

WELLSPRINGS FRIENDS SCHOOL 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Our school year ended very differently this year as our classes went online due to COVID19. We, however, maintained our Well-springs spirit. Students connected daily with teachers and weekly with each other via our Virtual Circle. Our graduating seniors were able to see each other one last time with a social distanced Senior Dinner where they were able to don their graduation gowns and receive their diplomas. The event was then presented via YouTube as our Virtual Graduation Ceremony.

We now prep to continue educating our students in a very different way. Inside you will find our new Head of School, Dante Zúñiga-West's, outline for our 'Safe Start' to the 2020-21 school year. We remain committed to providing an education that affirms the individual and assists teenagers in meeting the challenges of adolescence and adulthood.



*The Little School
with the Big Heart*

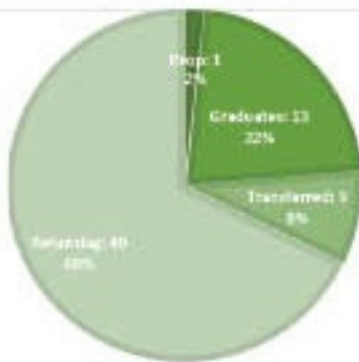




OUR STUDENTS

While the students of Wellsprings are incredibly diverse, one attribute they all share is resiliency. No year has put this to the test like this past one, but our students rose to meet the new challenges brought about by the pandemic. Having faced barriers to learning in other school settings such as bullying, anxiety, ethnicity, sexual orientation or gender identity, neurodiversity, or class status, our students have overcome adversity before. While adapting to an entirely new digital Wellsprings, every student maintained connection with their teachers and advisor. They learned new skills and new material. They found ways to create community even though things got tough.

Student Outcomes

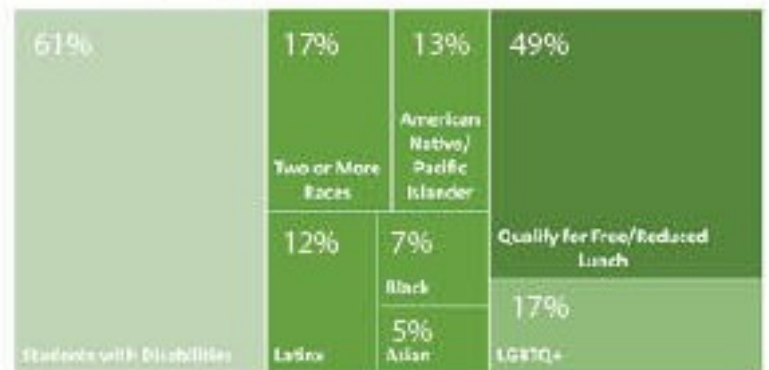


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Students Served



Demographics



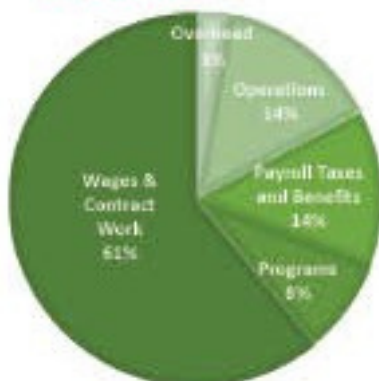
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Graduation Rate

100% 4-year
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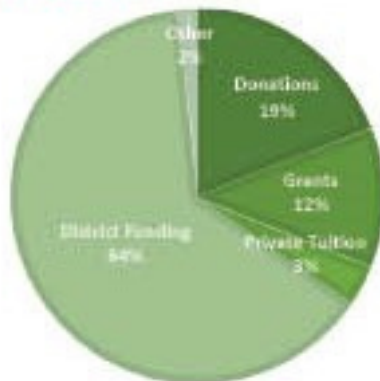
OUR FINANCIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

The overview of this past year's finances show a healthy uptick for us. Wellsprings was fortunate to receive the aid of the Federal Payroll Protection Program, and was also bolstered by the award of a generous grant from the Oregon Department of Education. Due to public safety measures, we will face some financial challenges in the next year. Adjustments to our educational model will be costly and our enrollment may see slight decline. We will also be unable to hold our annual Toast and Roast Gala which has historically been our largest fundraiser of the year.

EXPENSES



INCOME



TOTAL EXPENSES
\$637,968.57

TOTAL INCOME
\$690,888.59

WELLSPRINGS FRIENDS
SCHOOL ENDOWMENT
FUND
\$35,396.00

OUR FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES 2019-20

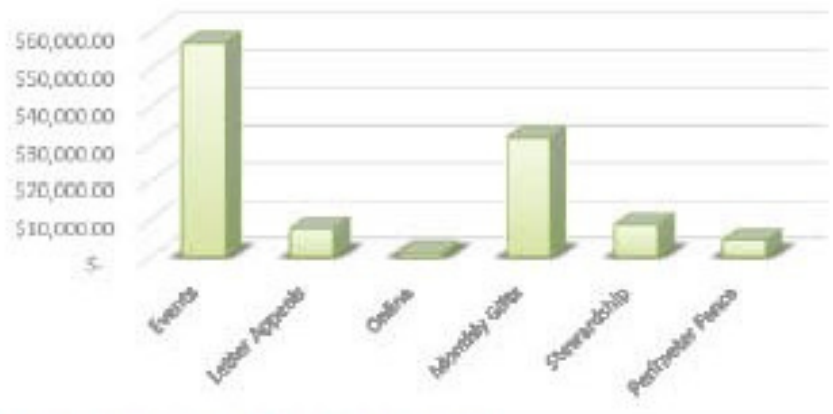


Our 2020 Toast 'N' Roast Roastees
Kitty Piercy and Dan Bryant

Our overall donations for the year remained steady and our annual Toast 'N' Roast brought in \$55,075.96, an increase of over \$7,000 from the previous year. Monthly gifts continue to be a significant source of support year round.

We ran a successful campaign to raise funds in order to fence the perimeter of Wellsprings property. The new fence went up in March and not only makes our school a safer place but also restores and protects delicate wetlands. Future plans include an outdoor classroom and boardwalk.

Breakdown of fundraising by solicitation



OUR 'SAFE START' PLAN FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Last school year brought us great and unprecedented challenges as we adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of the work our staff accomplished in supporting our students through such harrowing times. After careful consideration we've elected to 'start safe' and set our students up for success by providing a robust distance learning program. We are committed to remaining in a Comprehensive Distance Learning Model through the first term, beginning on September 9th and ending on November 10th. This Comprehensive Distance Learning Model will be more extensive than the previous model used last spring. Students will participate in instructional activities and our stalwart alternative curriculum. They will have access to daily contact with their teachers. When it is safe to do so, we will start bringing students back to campus in a hybrid model. We will continue to monitor and assess this transition for a possible change after the first term. After beginning the hybrid model, it may still be necessary for us to switch back to Comprehensive Distance Learning if the status of public health changes.

We've begun reaching out to families to register their students so we can best plan for the upcoming year. Although this 2020-2021 year will look different, we all look forward to welcoming our students back to school this fall. We're starting safe, in the interest of our most precious resources, our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Dante Zúniga-West

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