

West Suburban Special Recreation Association

enriching lives through recreation



SNAPSHOT '22

OUR MISSION

WSSRA provides quality recreation services for people with disabilities by working hand in hand with the WSSRA partners, our consumers and other community groups. In 2022, as restrictions lessened, WSSRA returned to more in-person programs. But now, our challenge is finding enough staffing to properly serve our participants. The staffing crisis is real and WSSRA continues to find creative ways to manage it! You Can help by referring potential staff, 15 years and older, to WSSRA.NET to apply. Our return to normal is 100% dependent on proper staffing for our programs.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Partner	Unique Individuals With Disabilities	Total Programs And Events	Individuals Without Disabilities	Total Programs & Events For Individuals Without Disabilities	Inclusion/Individual Program
Berwyn Park District	42	641	50	108	1/2
Village of Elmwood Park	61	694	17	20	4/11
Park District of Forest Park	18	173	31	34	3/12
Park District of Franklin Park	72	410	16	25	11/24
Village of Harwood Heights	107	227	10	18	2/1
Norridge Park District	14	162	6	6	10/15
North Berwyn Park District	42	803	29	42	12/24
Village of North Riverside	12	156	18	28	9/26
Park District of Oak Park	149	1504	164	224	62/217
River Forest Park District	35	416	17	49	9/12
Village of Riverside	15	231	14	27	9/20
Veterans Park District	32	447	9	15	5/20
Other	29	90	4	5	0/0
Total	628	5954	385	601	137/384

PROGRAM FACTS

84

age of our oldest participant from Harwood Heights

3

age of our youngest participants from Berwyn & River Forest

628

unique individuals with disabilities participated in programs.

377

WSSRA programs and events offered

VOLUNTEERS

number of volunteers
number of hours

19
560

cost savings

\$7,280

*based on \$13.00/hour

FUNDS RAISED

\$79,483

raised in cash, donations,
grants, events, etc.

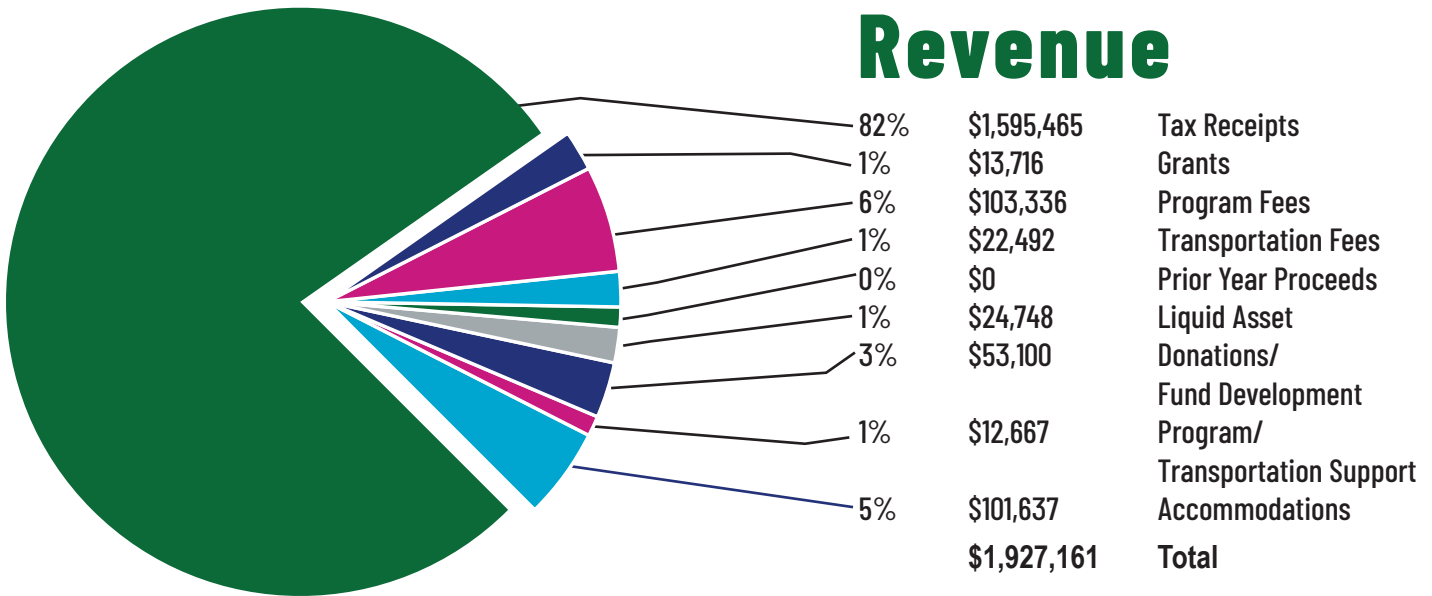
\$46,423

donated in products
or services.

Fundraising Events	Revenue	Expenses	Net Profit
Derby Gala	\$63,748	\$11,183	\$52,565
Wacky Quacky	\$4,283	\$100	\$4,183

REVENUE & EXPENSES

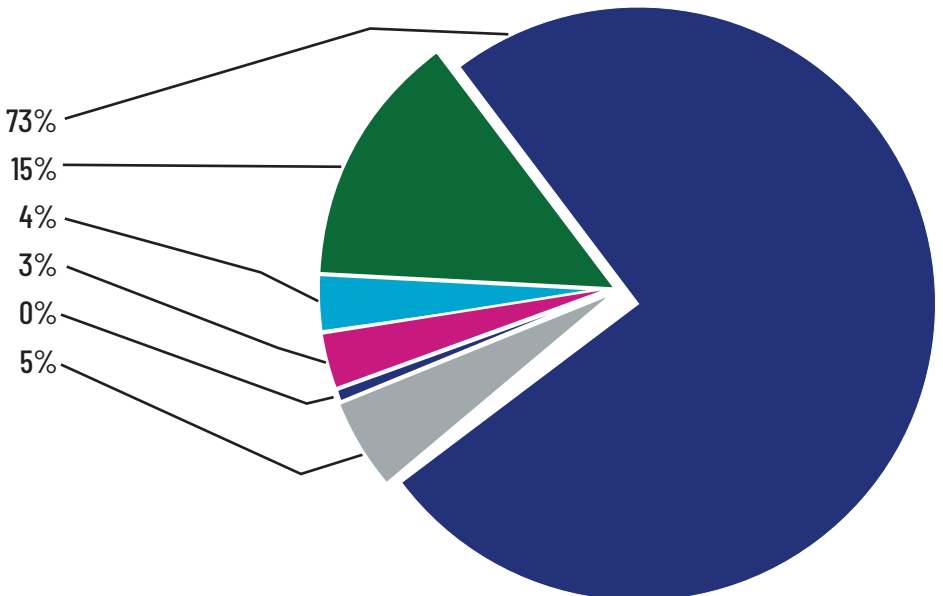
WSSRA statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets at year ended December 31, 2022.



Expenses

Personnel & Benefits	\$1,348,460
Contractual Services	\$284,980
Supplies	\$83,644
Capital Replacement	\$58,720
Reserve	\$0
ADA Accommodations	\$94,886
Total	\$1,870,690

Audited net assets	
end of 2020	\$1,472,402
end of 2021	\$1,526,405
pre-audit end of 2022	\$1,562,354



WSSRA FOUNDATION

Created in 1985, the WSSRA foundation raises funds to support WSSRA and create additional opportunities for fun. In 37 years the foundation has given \$667,184 in cumulative contributions.

Through their amazing efforts the foundation board raised even more funds through programs and events in 2022:

FOUNDATION EVENT PROFITS

Derby Gala	\$16,050	Holiday Solicitation & Tuesday Giving	\$23,346
Bocce Tournament	\$5,991	Holiday Concert	\$2,895
Fallin' for Our Stars	\$23,523	Interest & Miscellaneous	\$8,578
		Total	\$80,383

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WSSRA IMPACT

WSSRA has been enriching the lives of individuals with special needs for over 46 years.

See how WSSRA has enriched the lives of our participants and their families:



Miles Cullen
Oak Park

"Miles Cullen (and his brother Felix) have been in WSSRA programs since 2019. We have done gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, ice skating, camps, swimming, school days out,

music makers, and outdoor adventures among others!

We are excited to start Special Olympics next! We have been able to utilize inclusion aides for the benefit of both boys. We found out about WSSRA through the Park District of Oak Park, and are so grateful it exists. I feel like the opportunities (both social and athletic) we have been afforded through the program have helped Miles grow so much. Miles isn't seen for his differences but rather his amazing abilities. He has become more confident in himself.

Felix has been supported by inclusion aides and loves doing gymnastics with some of his best buddies. Not only have our children have benefited, as we have made wonderful friendships with families who are non judgmental and get it."

Jordan Kassam
Norridge



"Jordan has been participating in WSSRA programs since he was 8 years old and has grown into each program that WSSRA has offered throughout his years being a participant and an athlete. WSSRA has offered him experiences that I thought he would never be able to have. For example, being able to play sports just like his older and younger brothers. Jordan learned to be part of a team and push himself to higher limits. The most important part though, was him making friends and being social. WSSRA also impacted us in such a positive way, that we as a whole family, have become fully involved in the association. As his mom, I loved the programs so much, I became a part time staff member. Soon after, both my older and younger sons joined the staff as well. WSSRA is one of the most important things in Jordan's life as well as mine. I truly am grateful and appreciate all who take time in making the programs and making participants feel part of a loved community."