ARTS

We believe in the power of creativity to solve problems, build resilience, and develop self-confidence, so we strive to make it a part of everyday life and a valued asset in our community.

RECREATION

Community health starts with individual action, and we love providing fun opportunities for people of all abilities to move, play, and engage with the outdoors.

What Our Participants Say...

Thank you for showing this important film! Keep doing the after movie discussions since that is where the community connections were shared by a variety of people. - Tara, Let's Talk: Film

Hands-on is always great for learning. I appreciate the guidance and knowledge of the instructor and not having to pay for materials. - Charles, Sip + Skill Share

I just love coming here, the equipment is amazing and the internet is superb. Everyone should be using Spark! - Nancy, Spark Member

Thank you for making this affordable for our family! - Camp Parent

Spark

Art on Campus

Professional Development

TECHNOLOGY

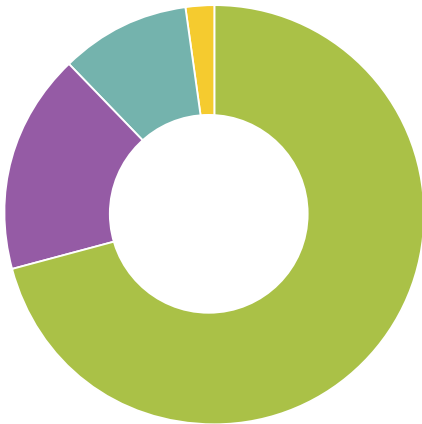
In our rural corner of Vermont, we offer high-speed internet, state of the art technology and equipment resources, and foster design thinking, creative capital, and resourcefulness.

SUSTAINABILITY

We are proud stewards of our community and the land that we all cherish. Through our work we nurture social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

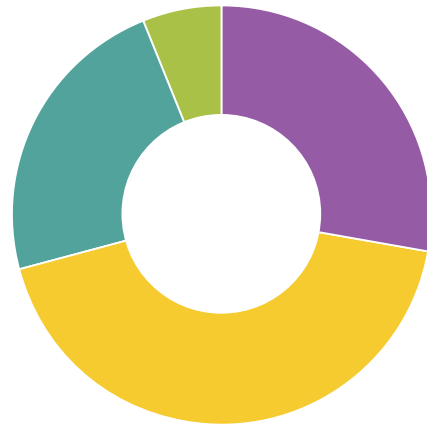
Financial Statement

Fiscal Year 2019



EXPENSES.....\$238,428

- 71% Programs
- 17% Admin/Overhead
- 10% General Operating
- 11% Marketing/Fundraising



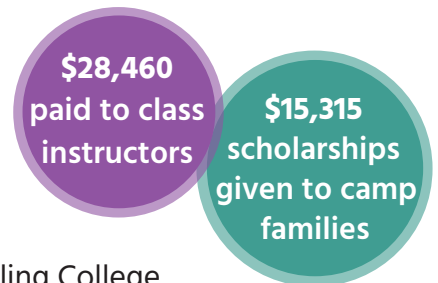
REVENUE.....\$243,520

- 43% Grants
- 28% Donations
- 23% Program Revenue
- 6% Town/Business Support

Collaborative Partners

AKC Fund, Inc
 Albany Community School
 Albany Head Start
 Allen Hilles Fund
 Ben & Jerry's Foundation
 Bissell Foundation
 Canaday Foundation
 Center for an Agricultural Economy
 Craftsbury Energy Committee
 Craftsbury Outdoor Center
 Craftsbury Recreation Comm.
 Craftsbury Academy
 Craftsbury Elementary
 Four Seasons of Early Learning
 Green Mountain Farm to School
 Greensboro Association
 Greensboro Recreation Comm.

Greensboro UCC
 Hardwick Area Food Pantry
 Hardwick Elementary
 Hardwick Head Start
 Hazen Union
 Heartbeet Lifesharing
 Highland Center for the Arts
 Hunger Free Vermont
 New Avenues for Youth
 No. Counties Health Care, Inc.
 Lakeview Elementary
 Oakland Foundation
 Orleans Country Forester
 Pleasants Fund
 Promise Community
 Salvation Farms
 Saplings



Sterling College
 Town of Craftsbury
 Town of Greensboro
 Town of Hardwick
 Turning Stone Farm
 USDA Rural Development
 Vermont Land Trust
 VT Learning Support Initiative
 VCF Craftsbury Community Fund
 Vermont Arts Council
 Vermont Community Foundation
 Vermont Mutual Insurance Co.
 Wisdom Connection
 Wolcott Elementary
 Woodbury Elementary



20 years and counting! We are committed to serving our vibrant community, enriching hearts and minds, nurturing ideas, and providing access to a world filled with possibility. This is just the start of our evolution.

-Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Board President

Board of Directors

- Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, President
- Havilah Stewart Mann, Treasurer
- Monique Beaudry, Secretary
- Alain McMurtrie
- Chip Troiano
- Richard Bennum
- Riva Reynolds, Advisory Board

WonderArts Staff

- Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Executive Director
- Carol Fairbank, Business Manager
- Sherri Molleur, Finance Manager
- Skye Livingston, Program Coordinator
- Katharine Ingram, Program Coordinator
- Jake Lester, AmeriCorps VISTA

NEK Kids on the Move



NEK Kids on the Move officially joined WonderArts last fall. This decision was the natural evolution of a years-long collaboration to make the most of shared resources and deliver a bigger impact to our community. As part of WonderArts, NEK KOM has continued to work with and support after-school program providers and the larger community through opportunities for active movement, outdoor recreation, and nutritional support, as well as through summer camp activities.

Team Transitions

After serving WonderArts VT for the past two years as Executive Director, Ceilidh Galloway-Kane is now directing the REACH! after-school program for the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union. We are excited for her to bring her passion for kids, creativity, and enriching afterschool programs to this new role, and we're thrilled that we'll be able to continue working with her as a community partner and collaborator.





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