

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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## Highlights

### Fall 2022

- Motus Station construction completed
- Fryeburg Academy students participate in *The Sunflower Project*, tracking pollinators on school property

### Winter 2023

- Community Science *Snowpack Study* with Kennett High School students
- Students from Penn State University SEED program enjoy an all-day local ecology program at Tin Mountain with TMCC Teacher/ Naturalists

## Spring 2023

- Chris Costello and Dylan Harry join the TMCC Board of Trustees
- Tom Albert becomes the new Chair of the Board of TMCC
- A northern junco is the first bird detected by the Motus Station

### **Summer 2023**

- Summer camps have a record 252 campers in attendance
- The Accessible Trail is completed with beautiful stonework overlook of Mount Chocoura built by Chris Tanguay of Maine Drystone
- First *Wild About Nature Festival* celebrates the natural world of the Mt. Washington Valley
- 50th Anniversary of the Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb. Race sells out for the first time since 2012. Unfortunately the event was canceled due to extreme weather on the mountain.
- Dedication of the Lori Jean Kinsey Arboretum and Sanctuary
- Senator Jean Shaheen visits Tin Mountain

### **Tin Mountain Conservation Center's Mission**

To promote an appreciation of the natural environment among children, adults, and families through hands-on programs in the schools, at camps, and in the community and to demonstrate responsible stewardship of natural resources through land protection, research, sustainable forestry, agriculture, and energy.

## 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Update

## From the Board Chair and Executive Director



Thanks to the generous support of foundations, business members, and our valued members and donors, Tin Mountain Conservation Center had a busy year. Summer camp was wildly successful this year in spite of all of the rain. We had 252 camper experiences in nature including canoeing, hiking, frog catching, sleeping in a tent and picking blueberries. Our research team continued to band birds, treat 2.4 miles of streams for brook trout habitat improvement, and participated in the first annual butterfly count that took place in July 2023. Nature Programs continued to be popular with over 70 field and evening programs taking place including an awesome exploration of Lake Umbagog, a fabulous fungi festival, and our first ever Wild About Nature Festival.

TMCC school programs were presented in 17 schools throughout four school districts. As an example of how support from foundations and individuals makes a difference in our daily teachings, on a perfectly sunny day last spring over 50 4th and 5th graders from John Fuller Elementary School visited the Nature Learning Center for a field trip exploring solar energy. After a tour of the solar components of Tin Mountain, the students had an opportunity to experiment with the new Tin Mountain mini solar panels, and other fun solar manipulatives that we were able to purchase with funds from the New Hampshire Electric Coop Foundation. After that they were able to test their solar pizza box ovens and make s'mores which were tasty and appreciated by all.

Our first ever Wild About Nature Festival was a success with many families enjoying the day observing insects from the Insectarium, seeing live owls from our friends at Eyes on Owls, and participating in many walks and activities led by TMCC naturalists. Heavy rains did not deter the hearty folks who took shelter inside for the closing act, a concert featuring Beg, Steal, and Borrow, a fabulous bluegrass band from Vermont.

The culminating event of the year was the dedication of the Lori Jean Kinsey Arboretum and Sanctuary and the Accessible Nature Trail. On a beautiful fall day we gathered at the exquisite stone overlook with Mount Chocorua in sight. After a number of speeches thanking all of the people involved in the construction of the trail, the ribbon was cut, and people wound their way down to the Kendal C. and Anna Ham Foundation Pavilion for cookies and cider. Along the way they enjoyed the beautiful stonework done by Maine Drystone, and the trail work by Recon Trail, and Peter Smart. Many lucky people had an opportunity to observe a barred owl that was perched in a tree along the trail.

We are truly thankful to all who visit, engage, learn, explore, and support Tin Mountain Conservation Center. We look forward to many more opportunities in the year ahead.



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## **Financial Statement**

## October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

Fiscal year 2023 was a year of growth and success. Total revenue for Schools, Camps, Programs, Research, Fundraising and Events increased by 23%. The 50th Anniversary of the Hillclimb Race sold out and revenue increased 56% over the prior year. We improved our operational revenue by \$272K. The increased operation expense is due primarily to investments in personnel plus camp and event expenses. We used restricted cash on hand to cover \$190K of operational expenses. The Capital Campaign funded \$206K to complete the Accessible Nature Trail, a new Kiosk in Jackson and \$50K transfer to the Capital Maintenance account. The balance sheet remains exceptionally strong with no long-term debt.

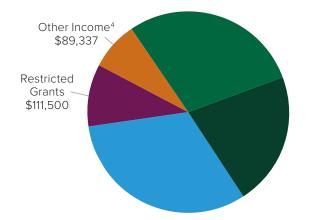
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended September 30, 2023		
REVENUE	9/30/23	9/30/22
Program Revenue <sup>1</sup>	326,347	279,601
General Support <sup>2</sup>	243,253	229,103
Fundraising Events <sup>3</sup>	359,347	245,402
Restricted Grants	111,500	166,350
Other Income <sup>4</sup>	89,337	41,248
Total Operation Revenue	\$1,129,784	\$961,703
Capital Campaign	12,475	49,545
Unrealized Endowment Gain(Loss)	92,292	(158,653)
Total Revenue	\$1,234,551	\$852,595
EXPENSES		
Program Related	736,214	667,307
Fundraising	264,285	223,360
Administrative	355,165	235,292
Total Expenses	\$1,355,664	\$1,125,959
Change in net assets	(\$121,113)	(\$273,364)

#### Statement of Financial Position September 30, 2023

ASSETS	9/30/23	9/30/22
Cash, Unrestricted	(11,300)	(2,904)
Cash, Restricted	352,363	455,014
Accounts Receivable	75,133	129,428
Other Current Assets	24,179	193,795
Endowment	950,744	879,361
Property and Equipment	2,626,866	2,509,450
Total Assets	\$4,017,985	\$4,164,144
LIABILITIES		
Payables and accrued expenses	122,887	148,922
Net assets, unrestricted	2,689,823	2,786,585
Net assets with donor restrictions	1,205,275	1,228,637
Total Liabilities	\$4,017,985	\$4,164,144

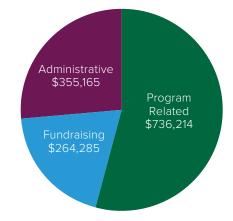
#### Revenue

Total Operational Revenue this fiscal year increased 17.5% over last year with increased revenue in most areas. We have exceeded our capital campaign fundraising goals with the majority of funds received in 2021. Endowment earnings have made up some of the prior year investment losses.



#### **Expenses**

Operational expenses increased with revenue over the prior year primarily due to inflation and cost of personnel. Expenses are also higher due to expanded camp and event activities.



<sup>1</sup> Schools, Camp, Nature Programs, Conservation Projects. <sup>2</sup> Membership and donations. <sup>3</sup> First Season, Hillclimb Bike Race. <sup>4</sup> Rental income, merchandise sales, miscellaneous.

## Grants and Restricted Gifts

#### Annual

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#### **Ingrid Albee**

For a week one May Ingrid took time each morning to draw the unfolding buds of a lilac that grew beside the porch with branches close enough to view while sitting with a morning cup of coffee. She wanted to see the daily changes that were miraculous but largely unnoticed without careful observation. She was attentive to wonder, finding and cultivating it daily, and in her relationships with people in all of God's Holy creation.





#### Esmae Doucette

Esmae Doucette grew up in Jackson enjoying the public and conservation lands in the Mount Washington Valley. From her early camp experiences at the Rockwell property, educational programming at the Jackson Grammar School, and later becoming a counselor for Tin Mountain summer camp, observing and reflecting on the natural world and our place in it were deeply rooted in Esmae's worldview. Her delight in biodiversity, wild habitats, and fungi were

infectious. A perfect day for Esmae included a sunrise or sunset ski or hike with a friend, sibling, or dog. Through sharing her love of the natural world she has left a legacy of finding meaning, purpose, and solace in Earth's gifts with all those who knew and loved her.

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## **Capital Campaign**

2022-2023 was a year of putting the finishing touches on the Accessible Nature Trail. Chris Tanguay of Maine Drystones put his craft to work and created a beautiful stone overlook towards Mount Chocoura complete with marvelous granite benches and a view shed that can't be beat. The garden volunteers planted a variety of native plants in the garden surrounding the overlook including bloodroot, maiden hair ferns, asters, goldenrods and more.

Donna Dolan once again captured the essence of what can be found in the sanctuary on a beautiful welcome sign which depicts everything from a pileated woodpecker and a scarlet tanager to a painted trillium, and a striped maple tree. Cartographer Larry Garland created yet another accurate map of the trail system throughout the arboretum. Thank you to both of them for their dedication to this project.

On September 30, 2024, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Accessible Nature Trail and grand opening of the Lori Jean Kinsey Arboretum featuring welcoming comments from Chair Tom Albert, Research Director Dr. Rick Van de Poll, and Executive Director Lori Jean Kinsey. This was followed by a lovely walk on the trail complete with a visit from our resident barred owl on the trail. We all met at the beautiful Kendal C. and Anna Ham Foundation Pavilion to share in cookies and cider and enjoy the beautiful day.

Other capital campaign news includes the work of the Nature Playscape

Committee working with Ron King of Natural Playgrounds to develop a plan for the Nature Playscape on one acre of land in the lower field. Tentative plans include a giant boulder for climbing, logs to practice balance, tree stumps to hop upon, and a small nature center complete with a bird blind. Construction is expected to start in spring of 2024, completed by late summer.

Lastly, Own Thomas of Own Thomas Architecture graciously donated a rendering of a new storage barn for TMCC. It will be located off of the back of the parking lot and will include a storage area and a work room for projects, freeing up space in our historic barn for program space. Plans for construction of this barn is summer 2025.

## **Legacy Gifts**

Long term planning ensures that your personal legacy will live on for years to come. A legacy gift to Tin Mountain Conservation Center helps Tin Mountain continue and expand our mission of environmental education, outdoor recreation, and conservation research. Joining your friends as members of the Barbara Rockwell Henry Legacy Society furthers Tin Mountain's vision to foster future generations of environmental stewards and responsible outdoor enthusiasts. Legacy gifts may be given to remember or honor a loved one and may be in the form of a Bequest, Charitable Trust, IRA gifts, or donation of stocks, bonds, or other assets. Please consider one of the many options for remembering Tin Mountain in your estate plans. Legacy gifts are one of the many ways your legacy can inspire future generations and help secure the future of Tin Mountain. To learn more please contact Executive Director, Lori Jean Kinsey at 603-447-6991, or email Lkinsey@tinmountain.org

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