



Funhouse Commons

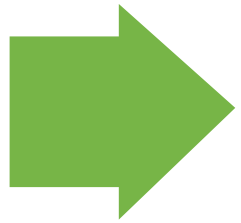
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*“The Funhouse
is my home
away from
home!”*

-3rd grader who
attends our
Afterschool Program



2015 OBJECTIVES AND HOW WE MET THEM



Afterschool participants report positively on their experience:

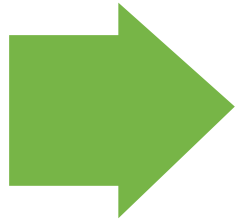
One of the key program goals of the Funhouse Afterschool Program is enjoyment felt by youth when participating in the program, because research shows that when youth like their afterschool program, they show improvements in the classroom. In June 2015, we surveyed children involved in the Funhouse's Afterschool Program: results showed that 94% of youth participants liked being in the program, a 3% increase over our 2014 survey results.



“This experience was so incredible! It is very important for teens to take classes like this for their own well-being.”

-high school student about our teen issues group

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Provide support to 40 teens via College Counseling:

This year the Funhouse helped 134 high school students (9th-12th grades) broaden their vision for future educational opportunities through classroom presentations led by college counseling experts, information about the college admissions process, and tools to make the students competitive with others across the nation. After attending the financial aid discussion that we offered as part of this program, 46 families said they felt that financing college and other future educational opportunities were now more possible.

“Having the Funhouse open during school’s out days is so critical for us working parents. You guys rock!”

- parent of a participant in our Afterschool Program



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40 new families enroll in Funhouse programs:

In 2014, we served 285 children and teens; this year we served 348 youth, an increase of 22%. The additional 63 youth represent more than 40 new families.



Scholarships are provided for all families applying for financial aid:

To ensure that every child who wanted to participate in a Funhouse program could do so, we distributed \$32,000 in program scholarships to low-income families during 2015.



The Funhouse Commons serves the urgent needs of young people and strengthens community bonds by providing a safe and stimulating environment where all can learn, discover, create, socialize and be heard.

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Every child who needs a mentor has one:

The Funhouse Mentor Program is currently supporting 148 children in 1-on-1 and group mentoring relationships. We are keeping pace with our community's continued interest and need for the program by finding the best adult match for all interested children.





“I feel so much safer when I am holding your hand.”

-1st grader to
Funhouse staff
during the
Afterschool
Program

Exciting Program Updates

We are being proactive in working with youth and families to ensure that our programs address their concerns, and are developing new programs to meet their needs.

New Teen Programming:

- Youth Workforce Development that includes a Funhouse Junior Staff Program and a Student Job Fair.
- Healthy Teen Development Program including the Funhouse 6th Grade Girls Leadership program and Tissues, a teen issues group led by a trained therapist to explore issues facing teens, such as substance abuse, bullying, and eating disorders.

Afterschool Programming Improvements:

We are excited by the growth in attendance of the Funhouse Afterschool Program: 110 children are formally enrolled in the program and attend 2

to 5 times a week; an additional 25 children drop in periodically. Between 35 to 55 children attend on a daily basis – on our most popular day we served 69 children! The growth in this program reflects the community's positive response to program improvements we made this year as a result of our participation in the Youth Program Quality Initiative training through School's Out Washington. The improvements include: increasing youth leadership opportunities; incorporating skill building into the afterschool curriculum; and more explicit planning and reflection training with Funhouse staff and program instructors.

Exciting Program Updates

Looking forward: Because the Funhouse's mission focuses on serving the urgent needs of young people, and because there is a stated community need for youth prevention/mental health programs, in 2016 we will expand our teen programs and develop associated parent workshops/support groups to create more positive development opportunities for Orcas Island 6th-12th grade teens and their parents or guardians. We are also excited to announce a grant from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to expand our mentoring program for middle and high school students in 2016.

Discover • Learn • Inspire



*“The Funhouse
Mentor Program is
a really wonderful
program that the
island has set up
for its kids.”*

-current mentor



THE IMPACT OF LEGACY GIVING

This year we were fortunate to receive two significant legacy gifts to our endowment fund that will support our youth programs in perpetuity. Thanks to Robert Henigson's bequest, we will be able to continue our dedication to expanded learning opportunities; and thanks to Thurman Bond's gift, Orcas Island youth will continue to have a safe place to gather and grow. We hope to expand the list of donors willing to commit to legacy giving so that these and other Funhouse programs can continue to thrive and meet the needs of Orcas Island youth for generations to come.



“I was able to have conversations about topics I couldn’t have at home.”

-high school student referring to our teen support group

FINANCIALS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
INCOME			
Donations, Grants & Events	\$183,066	\$281,938	\$232,080
Program/Other Income	\$65,893	\$91,551	\$74,348
Total Revenue	\$248,959	\$373,489	\$306,428
EXPENSE			
Staff Costs	\$188,077	\$186,535	\$191,529
Operating Expenses	\$118,788	\$131,793	\$160,554
Solar Project (donated)		\$65,233	
Playground & Fence			\$47,561
Total Expenses	\$306,865	\$383,561	\$399,644
Endowment Distributions	\$11,276	\$12,265	\$12,431
Restricted & Designated Funds Released	\$55,277	\$32,527	\$75,826
NET OPERATING INCOME*	\$8,647	\$34,720	(\$4,959)
Endowment/Board Designated Balance	\$325,349	\$346,429	\$1,635,875

* exclusive of endowment & designated gains & losses & depreciation

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We continue to prioritize capital improvements: in 2014 we installed a new PV solar system and in 2015 we purchased new playground equipment and installed a new fence.

Due to rapid program growth and resulting expenses last fall and the delay in receipt of some grant funds, the Funhouse incurred a small deficit in the 2015 operating budget.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT 2015!

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