



PASSIONIST
**EARTH & SPIRIT
CENTER**



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Thank you for being part of the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center community. As you will see in this annual report, year 20 for the organization, has brought much to celebrate. This includes work in the Center's three pillars which are: Care of Self (mindfulness and meditation), Care of our Planet (environmental education), and Care of Others (social justice). You will see in this publication how the Center's programming is aligned with these areas.

This work is possible because of you! I am grateful for your continued support and look forward to working with you in the new year.

AMY OLSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HALEH KARIMI
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This past year marked an exciting and transformative chapter for the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center. As we prepared to enter our 21st year, the board undertook a thoughtful and inclusive search for our next Executive Director, grounded in listening to staff, faculty, donors, and other key stakeholders.

After an extensive and collaborative process, the board unanimously approved our candidate, and in August 2025 we proudly welcomed Amy Olson as our new Executive Director.

As we build upon our first 20 years, we look to the future with hope and confidence. With Amy's leadership and the continued support of our community, the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center will continue to flourish as a place of learning, care for the Earth, and inspiration for generations to come.

**Over 2300 adults attended mindfulness
workshops and classes in fiscal year 2024-2025.**

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION

MINDFULNESS MENTORS

Since launching in November 2015, the Mindfulness Mentors volunteer outreach program has expanded from a pilot serving **14** participants to a decade-long effort reaching more than **5,500** participants across **57** sites.

Rooted in a commitment to compassionate action, the program brings accessible mindfulness practices to under-resourced communities, including schools, libraries, health centers, and residential programs. Through flexible offerings ranging from single sessions to multi-week series, Mindfulness Mentors continue to plant seeds of awareness, resilience, and compassion in individuals and their support networks.



RETREATS

Guided by a vision of a single, sacred Earth community, the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center offered customized one-day retreats for schools, churches, organizations, and businesses on its 27-acre nature preserve. These experiences fostered transformative learning, mindfulness, and connection with the Earth and one another.

Thoughtfully tailored to each group, retreats incorporated practices such as hiking, meditation, service to the land, team-building, and Earth care education, creating meaningful spaces for reflection, renewal, and community building.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

LISTEN LEARN ACT

Listen Learn Act had a dynamic and impactful year, engaging a total of **4,261** participants through a wide range of educational, reflective, and action-oriented programming. Core offerings included four-quarterly Anti-Racism Challenges, which encouraged sustained learning and personal reflection, and three community screenings of the film *Origin* held at three separate locations, sparking thoughtful dialogue and engagement.

Community connection remained central through two Meet and Greets and three Community Conversations, while immersive, place-based learning opportunities included an Environmental Justice bus tour and two guided walking tours in Iroquois Park. Participants also strengthened skills and understanding through a DEI workshop and a Community Defense workshop.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

CAMPS

In our seventeenth year of Camp Odyssey, we welcomed **446** campers in grades K-6 across seven camp weeks throughout the year. In July 2024, we partnered with Jefferson Memorial Forest to host our first ever Camp Odyssey session at Shawnee Park – it was a tremendous success!

During our spring, summer, and fall sessions at the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, campers explored our 27-acre nature preserve through activities such as hiking, canoeing, yoga, music, cooking, and arts and crafts. At Camp Odyssey, we emphasize that by learning compassion for ourselves, we can extend love and care to others and to the Earth.



EARTH CARE PROGRAMS

With a total of **3,408** participants this year, our Earth Care Programs delivered a wide range of meaningful and engaging initiatives. We helped connect the Louisville community with the natural environment through activities such as hosting educational field trips, leading environmental justice bus tours, coordinating hands-on volunteer projects, and supporting the work of our ecology interns.

This year also marked the introduction of canoeing to our programming, offering youth participants and volunteers a new way to experience Beargrass Creek while actively caring for the watershed. In addition, we transformed a quarter-acre of land into a thriving pollinator garden, creating vital habitats for native insects and wildlife while removing invasive plant species to support long-term ecological health.

FOUNDATION & GRANT SUPPORT

Gheens Foundation
Hannah Foundation
Heart's Path Foundation
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
LG&E and KU Foundation
Louisville Metro Government
Norton Family Foundation

Norton Family Foundation
Owsley Brown II Family Foundation
Rainbow Blossom
SC Ministry Fund
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth
St. Agnes Outreach Fund
Ursuline Sisters of Louisville - USAE

BALANCE SHEET

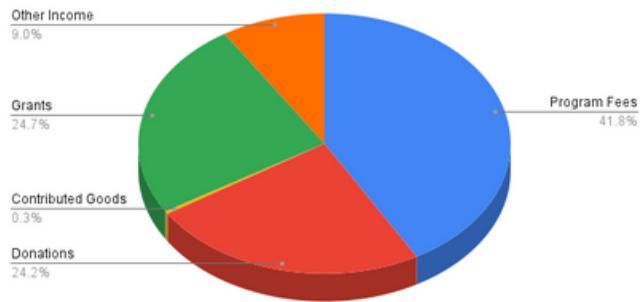
ASSETS	FY 2024-25	FY 2023-24
Total Checking/Savings	\$332,364	\$208,027
Accounts Receivable	\$364	\$1,175
Other Current Assets	\$350	\$508
Certificates of Deposit	\$491,000	\$501,215
Fixed Assets	\$182,638	\$194,185
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,006,715	\$905,110
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$8,318	\$4,739
Accrued Expenses	\$7,557	\$10,316
Deferred Revenue and Grants	\$64,651	\$56,312
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$80,526	\$71,368
EQUITY		
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$833,743	\$818,907
Net Income	\$92,445	\$14,836
TOTAL EQUITY	\$926,188	\$833,743
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,006,715	\$905,110

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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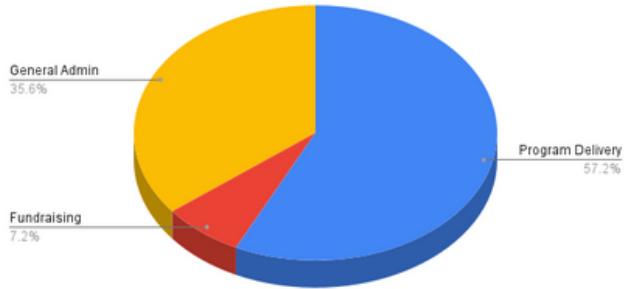
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REVENUE



Program Fees \$315,646
 Donations \$182,895
 Contributed Goods & Services \$2,434
 Grants \$186,845
 Other Income (Rent, Interest, etc.) \$68,193
TOTAL REVENUE \$756,012

EXPENSES



Program Delivery \$379,615
 Fundraising \$48,015
 General Admin \$235,937
TOTAL EXPENSES \$663,567

ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

The Passionist Earth and Spirit Center is a BBB Accredited Charity, meeting all 20 standards of Charity Accreditation. We have a Gold Star Seal of transparency on Candid (formerly GuideStar), a national non-profit rating database. Our recent financial records are publicly available on our website and earlier records are available upon request. We are dedicated to maximizing our resources, maintaining the highest level of fiscal responsibility and transparency, and investing in long-term organizational sustainability.



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