



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS RETREAT CENTER

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear friends of Dunrovin,

Thank you for the many ways you supported Dunrovin during 2023. What an amazing year! We remember a major spring flood and two storms that cumulatively toppled over 200 trees on the property. We remember the generous staff and volunteers who helped clean up. But mostly we remember amazing guests who are the heart of our work. Comments like this one motivate our staff to keep serving with love: "The grounds, facility and meals were exceptional. The staff was welcoming and very kind. Thank you for facilitating a beautiful retreat experience."

Retreat groups and cabin rentals kept our staff hopping. In addition, our LEAD program grew and served three new partner low-income schools. I hope these short notes about Dunrovin's year inspire you. I offer them in transparency, with gratitude for your friendship and financial support. Your questions and comments are welcome. Thank you for helping to spread God's love.



In Christ,  
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## GUESTS

Total guests increased 3% over 2022

2023

3,061

2022

2,976

### NEW PARTNERS

Teen leaders from Hill-Murray School and Saint Agnes School attended leadership retreats, where we focused on opening their hearts to others. This calls forth the Lasallian virtue of a good teacher: generosity. Teens learn self-giving in the care of others, willingness to sacrifice personal interests for those of their neighbor. They become role models, cross cultural bridges, and grow as servant leaders.

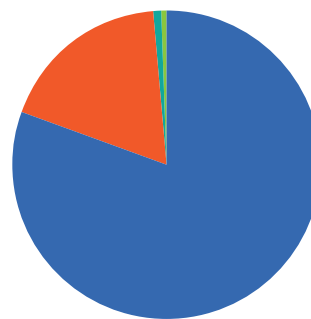
## FINANCES

God is good; all the time.

Your generosity helped Dunrovin's youth program thrive and reflect God's goodness.

*Thank you!*

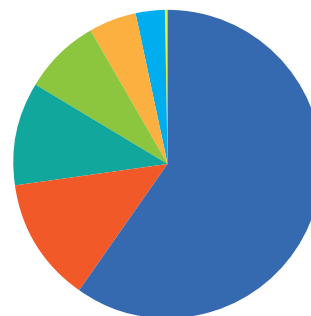
Contributions increased by 1% over 2022.



### INCOME

Rentals (80%)	\$500,788
Contributions & Grants (19%)	\$116,015
Interest (1%)	\$7,852
Youth Retreats (0.3%)	\$2,243

Ordinary Income - \$626,898



### EXPENSES

Salaries & Related Costs (60%)	\$374,942
Food, Kitchen & Laundry (13%)	\$81,277
Buildings & Grounds (11%)	\$65,951
Insurance (8%)	\$47,874
Utilities (5%)	\$32,156
Administration (3%)	\$18,654
Program Supplies (0.2%)	\$1,651

Ordinary Expense - \$622,505

**Net Income - \$4,393**

Dunrovin's LEAD program trains high school students as servant leaders for low-income youth. The four goals of LEAD are to build growth in faith, community, personal development, and servant leadership.

However, the four core principles of LEAD - **have fun, focus, play hard, and trust** - permeate the Retreat Center staff and environment, as well as infusing the LEAD program with a certain kind of freedom and joy.



## HAVE FUN

2023 gave us new events and lots of fun – from a bountiful crop of maple syrup to a beautiful "visio divina" art show by talented Stillwater artist Madeline Orsinger and to a fall Open House with mamas and babies. In December, we held our first annual gingerbread contest and LEAD alumni Christmas party.

## FOCUS

Safety and comfort needs guided our decision-making for facility improvements. This included security cameras, new beds, improved LED lighting, and updated computer hardware/software.

## PLAY HARD

How good it is to see our archdiocesan seminarians playing hard during their Seminarian Expedition at Dunrovin, in August 2023! We also played hard during summer DLITE with San Miguel School Chicago and school-year LEAD retreats with local students.

## TRUST

God taught us to trust in many ways. 2023 saw changes in staffing needs, grant requests, and new Board members. We also trusted during a wild thunderstorm on the July Sunset Benefit Cruise! Thank you to all who responded to and exceeded our cruise challenge, raising almost \$35,000 (net) for youth programs. God's goodness runs after us every day!



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