



# Funhouse Commons

Children's Discovery Foundation

**ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

**A**t the Funhouse we build success for kids one caring mentor, one completed homework assignment, one art project, one playful moment, at a time.

Every child who walks through our doors is met by a caring team of adult advocates, guides, and listeners.



## VISION COMING INTO REALITY

For many years, the Funhouse has researched how a revised facility could better meet the needs of our community. Using a portion of the generous Robert & Phyllis Hengison gift, we are excited to announce the building renovations will begin in Spring 2017.

Modifications include:

- Open space for clearer line of sight supervision;
- New soundproof classroom spaces
- Outdoor sport court for enhanced active play & expanded teen programming;
- Greater natural light.

When complete, the renovation will enable us to better serve Funhouse families and children now and in the future.

148

kids  
participated  
in the  
Mentor  
program



## 2016 GREATEST HITS

### January

Funhouse Mentor Program receives \$20,000 in grant funding from WA State Department of Social & Health Services to enhance and grow the program.

### February

*Stepping Up*, a new Funhouse outdoor education program, is started to engage young teens in leadership and teamwork initiatives.

### March

45 passionate student scientists participate in the Funhouse Science Fair. 200 community members attend the event!

### April

The third annual 6th Grade Girls Leadership Group begins. Girls learn new problem solving skills while connecting with peers prior to the challenging transition to middle school.

### May

*Inspire Orcas* is held as a new job fair event in conjunction with the Orcas Island High School and the Chamber of Commerce.

*“Sixteen years ago, the generosity of this community created something very special for our children. I was one of those children, and I wouldn’t be the man I am today without you.”*

~ Yonaton Aldort, 2016 Gala speaker

73

kids  
enjoyed  
Summer  
Camp



FEBRUARY



*"I filled out my mentor form last night, and I couldn't sleep all night because I was so excited to get a mentor!"*

~ 5th grade mentee waiting to be matched

## June

24% of all Orcas Island youth (148 individuals) participate in Funhouse Mentor program.

## July & August

10 weeks of Funhouse Summer Camp starts, extending positive youth development opportunities and preventing summer learning loss for island youth during summer vacation.

## September

149 kids enroll in our Afterschool Program. Average daily attendance is 42.

## October

126 high school students, 83 elementary/middle school students, and approximately 40 parents participate in the Funhouse College Counseling event.

## November

198 volunteers share their time and talents in support of Funhouse kids this year! This equals thousands of dollars in time/expertise donated to the Funhouse.

## December

The Funhouse served the urgent needs of 403 youth on Orcas Island (62% of the total youth population!) these past 12 months. 53% of our families received financial assistance totaling \$46,000.



### FUNHOUSE GOALS

Creating caring relationships

Supporting working families

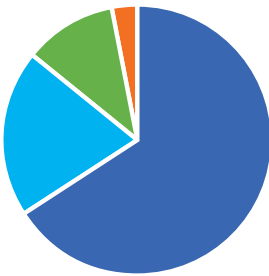
Building a healthier community

# 2016 FINANCIALS

Our Sustainable Funding Taskforce and Finance Committee set lofty goals during 2016 to create a strategic funding plan to ensure the Funhouse and its youth programs continue to thrive for many years to come. Our plan includes deepening donor relationships and inspiring multi-year pledges to secure a reliable source of annual funding into the future. We do this by inviting community members to bi-monthly Discovery Tours, which includes a one hour tour of our mission through storytelling and a walk about of the Funhouse facility. Almost 200 people attended tours during 2016, resulting in a huge outpouring of volunteer and financial support.

While program participation is growing, client fees are not keeping pace. This is because *more than half* of our participating families request partial or full scholarship support. We anticipate scholarships as an organizational expense to continually increase as we head into the future and serve more families.

## 2016 INCOME



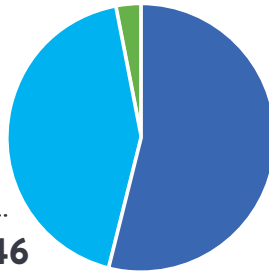
Donation, Grants & Events **66%**  
Program/Other Income **20%**  
Restricted & Designated Funds Released **11%**  
Endowment Distributions **3%**

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Total Income **\$416,133**

*10.5% increase from 2015*

## 2016 EXPENSES

Staff Costs **55%**  
Operating Expenses **43%**  
Remodel Planning **8%**  
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Total Expenses **\$390,846**



Endowment/  
Board Operating  
Balance  
**\$1,697,931**

*4.4% decrease from 2015*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jill Blankenship, Jim Cook, Kyle Freeman, Meagan Gable, Beth Jenson, Paul Pollard, Abby Rueb, Jeni Sanders, Marlis Sandwith, and Susan Hubbard.