

SNAPSHOT

West Suburban Special Recreation Association **2024**



WSSRA

enriching lives through recreation

OUR MISSION

WSSRA is dedicated to providing high-quality recreation services for individuals with disabilities by collaborating with our partners, participants, and community organizations. In 2024, staffing shortages remained a challenge in delivering the best support for our participants. However, WSSRA continues to explore innovative ways to recruit new team members! Do you know someone 16 or older who would enjoy working with individuals with special needs? Contact us at WSSRA.net or call Joe Juhasz at 847-455-2100.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Partner	Unique Individuals With Disabilities	Total Programs And Events	Total Service Hours of Individuals With Disabilities	Individuals Without Disabilities	Total Programs & Events For Individuals Without Disabilities	Total Service Hours of Individuals Without Disabilities	Inclusion/ Individual Program
Berwyn Park District	112	768	3307	44	65	146	12/21
Village of Elmwood Park	103	904	4,568	20	26	65	5/7
Park District of Forest Park	26	343	2,185	36	38	86	8/16
Park District of Franklin Park	35	280	1,995	30	41	79	10/38
Village of Harwood Heights	12	54	37	8	13	25	2/5
Norridge Park District	25	319	1,858	26	30	44	8/21
North Berwyn Park District	41	602	2,742	29	47	106	9/24
Village of North Riverside	11	94	608	10	15	28	5/18
Park District of Oak Park	191	1,917	10,224	239	326	670	75/283
River Forest Park District	38	496	2,868	42	87	193	3/11
Village of Riverside	17	269	1,438	24	44	103	8/22
Veterans Park District	40	405	2,715	21	27	59	5/15
Other	27	127	335	14	18	39	0/0
Total	678	6,578	34,880	543	777	1643	150/481

PROGRAM FACTS

86

age of our oldest participant from Harwood Heights

3

age of our youngest participants from Oak Park

678

unique individuals with disabilities participated in programs.

385

WSSRA programs and events offered

VOLUNTEERS

number of volunteers
number of hours

25
729

cost savings

\$10,206
*based on \$14.00/hour

FUNDS RAISED



Fundraising Events	Revenue	Expenses	Net Profit
Derby Gala	\$52,691	\$12,259	\$40,432

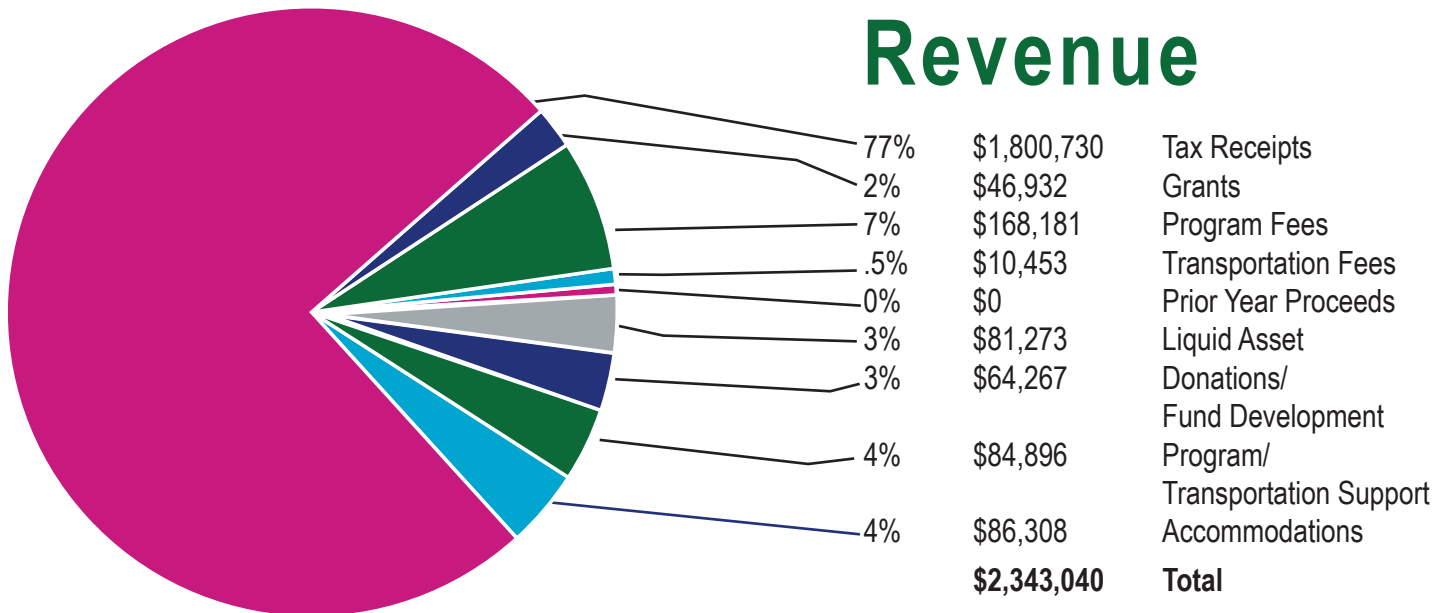


Wacky Quacky	\$5,818	\$460	\$5,358
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REVENUE & EXPENSES

WSSRA statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets at year ended December 31, 2024.

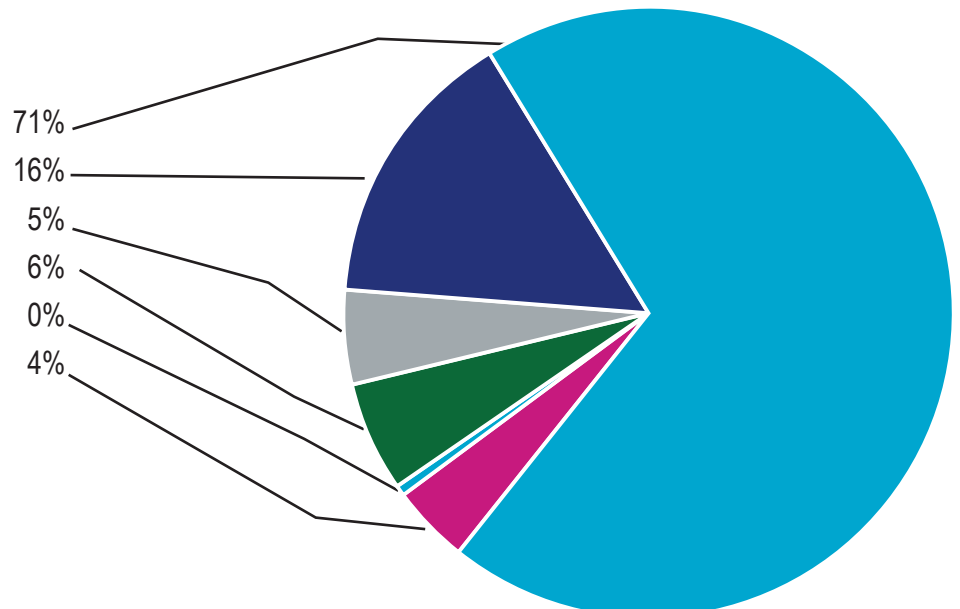
Revenue



Expenses

Personnel & Benefits	\$1,631,738
Contractual Services	\$361,696
Supplies	\$117,212
Capital Replacement	\$104,256
Reserve	\$0
ADA Accommodations	\$93,826
Total	\$2,308,729

Audited net assets	
end of 2022	\$1,562,354
end of 2023	\$1,644,349



WSSRA FOUNDATION

Created in 1985, the WSSRA foundation raises funds to support WSSRA and create additional opportunities for fun. In 38 years the foundation has given **\$826,240** in cumulative contributions.

Through their amazing efforts the foundation board raised even more funds through programs and events in 2024:

FOUNDATION EVENT PROFITS

Derby Gala	\$13,971	Holiday Solicitation & Tuesday Giving	\$10,899
Fallin' for Our Stars	\$38,065		
Bowl-A-Thon	\$3,424	Interest & Miscellaneous	\$7,013
		Total	\$73,372

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WSSRA IMPACT

WSSRA has been enriching the lives of individuals with special needs for over 48 years.

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



Ben Leahy Oak Park

“WSSRA provides children with the opportunities to engage in safe and enriching activities with peers. In addition to the benefits for the child to develop social relationships, build skills, engage in community and physical activities; WSSRA inclusion allows parents a trusted source for respite.”

Ben is an extremely active and social little boy. He feels proud when he master's a new skill and loves meeting new people. WSSRA has allowed Ben to access so many activities previously unavailable to him. Thank you to the amazing efforts of the WSSRA inclusion team, the park district, and all the WSSRA staff and volunteers that make access possible.

Evan Yogya Riverside

“Evan has been participating in WSSRA programs for about 6 years - since Riverside partnered with WSSRA.

WSSRA has given Evan more opportunities to gain skills,

exercise, socialize and be part of group programs. It has been wonderful to have staff trained to work with individuals with special needs so it's less stress for us (his parents). We don't have to worry about him being included and having fun.

Prior to WSSRA, his dad or I had to serve as his aide when Evan participated in recreation programs. It has been great for him to be able to gain independence and participate in things without us. He has developed a great group of friends (participants and staff) from WSSRA.”

