



REC2CONNECT THERAPY

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year at Rec2Connect, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support and dedication from individuals like you who continue to further our mission of providing inclusive recreation therapy programs for individuals with and without disabilities.

Thanks to your commitment, we have achieved significant milestones in advancing our mission. We are thrilled to share some of our key accomplishments with you:

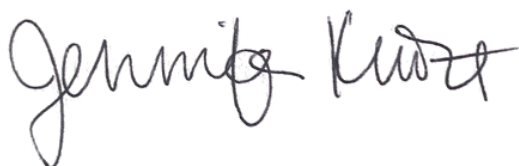
- **Expanding Outdoor Programming:** With your support, we were able to expand our outdoor programming, providing more opportunities for individuals of all abilities to connect with others in their community while in nature and enjoying outdoor recreational activities.
- **Launching our Adapted Climbing Program:** We are excited to announce the launch of our Adapted Climbing Program in partnership with Shaker Rocks and Cleveland Rocks. This program offers individuals with disabilities the chance to experience rock climbing in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Expanding Adapted Aquatics and Aquatic Therapy Services:** We have extended our Adapted Aquatics and Aquatic Therapy services to new locations, ensuring that individuals with disabilities have access to the benefits of aquatic programming in their communities.
- **Building Community Partnerships:** We have strengthened our relationships with community partners, including senior centers and the Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand our reach and provide more opportunities for individuals to engage in inclusive recreation.
- **Successful Celebrity Bartending Event:** Our fundraising efforts led to our most successful Celebrity Bartending event yet, raising crucial funds to support our programs and services.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the dedication of our staff, the generosity of our donors, and the leadership of our board members.

At Rec2Connect, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to improving accessibility and providing equal access to recreation programming; we are grateful to have you by our side as we further our mission.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for believing in the power of recreation to transform lives.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Jennifer Knott, CTRS, Executive Director
Rec2Connect Foundation

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REC2CONNECT THERAPY



Mission

To utilize fully inclusive recreation therapy programs to connect people with and without disabilities and their families to community recreation, wellness, and lifelong leisure skills.



Vision

We are dedicated to developing life-long skills, promoting access to recreation, and increasing community inclusion for people with and without disabilities and their families to enhance their quality of life.



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Total
Income

\$715, 605



Total
Expenses

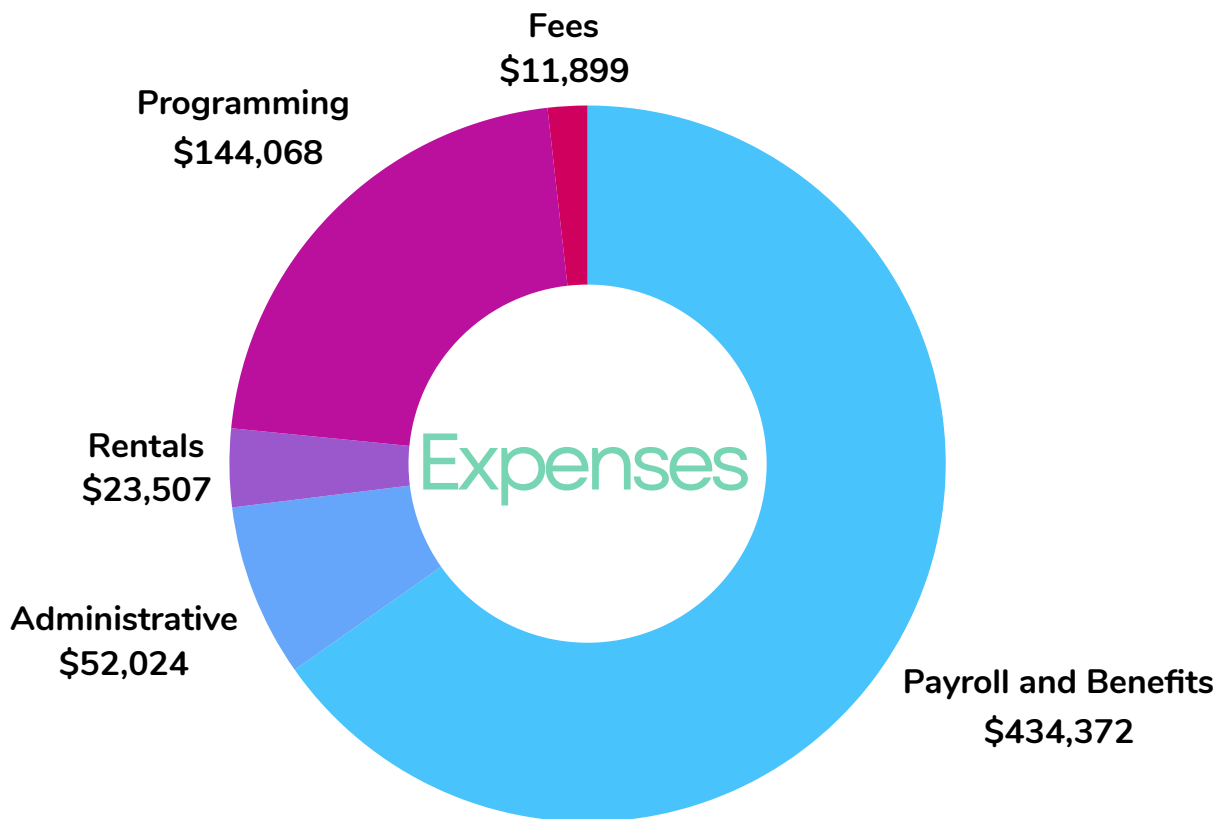
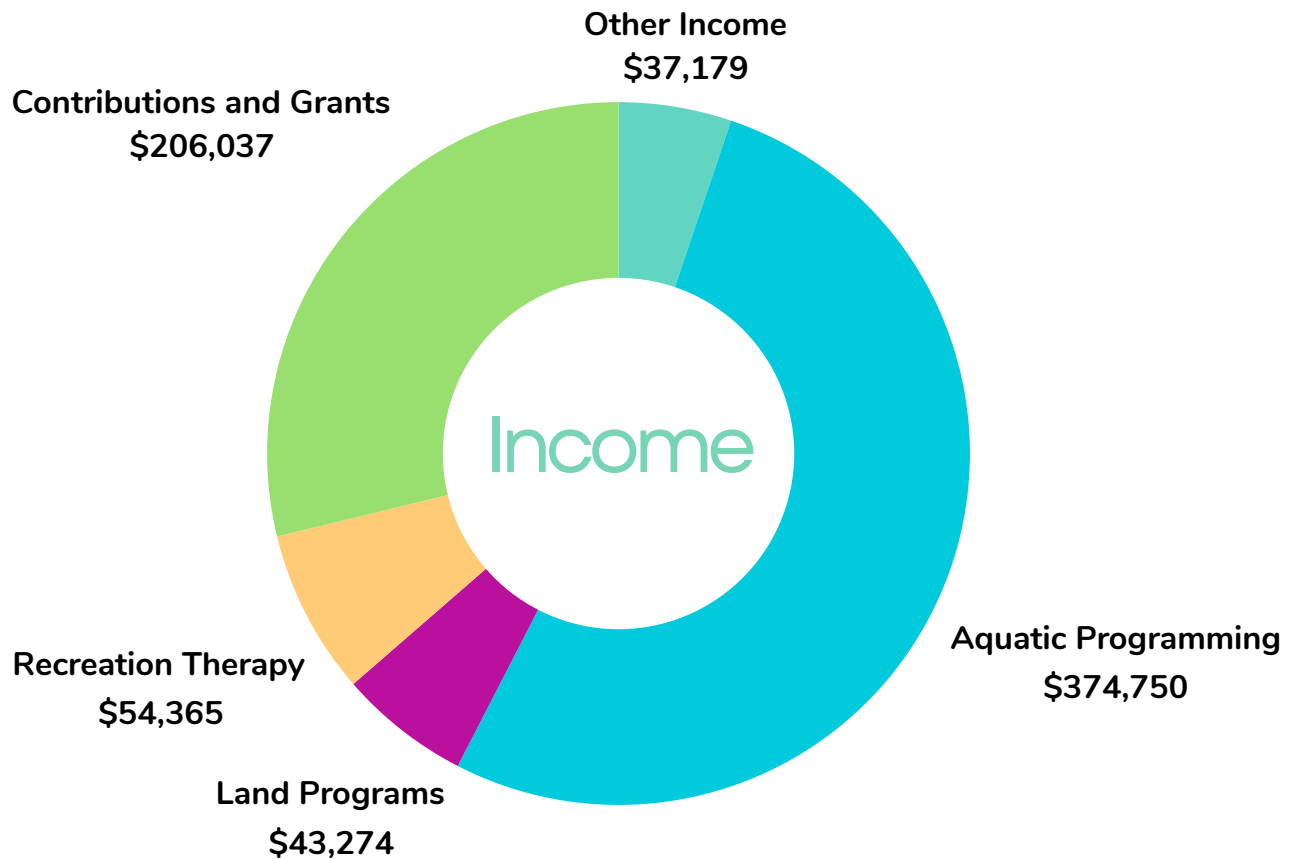
\$665,870



Net
Income

\$49,735

2023 Income and Expenses



Programming Overview

\$10,000

In financial aid given to families for Recreation therapy services in 2023

895

Individuals served through Recreation therapy programs

10,346

Recreation therapy sessions

30

Recurring Recreation therapy programs



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