




CAMPING MINISTRIES OF THE CAROLINAS, INC.

IMPACT REPORT **2022-2023** **IN FAITH & FELLOWSHIP**

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Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc.

Our Mission

To engage our community in experiences that make connections for better living, stronger communities and personal and spiritual growth and development.

Our Vision

We believe we can help individuals and groups discover, nourish and sustain faith in God, build strong community, foster positive relationships, and explore and enhance our connection with creation.

Ministry Highlights

With the celebration of 75 years of camp and retreat ministry at our center on Lake Greenwood and the continuing growth and development of Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc (CMC), the 2022-2023 fiscal and program year carried many milestones and achievements that continue to honor the traditions and purposes established at the founding of Camp Fellowship. The ministry highlights found in this Impact Report provide a representation of key accomplishments and on-going efforts to increase the missional impact of Fellowship's ministry through CMC. The recognition of individuals and organizations who support CMC's work serves as an invitation to explore opportunities for continued growth and partnership through camp and retreat ministry.



CMC's continues to offer transformative programs for children, youth and adults through **Summer Camp**. During the 2022-2023 Program Year, 224 campers participated in our residential camp programs during our 6 weeks of operation. Additionally, 80 students from Laurens District 55 participated in day programs. The program was supported by 16 collegiate-aged summer staff and the wonderful and enriching leadership of seven Youth Ministers, Christian Educators, and Pastors from Trinity, Foothills and Northeast Georgia Presbyteries who served as "Chaplain of the Week".

Campers were invited back for a Winter Camp in December, furthering the impact of the summer camp experience while also introducing new campers to camp. Fellowship's summer program continues to offer programs for Kindergarteners through Twelfth Graders designed to grow and enhance faith-formation while strengthening campers and staff with experiences that also build stronger physical and mental health, connections with the natural world, and life-skills and interpersonal relationships. Through our summer camp programs, we continue to focus on hosting programs designed to enhance faith-formation and life skill development that are affordable and accessible to our partner churches and the communities we serve. An emphasis on providing camperships (financial aid) for under-served children and youth and those with need continues to provide new opportunities, especially working to support foster families and others with specific need based on family or life circumstance.



In addition to summer camp programs, we have been privileged to offer other key programs to connect with the churches and communities we serve. In 2022-2023, we continued our Red Letter Days, a quarterly program for Cancer Survivors and their Care Givers. We also offered several programs in partnership and coordination with our covenant partners, Trinity Presbytery and Foothills Presbytery, including: Church Officer Training, Confirmation Retreat for Youth, the Spring Adult Retreat, Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Trainings, and Sabbath Days for pastors and educators.

In Faith and Fellowship...

CMC's **ministry of hospitality** continues to flourish. In 2022-2023, Fellowship welcomed over 6,000 guests from 51 organizations for over 98 retreats and events. Retreat and event types included weekend church retreats (youth, adult, womens, mens, etc.), church picnics, worship services (including memorial services, baptisms, weddings, etc.), family reunions, city council workshops, sorority retreats, chambers of commerce leadership retreats, community non-profit board and staff retreats, college and university groups, K-12 schools (private, public), civic clubs, crafters, and community meetings.



The ministry of hospitality's impact is further strengthened through the blending of program offered in strategic partnership. In addition to our in-house craft retreats enabled through partnerships with teachers and facilitators (**Knitting Retreats, Quilting Retreats, Scrapbooking Retreats**), we are pleased to partner in discipleship and spirituality offerings by hosting the **Foothills Emmaus Community's Walk to Emmaus** and the **South Carolina Via De Cristo** spirituality weekends.

Our outreach continues into the community as we partner with Preserving Lake Greenwood in their efforts to protect the ecology of Lake Greenwood and with Connect Lake Greenwood as they promote the unique opportunities for recreation and quality of life supported by the lake, including their anchor event hosted at fellowship, the community-wide annual Fourth of July celebration



Program initiatives growing out of our mission to "engage our community in experiences that make connections for better living, stronger communities and personal and spiritual growth and development" have also been formed through planning, partnership and implementation steps in 2022-2023. Announced in October of 2022, the **Lake Campus** initiative is forming along with our strategic partner, Presbyterian College, to create educational, co-curricular, and recreational opportunities for faculty, staff, and students. This partnership will also expand our on-going connections with Lander University and K-12 schools in our region as we develop curriculum, activities and programs providing opportunities for scientific research, environmental education, leadership development, and community engagement.



The development of the **Turtle Rock Trails** project (in coordination with and support from Laurens County and the Laurens County Trail Association) will create opportunity for residents and guests of the greater Laurens County community to have access to approximately 6.5 miles of walking trails and limited recreational access to other lake amenities when completed. A Spring 2024 ribbon cutting and grand opening of the project will be scheduled as final components of the project are completed.



During the summer of our 2022-2023 program year, we were pleased to partner with the Westminster Presbyterian Church (Greenwood) to offer a 15-week summer worship series for the lake community. These worship services have been well received by the community and supported by the participation of several other Presbyterian congregations through the summer. This series serves as anchor to our other community worship experiences including an Easter Sunrise Service and other community worship experiences.



Board of Directors & Staff (2022-2023)

Chair:	Anna-Bryce Hobson	Charlotte, NC	2026
Vice-Chair:	Josh Dawkins	Spartanburg, SC (New Zion Baptist - Spartanburg)	2024
Treasurer:	Jennifer McCracken	Laurens, SC (First Presbyterian -Laurens)	2025
Secretary:	Tim McKinsey	Aiken, SC (First Presbyterian - Aiken)	2023
	Spears Alexander	Greenwood, SC (Westminster Presbyterian)	2023
	Morgan Barr	Greenville, SC	2025
	I.Lehr Brisbin	Aiken, SC (First Presbyterian - Aiken)	2023
	Aimee Clark	Greenwood, SC (First Presbyterian - Greenwood)	2024
	Savannah Demuyck	Lake Murray, SC (Trinity Presbytery)	2024
	Sheree Hill	Laurens, SC (First Presbyterian - Greenwood)	2024
	Andrea Hobson	Greenwood, SC (Main Street United Methodist)	2024
	Tom Malone	Clinton, SC (Foothills Presbytery)	2025
	Ann-Margaret McClary	Moore, SC (Tyger River Presbyterian Church)	2024
	Jennifer Stewart	Anderson, SC (First Presbyterian - Anderson)	2023
	Laura Kathryn Stewart	Lexington, SC (Midtown Fellowship)	2025
	Bennett Tucker	Aiken, SC (First Presbyterian - Aiken)	2023
	Ken Weinel	Fountain Inn, SC (Fountain Inn Presbyterian)	2025
<i>ex officio</i>	Gordon Tubbs	Greenwood, SC (Trinity Presbytery)	<i>ex officio</i>
<i>ex officio</i>	Pressley Cox	Simpsonville, SC (Foothills Presbytery)	<i>ex officio</i>
Executive Director	Kevin Cartee		
Assistant Director	Katie Henderson		
Registrar	Ginger Burton		

Standing Committees Supporting Mission

Administration, Personnel, and Finance (APF)

Functions to coordinate administration, personnel, and finance responsibilities of the organization and supports the staff through appropriate oversight, ensuring financial viability and meeting fiduciary and compliance responsibilities.

Program and Marketing

Functions to develop, implement and evaluate program strategy to ensure programs are achieving their intended educational and faith formation impact and outcomes.

Property

Functions to ensure the facilities and grounds are maintained and developed in support of program and operations.

Funds Development and Mission Sustainability

Functions to assure fiscal health through philanthropic and fundraising/development activities. The committee guides the Board by partnering with staff to bolster the philanthropic outreach, assuring a donor-centered organization.

Science, Environment and Conservation (SEC)

Functions to ensure the on-going and enhanced focus on stewardship of natural resources to benefit program and facility. The SEC oversees any on-site peer-reviewed RESEARCH, engages in community outreach and EDUCATION, and recommends and oversees implementation of BEST PRACTICES (recycling, composting, land management, etc.) connecting CMC clearly and responsibly with its mission and the ecological footprint.



#FutureForward



The **#FutureForward Strategic Initiative** guides our direction as we seek to enhance our ministry, provide top-tier programs and facilities, and maintain a focus on opportunity and accessibility for the communities we serve as we grow and strengthen the long-term sustainability of Fellowship Camp and Conference Center through Camping Ministries of the Carolinas, Inc. leadership.

#FutureForward encompasses projects that focus efforts in three main areas:

Capital Planning & Improvements - As stewards of a nearly 140-acre property on Lake Greenwood with over 15 buildings and programmatic areas, we will undertake a systematic and pro-active approach to routine maintenance, repair/replacement, and future development to meet mission-critical objectives.

Program Partnerships & Enhancements - Program and people are the heart of our ministry. We will actively seek to increase programmatic offerings by engaging in strategic partnerships with churches, schools and community groups while also maintaining our commitment to provide our own calendar of summer camps and Christian faith-formation opportunities.

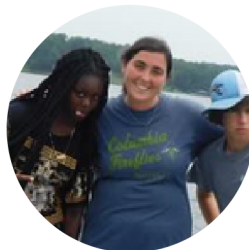
Mission Sustainability - Planning for and moving toward both short- and long-term sustainability in facets of resource management, day-to-day operations, ecological practices, development and financial management, and community transformation and impact is critical for our success both now and into the future.

As we engage in #FutureForward projects, we will steadfastly observe and practice our organizational core values with an emphasis on three central principles:

INCLUSIVITY - Through CMC's Ministry at Fellowship, we seek to provide safe and hospitable places and programs for all. This includes addressing challenges of mental and spiritual health, barriers to inclusion (physical, financial, and other barriers), and working toward a vision and reality of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion within our program and facility.

STEWARDSHIP - We share an invitation to gather together and to utilize the abundance of available resources for the accomplishment of ministry. We will be good stewards of those resources, to maximize impact for CMC/Fellowship's mission. Stewardship of Physical Space and the Environment, Stewardship of Relationships (campers, guests, staff, partners, communities, and other constituents), Stewardship of Resources (finances, facility, and program) are fundamental to reaching our ministry goals.

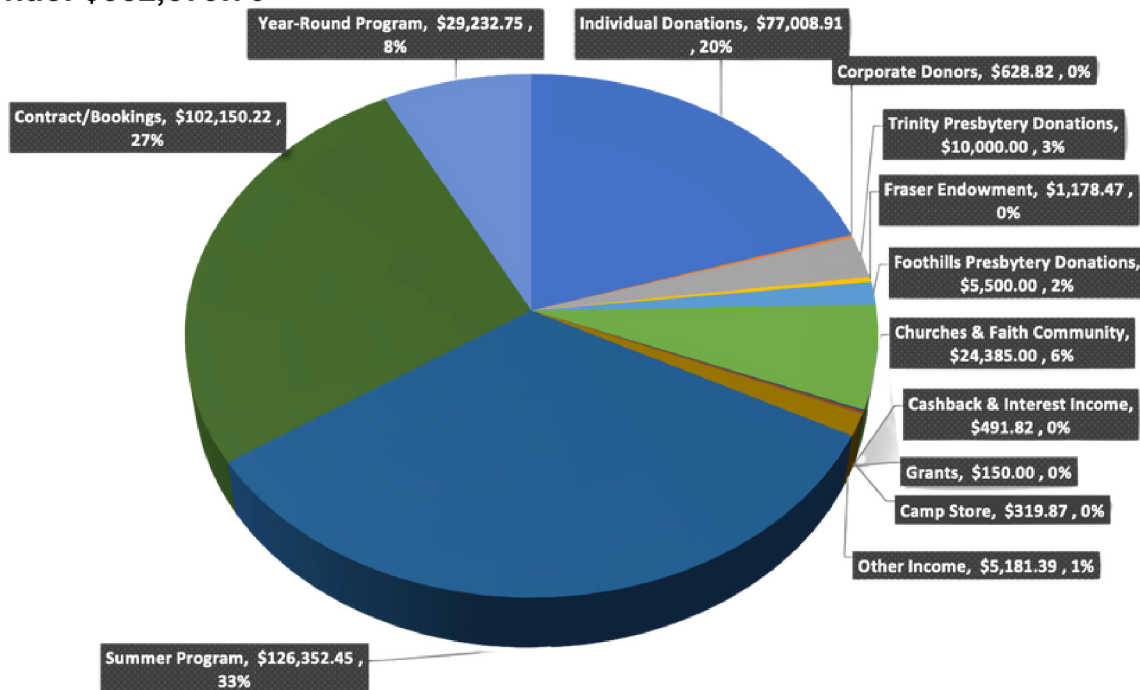
FELLOWSHIP - We pledge to work within our mission and ministry to deepen and enrich the fellowship experienced by campers, guests, staff, and others in our community. We are encouraged in our challenging work, but also challenged to have fun and to enjoy the connections that are forged and the relationships that grow. We seek to experience laughter and joy in the creation of a supportive environment as we set out to accomplish our goals. We strive to care for each person, organization and group that engages in our shared ministry. We seek out opportunities to partner, to celebrate success, to share in the worship of God, and to be engaged in transformative ministries of hospitality and service to one another and our world!



Finance in Focus - 2022-2023

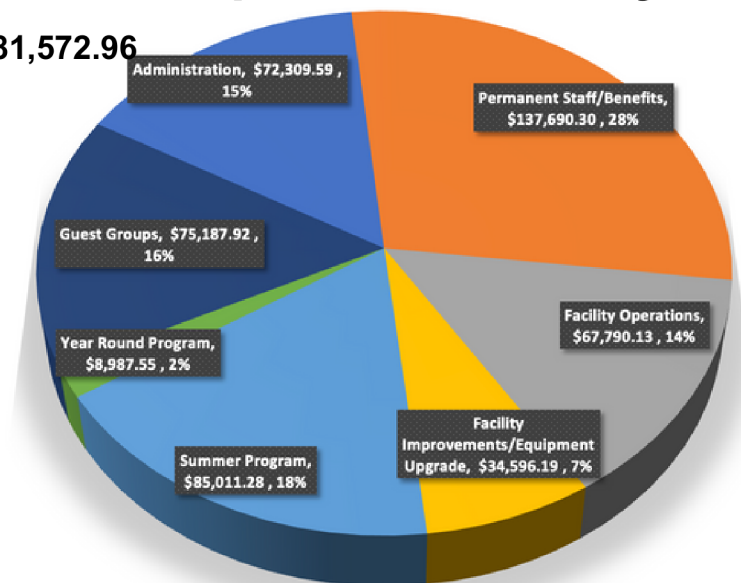
Mission Funding By Source

Total Revenue: \$382,579.70



Expenses to Accomplish Mission By Source

Total Expense: \$481,572.96



Along with the rest of the world, we continue to experience the realities of a prolonged financial recovery from pandemic times and the uncertainty caused by world events and the local impact it has on the economy. Several factors directly impacted 2022-2023 revenue and expense performance. Revenues were decreased primarily due to fewer charitable contributions and earned income loss resulting from cancellation of some events and others with lower registrations than anticipated. Additional expenses are primarily attributable to increases in administrative costs, facility maintenance (including investment in onsite capital projects), and operations costs. Inflationary pressures led to increases in operating cost in utilities and other services costs (including food service, linen service, and other basic operating expenses). CMC Board and staff are working to overcome these and other operational challenges to increase both earned income and monies received through our funds development activities. Rebuilding reserve funds will be a priority in the year ahead.

Donor Honor Roll 2022-2023

Individual Donors

Spears and Joyce Alexander
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The Carolina Dog
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Foundations

The Balle Foundation

Gifts were given in honor of...

Foothills Presbytery's Outdoor Ministries, COM, and Staff
Camp Fellowship Staff
Lauchlan James Hobson

Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin
Manella Calhoun

Skip Cothran
Camp Dog Elliott

Gifts were given in memory of...

Bebe Dennis, [beloved family dog]
Kacy Clark Winterhalter
Ernestine
Gary Batty*

who loved to walk on Camp Fellowship trails
Charles E. Chasteen
Myra Rachel Wofford Elmers
James A. Trammel*

John Jenkins

(*Gifts received by 12/2023)



Ways You Can Support CMC & Fellowship

We invite you to support CMC in our quest to increase impact for good in our community.

- Volunteer your time and talents: join a committee, come to workdays, partner with programs
- Participate in Camp Fellowship Emphasis Sunday (July 14, 2024) and collect a special offering to support camp and retreat ministry
- Encourage your church/organization to include CMC in its annual mission budget
- Sponsor a Summer Camper or Summer Staff Member
- Visit www.campfellowship.org, email info@campfellowship.org or call our office at 864.998.3400 to connect with staff
- Attend an event, come for a visit to learn more, and share the good news
- Make a 2024 gift online at our website or by scanning the QR Code



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2022-2023 Community and Faith Partners

Covenant Judicatories

Foothills Presbytery
Trinity Presbytery

Sustaining Congregations (\$750+)

Aveleigh Presbyterian Church (Newberry)
First Presbyterian Church (Greenwood)
First Presbyterian Church (Greer)
First Presbyterian Church (Laurens)
First Presbyterian Church (Ware Shoals)
Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church (Laurens)
St. Giles Presbyterian Church (Greenville)
Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church (Abbeville)
Westminster Presbyterian Church (Greenwood)
Whitmire Presbyterian (Whitmire)

Supporting Congregations

Abbeville Presbyterian (Abbeville)
First Presbyterian (Aiken)
Forest Lake Presbyterian (Columbia)
Little Mountain Presbyterian (Abbeville)
Mt. Olive AME Church (Sumter)
Shandon Presbyterian (Columbia)

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women - Eastminster Presbyterian (Columbia)
Presbyterian Women - First Presbyterian (Greenwood)
Presbyterian Women - Trinity Presbytery
Presbyterian Women - Westminster (Greenwood)

Community and Faith Partners

Connect Lake Greenwood
Preserving Lake Greenwood
Presbyterian College
Foothills Emmaus Community
SC Via de Cristo Community



Welcome “a-Board”!

The CMC Board of Directors welcomes new members and new and continuing officers to service and leadership.

Officers (2024)

Anna-Bryce Hobson (Chair)
Josh Dawkins (Vice Chair)
Laura Kathryn Stewart (Treasurer)
Tim McKinsey (Secretary)

New Members/Officers

Gracen Price (Upper Long Cane Presbyterian) (c/o 2026)
Annemarie Humm (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) (c/o 2026)
Lucy Youngblood (Trinity Presbytery - ex officio)

**This report covers the 2022-2023 Fiscal and Program Year (Oct 1-Sept 30), unless otherwise noted.*