

Camp UniStar Foundation

2018 Report to the MidAmerica Region of the UUA

Kristin Boehm, President, Camp UniStar Foundation



LETTER FROM THE CAMP UNISTAR FOUNDATION

Greetings,

We welcome you to explore the 2018 Annual Report to MidAmerica from the Camp UniStar Foundation (CUF).

Camp UniStar had another wonderful season in 2018, and created a summer's worth of fond memories for over 700 campers as well as 28 UniCorps volunteers, 119 volunteers consisting of Youth Week counselors, Memorial and Labor Day closing helpers, and of course, our beloved staff.

As always, we want to thank our Donors, Volunteers, Staff, and Campers for their passionate support of Camp UniStar and its transformative impact on all of us and our surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Kristin Boehm
Board President

Bernadine Joselyn
Management Committee Chair

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

This year, program selections were informed by Camp's vision statement. Together, the community discussed issues of immigration, the Unitarian Universalist role in public policy, and Thoreau's meditations. Some demonstrated their creative talents through mosaics, quilts, drawings and photos. Others sailed and stretched, kicked up their heels, and competed in the intergenerational "Amazing Island Race." And, they listened deeply to those who shared the history of the land on which our camp resides.

Many property improvements with contributions from contractors, Work and Youth Week volunteers, a few notable property highlights emerged:

- Completion of Phase 3 of the staff housing project to upgrade the upper level restroom facilities and add a second egress to both the main level and upper level for improved fire safety. We also replaced four failing windows.
- Completion of numerous other improvement projects all over camp to help address the "ick factor" that disappoints some campers and discourages others from attending camp.
- Youth Week projects completed this summer included work on completing Chalice Point, improving the fire pit, reconstructing the near raft, building hammock heaven, a new toy rack for the beach area, painting and other projects.
- A Sunfish sailboat was donated to camp while the J-Scow and Pirateer reached the end of their useful lifetimes and were retired. The addition of the Sunfish was well received by campers and allowed for more participation in the regattas hosted this season.
- Recognizing our motorized inland watercraft fleet was aging with the youngest boat (Whaler) now 10 years old, we purchased a new 16.5 foot Kingfisher during the off-season. Staff found the Kingfisher to be excellent for quick trips to town and for use in heavy weather at reduced speed.

Accomplishments notwithstanding, property work is never done as the majority of our camp buildings are over 90 years old and require continuous attention to keep them serviceable.



BUILDING UPON OUR VISION

During the summer, staff engaged campers one evening each week in a discussion to gather ideas for living into our new vision. These ideas were compiled and informed the Management Committee's 2019 work plan and budget. Signage at Sail Star Marina was improved, including in Ojibwe, and a staff person on site to welcome and help orient campers as they arrive.

Through a new partnership with the United State Forest Service, a USFS naturalist travelled to camp for one afternoon of each family week to deliver programming related to the island's natural environment. Again this summer the Program Committee selected and purchased books related to the area's history and vision themes to add to the library at camp.

In the off season, the organization recruited 16 church volunteers from congregations across five states who helped to promote camp during February and March through tabling and other promotional methods. The Management Committee supported a Give-to-the-Max campaign that generated a total of 22 gifts. Matched by Foundation Leadership, a total of \$7,900 was raised.

STAFF MEMBERS

Jenna Courtney

Lara Griffin

Annalea Johnston

Camp Director

Food Service Director

Assistant Food Service Director

Evan Heier	Waterfront Director
Louis Schulz-Welo	Waterfront Director
Avital Westreich	Children's Program Co-Director
Gwendolyn Eastaugh	Children's Program Co-Director
Austin Frizzell	Maintenance
Alyson Brinker	Experienced Generalist
Celia Carr	Experienced Generalist
Mary Parker-Simkin	Experienced Generalist
Anika Wold	Experienced Generalist
Bronia Bogen-Grose	Generalist
Elliot Cordano	Generalist
Kevin Jones	Generalist
Nhan Le	Generalist
Kaitlyn Lind	Generalist
Jeffrey Moore	Generalist
Owen Parry	Generalist
Truman Rice	Generalist
Any Steinberg	Generalist

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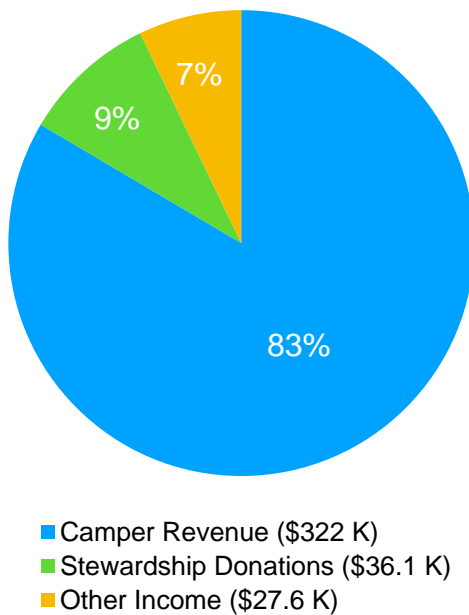
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

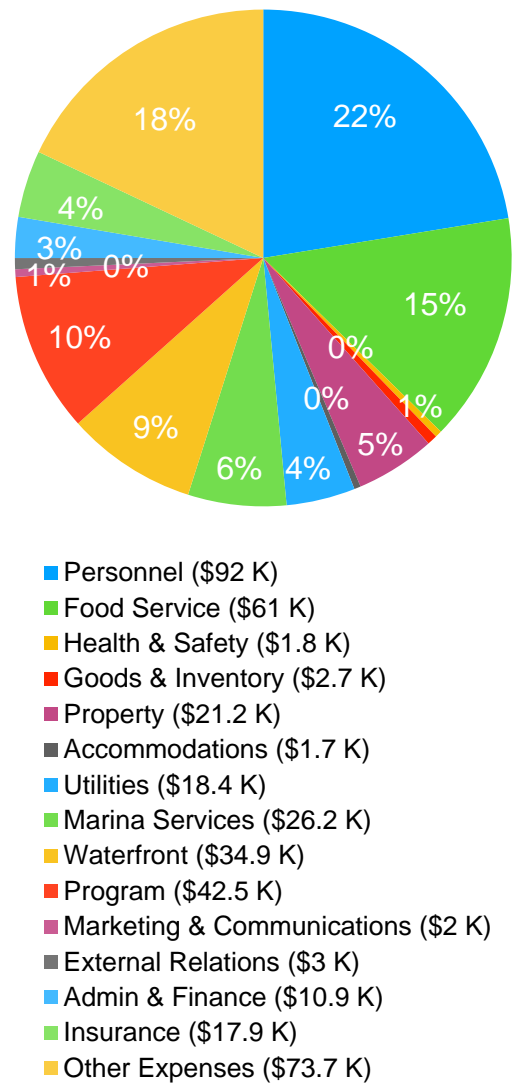
At the end of 2018, our Balance Sheet showed \$1,816,629 in assets, with no liabilities. That total includes \$215,766 in total current assets, \$931,955 in total fixed assets and \$688,907 in reserves and other Board-restricted funds.

Our 2018 finances are summarized in the following figures.

Income (\$385,780)



Expenses (\$409,970)





NANCY HEGEE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships granted to campers to cover fees.

LOCAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

- \$2,000 Leech Lake Tribal College
- \$1,000 Boys & Girls Club of Leech Lake
- \$1,000 Cass Lake Early Childhood Program

ABOUT CAMP UNISTAR

The mission of Camp UniStar is to nurture intergenerational community that lives Unitarian Universalist principles while promoting personal and spiritual growth and love of nature. For more information on our program offerings, contact info@campunistar.org or visit <http://www.campunistar.org>.