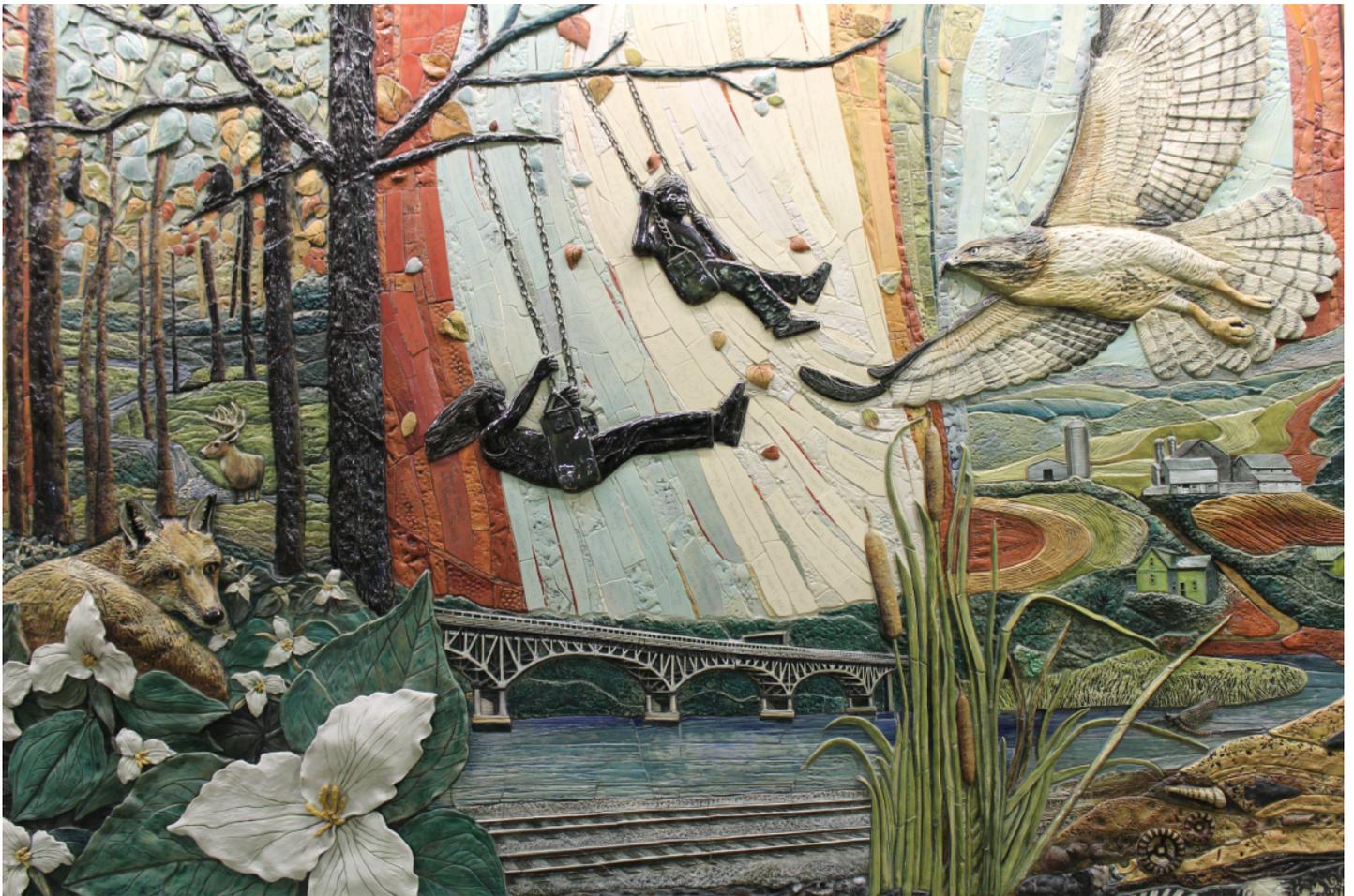


ANNUAL REPORT

2017

LAURI ANN WEST  
COMMUNITY CENTER



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...TO LEARN MORE  
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**YOU BELONG HERE!**

# OUR STORY

## ...TODAY

This fall will mark the four year anniversary when the first shovels hit the ground for the new Lauri Ann West Community Center. Wow, time has flown! Since then, we not only constructed a first-rate facility, we have developed an organization that is a valued asset for our community. It is a place where our neighbors come together and enjoy each other's company while they learn and grow, and it is a place where our children can gather, meet new friends, and learn the value of community.

THANK YOU! None of this would be possible without you and your steadfast commitment to our dreams. You have embraced the vision for a new community center, providing the much-needed financial support to make the dream a reality. You have brought your friends and family through the doors, making the Center a part of your daily lives. You have become patrons and members, helping to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of our unique resource for generations to come.

As you enjoy this inaugural Annual Report, please know that you are an integral part of our continued triumph. We are excited and proud to share with you the thriving organization that we have built together in just four short years. Each year we are grateful for the funding support we receive from all of our constituents: contributions from O'Hara Township; membership and program revenues; and the ongoing support of our generous donors.

As we look to the future, the Board and Staff of the Lauri Ann West Community Center are committed to building upon our success – pursuing opportunities to better serve our neighbors that will ensure the financial sustainability vital to our long-term growth. We look forward to growing with you!

With deepest gratitude,



Kirsten Powell  
Board President



W. Keith Fenton  
Executive Director



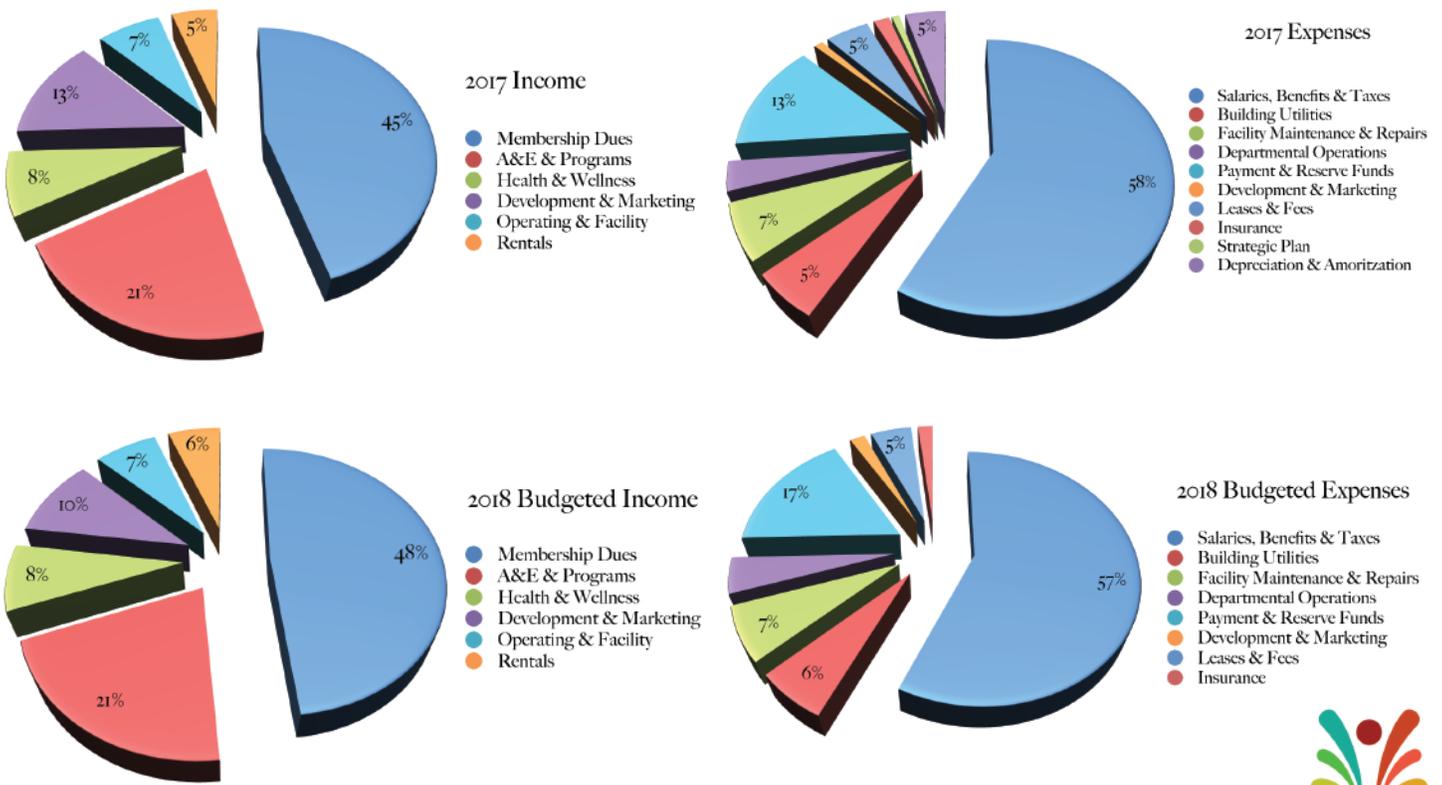
OUR BOARD

# ... YESTERDAY

The Lauri Ann West Community Center sits upon land that has been in continual use for the community since the early 1800s. Originally purchased from the Seneca leader Chief Guyasuta by settler Thomas Powers, it has been used as a wheat farm, a sheep farm and ultimately a beloved elementary schoolhouse founded by the Boyd Family, who were farmers and educators in the region for generations. The schoolhouse closed in the 1980s, but neighbors of the Fox Chapel Area School District came together with a vision to create a local library and community center in the old building. The Boyd Community Center grew to serve thousands of individuals every year providing arts, sports and cultural programming. Within the walls of the 1950's-era schoolhouse, children were educated, seniors found community and families were enriched. Ultimately, however, the old building outlived its purpose... so a new vision was born!

Once again neighbors of the District banded together with a plan to sustain and grow the library, which moved to Fox Chapel, and to design a new facility for the community center. The doors of the larger, bright and beautiful Lauri Ann West Community Center opened in 2016, featuring dedicated fitness and sports amenities, dance rooms and community rooms. With a design that harkens the farming heritage of the region and the community purpose that has always been central to our land, The Lauri Ann West Community Center will remain 'The Center of Our Community' for many more generations to come!

# ... BY THE NUMBERS



# OUR MISSION

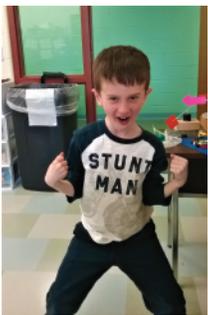
The Lauri Ann West Community Center

builds connections, expands horizons & impacts lives

by providing a safe place for  
all to learn, play and grow.

# OUR VISION

To unite and inspire COMMUNITY.



## IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR MISSION THE CENTER HAS PARTNERED WITH:

### THE FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

expanding learning opportunities

### VA HOSPITAL

serving as a recreational space for those who proudly served our country

### HEALTH SOUTH

providing fitness opportunities for those with long-term therapeutic needs

### THE BEST BUDDIES

enhancing the social and physical education experiences for students challenged with disabilities

"It is important that students of all abilities have the opportunity to participate in social and recreational activities within our community. We are grateful for the cooperative relationship and opportunities that the Center provides for all students."

- Fox Chapel Area High School Life Skills Support Teacher Anna Hopper.

# THANK YOU

# for your continued support of the LAURI ANN WEST COMMUNITY CENTER

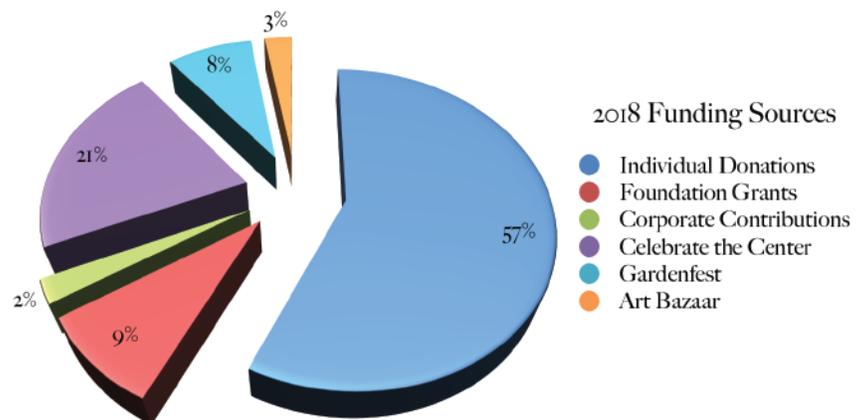


Through the generous financial support of the community, the dream of our Center was turned from vision to reality. A listing of our generous capital campaign donors can be found on the Center's website at [www.LauriAnnWestCC.org](http://www.LauriAnnWestCC.org).

The Board and Staff are committed to ensuring that the Center is a resource for our community for generations to come. To do this, we remain highly focused on maintaining a strong financial operation and continuing to invest in our development and fundraising efforts.



Our development plan provides for balanced funding across multiple sectors at our center. The following pie chart shows the variety of funding sources that will be sought for the 2018 budget.



## THE CENTER'S LEADERSHIP & STAFF

of highly trained fitness instructors worked to bring a first-class fitness facility to the community. We remain committed to featuring the latest equipment, classes and training resources throughout the Center. Membership has grown exponentially throughout our two years of operation and we are excited to serve multiple generations of families.



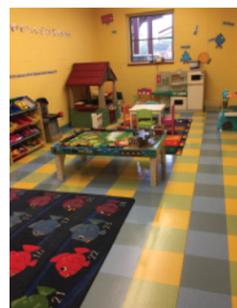
## EACH WEEK,

there are more than forty group exercise classes offered (included in a fitness membership), giving our fitness friends an opportunity to find the class and instructor that is just right for them. Favorite classes like Pilates, Zumba, Yoga, Cycling, TRX, Spinning, Circuit Training, Essentrics and Cardio Attack are enjoyed week-after-week.



## CHILD WATCH

is another popular program here at the Center. Offered in two weekday shifts (and one Saturday shift), Child Watch is the perfect way for parents to exercise while their kids are having fun in a safe space! Children ages 6 months to 6 years play in a supervised area while their parents are nearby. Child Watch has grown by leaps and bounds since the facility opened, serving 3,579 children in 2017.



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

### FITNESS MEMBERSHIP

- GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES
- CHILD WATCH
- ELEVATED FITNESS TRACK
- CARDIO EQUIPMENT
- FREE WEIGHTS
- STRENGTH TRAINING EQUIPMENT
- MEMBER DISCOUNT ON ALL CLASSES, CAMPS, RENTALS & PROGRAMS
- USE OF DUNLAP GYMNASIUM DURING OPEN GYM TIMES

### PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP

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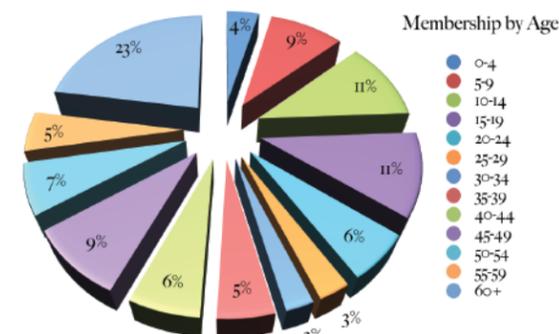
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### FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE

ALL PEOPLE RESIDING IN YOUR HOME, INCLUDING DEPENDENT CHILDREN

"When we moved to Fox Chapel in August 2016, the first thing I did was look up fitness centers/personal training near me. I was pleased that the center and equipment were clean, and that it offered a variety of machines, free weights, and cardio equipment. The indoor track and additional equipment upstairs was an unexpected bonus. Those who have seen me training three mornings a week know I rarely miss a day, not because I'm self-motivated but because it offers me the accountability that I need. Out of that came the satisfaction that I was becoming stronger and my cardio endurance was increasing. I started trying various fitness classes, all of which I've enjoyed. The trainers and instructors offer ways to modify exercises as needed, know when to encourage a client to give a little more and know when it's one of those "I'm here, aren't I?" kind of days. Seeing familiar faces of people I've met through training and classes makes exercising less of a chore and more something I've come to look forward to." -Corina Barnett



At the LAURI ANN WEST COMMUNITY CENTER, we provide fitness for your BODY AND your MIND.

PROGRAMS, CLASSES & SUMMER CAMPS FOR ALL AGES OFFER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES MIXED WITH THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FUN. THE FOLLOWING ARE A SAMPLING OF CLASSES OFFERED IN 2017.

# 2017 CLASSES & CAMPS



## ADULTS

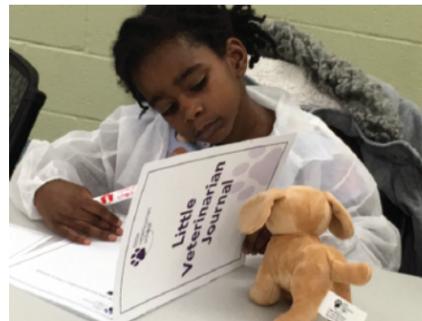
Bridge, Pickleball, Rug Hooking, Karate, Mosaics, and Ballroom Dancing

## SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Basketball, Little Medical School, Flag Football, ASSEMBLE Pittsburgh, Cooking with Mrs. Cabbage, Yoga, Art with Artissima, Movie Making, Hockey, and Tennis

## PRESCHOOLERS

Dance with Me, Messy Art, Radical Reactions, Dr. Seuss, Soccer and Tae Kwon Do



TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED IN 2017: \$15,267.45



## MAKER STUDIO IN THE ROYGBIV ART ROOM

The Lauri Ann West Community Center's Maker Studio in the ROYGBIV Art Room is a space for K-8 students to make, play and design using "real stuff"- the same materials, tools and processes used by professional artists, builders, programmers and creators of all kinds. It is a place where physical materials and digital media resources intersect; where students are encouraged to be curious, creative, experimental and innovative.

By framing creative action as a means of problem-solving, our young makers explore their original ideas using basic crafting skills like woodworking and sewing, as well as tech-based learning such as circuit making, digital imaging and stop-motion animation. Sample projects have included the construction of cardboard houses and furniture, experimentation of Sculpey clay and the creation of personal sculptures, the development of paper circuits, the design of pop-up books and the construction of a hydraulic hand.

The Maker Studio is utilized throughout the Center's programming, including serving as a centerpiece for our Arts and Enrichment After School (A&E) Program. Additional evening and weekend programs and summer camps are designed around the Maker Studio curriculum.

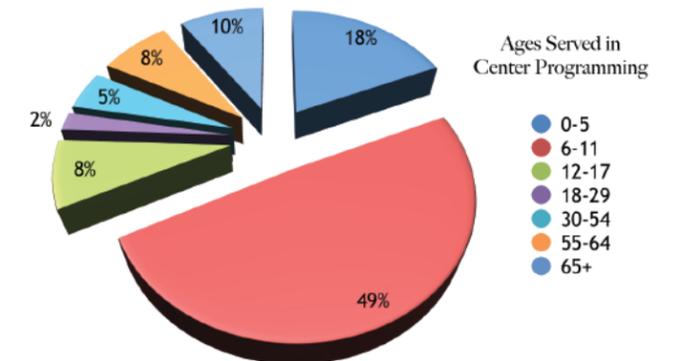
## 2017 PROGRAM PARTNERS

PARTNERSHIPS with some of the city's best programs, include:

- PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE
- ASSEMBLE PITTSBURGH
- PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS
- PITTSBURGH CLO
- SCORING FACTORY
- CENTER FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS
- AMERICAN RED CROSS
- CENTER FOR CREATIVE REUSE
- PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCE COUNCIL

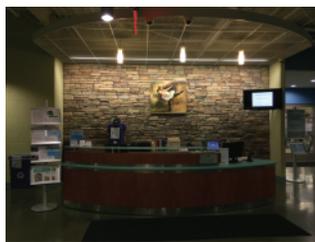
## ARTS & ENRICHMENT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Arts & Enrichment program is offered daily, according to the FCASD calendar. It is a two hour program for Kindergarten through 5th grade students that provides a unique combination of a relaxed atmosphere and enriching activities that inspire and complement individual interests. The A&E Program has enjoyed incredible growth over the past two years. In 2016, A&E engaged 40 children each week, while 2017 saw that number rise to 75.



# DID YOU KNOW?

The Center is not only a place to learn and grow, it is a place to **CELEBRATE!**



WEDDINGS, SHOWERS, BIRTHDAY, GRADUATION AND RETIREMENT PARTIES and WORK MEETINGS have all been hosted in the ALEXANDER COMMUNITY ROOM.



MEETINGS for COMMUNITY GROUPS, SCHOOL STUDENTS, CHURCH GROUPS and GARDEN CLUBS have all taken place in the individual classrooms.

With EVERYDAY GOURMET as an onsite caterer, the Center offers an easy, and affordable, solution to celebrating and meeting with your family and friends.



We truly believe that **YOU BELONG HERE**  
at the **LAURI ANN WEST COMMUNITY CENTER,**

We continue to professionalize our development efforts by providing more opportunities for individuals and businesses to support our growing organization. Focused on stewardship and cultivation, we are excited to learn more about our community members and to engage everyone in our future plans.

Events, such as Celebrate the Center (now a biennial event), Gardenfest and Art Bazaar help us celebrate as a community and ensure that the Center has sustainable funding for generations to come.

and we want everyone to feel like they are coming **HOME** when they walk through the doors.



## We Invite You to Continue Your Partnership with the LAURI ANN WEST COMMUNITY CENTER



The **Community Mural** is a pictorial tribute to the history and individuality of our community, offering an opportunity to attach your family's legacy to the Center's.



The **Donor Wall** honors the individuals and legacy families who supported the construction of the new Center and there is space available for you to join.



**Naming Opportunities** are available for rooms like the Fitness Center, the A&E After School Program Room as well as the Individual Changing Rooms. There are also naming opportunities available for capital improvement projects such as the recently donated blinds and water bottle fountains, as well as future projects like new Rohr Café furniture and improved Maker Studio technology.

You can designate your United Way gift to the Lauri Ann West Community Center. Simply use your donor designated # 1203 and your gift will help support the Center's programs and activities.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS  
AT THE  
LAURI ANN WEST COMMUNITY CENTER

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Summer Camps Programs Begin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

First Day of School and A&E After School Program

BOARD MEMBERS:

Kirsten Powell, President  
Terry Dunlap, Vice President  
Elizabeth M. Allen  
Shelley Bitzer  
Keith Fenton  
Joanna Flanagan  
Sandra Garcia-Tunon  
Judy Hannon  
Mark Rothert  
Enzo Santilli  
Maria Smith  
Stephen Susnak  
Beth Wainwright

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Fall Programs Begin

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Celebrate the Center

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Member Appreciation Day

NOVEMBER

Annual Appeal Begins

DECEMBER

Art Bazaar



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