

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT



This was all
possible
because of
you!



TO THE INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY BEHIND OUR MISSION,

As I reflect on this past year at Winter Park Day Nursery, my heart is full of gratitude. Your generosity, encouragement, and belief in our mission have made it possible for us to continue providing a safe, nurturing, and loving place where children and families can grow. You are truly at the heart of everything we do.

One of this year's most exciting aspects is the new relationships we've built with local businesses and community partners. These connections bring valuable resources to our mission, backed by people who care deeply about children and families. Together, we are weaving the Winter Park Day Nursery more closely into the fabric of our community.

Our board of directors is updating our strategic plan with the mission and vision to take us through the next few years. We are making strategic moves to more effectively and efficiently impact our community and families.

Thanks to your support, we've also been able to continue investing in our teachers and classrooms through training, coaching and competitive benefits and wages. Our educators are strengthening the connections that make every classroom interaction meaningful.

Our community also came together at the 2025 Orange Blossom Jubilee -- raising a record amount! That event reminded me that Winter Park Day Nursery is more than a school—it's a family made up of generous donors, dedicated board members, caring teachers, and, of course, our wonderful children and families. Every gift and demonstration of support ensures that this legacy of love and learning continues for years to come.

Because of you, we are maintaining a tradition of excellence while also building a stronger, brighter future. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for believing in us, standing beside us, and giving our community's children a place where they feel safe, loved, confident and ready to learn.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Winter Park Day Nursery provides a safe and caring educational environment that supports each child's development and well-being through growth and discovery.

OUR VISION

To inspire future generations of confident, curious and compassionate children.



OUR VALUES

Accessibility

We believe that every child deserves a high-quality preschool education, so we offer scholarships to make our program affordable for all families.

Quality

We believe that by upholding the highest standards, we inspire others. WPDN is accredited by the National Accreditation Commission (NAC) for Early Care and Education Programs.

Diversity

We believe that valuing different perspectives is vital to the success of our mission. Our school family reflects the rich diversity of our community.

Support

We believe that nurturing children means supporting their families with resources like parenting education, healthy meals, behavior and developmental services and an emergency food and clothing pantry.

Impact

We believe in advancing the community-wide quality of preschool education by serving as a demonstration site for best practices and advocating for the cause of early childhood education.

"Firstly, I am truly grateful for the day that my sister introduced me to Winter Park Day Nursery. As a parent I am thoroughly impressed with the exceptional services provided. The staff is dedicated, attentive, and genuinely cares about my child's academic and personal growth. The teachers consistently go above and beyond to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment through their quality curriculum, helping my daughter develop through the fostering of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills through hands-on, engaging activities. Secondly, I am extremely pleased with the level of communication from the school administration and the teachers regarding my child's progress and daily activities, as well as extracurricular activities. I love the diversity of extracurricular activities and community engaging programs offered that foster holistic development of my child.

Thirdly, I must extend my sincere gratitude to the administrative team as they have been extremely instrumental in accommodating me as a single parent with my varied challenges. They have been like a family to me and my daughter helping us beyond academic needs. I highly recommend WPDN to any family for comprehensive educational support and a community that truly values its students and family well-being. I am grateful for the positive impact this school's services have on my child's development"

-WPDN Parent, 2025





A SNAPSHOT OF 2024 - 2025

91 16

total students
(ages 0 - 5)

children on
the wait list

50%

of students received
tuition scholarships

\$157,000

in tuition scholarships
funds provided

36,784

nutritious meals and snacks

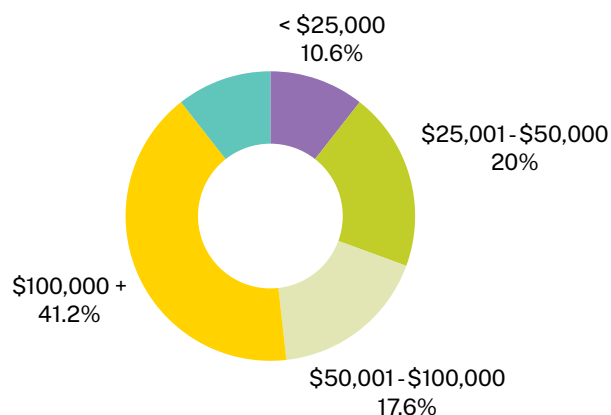
94%

average enrollment
throughout the year

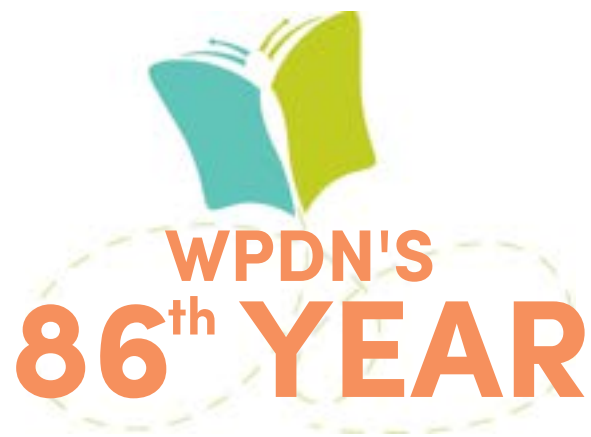


62%

staff retention in 2022



**Family Household
Income**



WPDN'S 86th YEAR



A huge thank you to the amazing Leadership Winter Park Class of 35 Impact Group and our parking heroes at Brasfield & Gorrie for donating and installing our parking stoppers! Thanks to your generosity (and some serious elbow grease), our parking lot is now safer and way more organized. You've helped streamline the daily car chaos, and our school family couldn't be more grateful. Thank you again, for putting in the time, energy, and heart into this project.

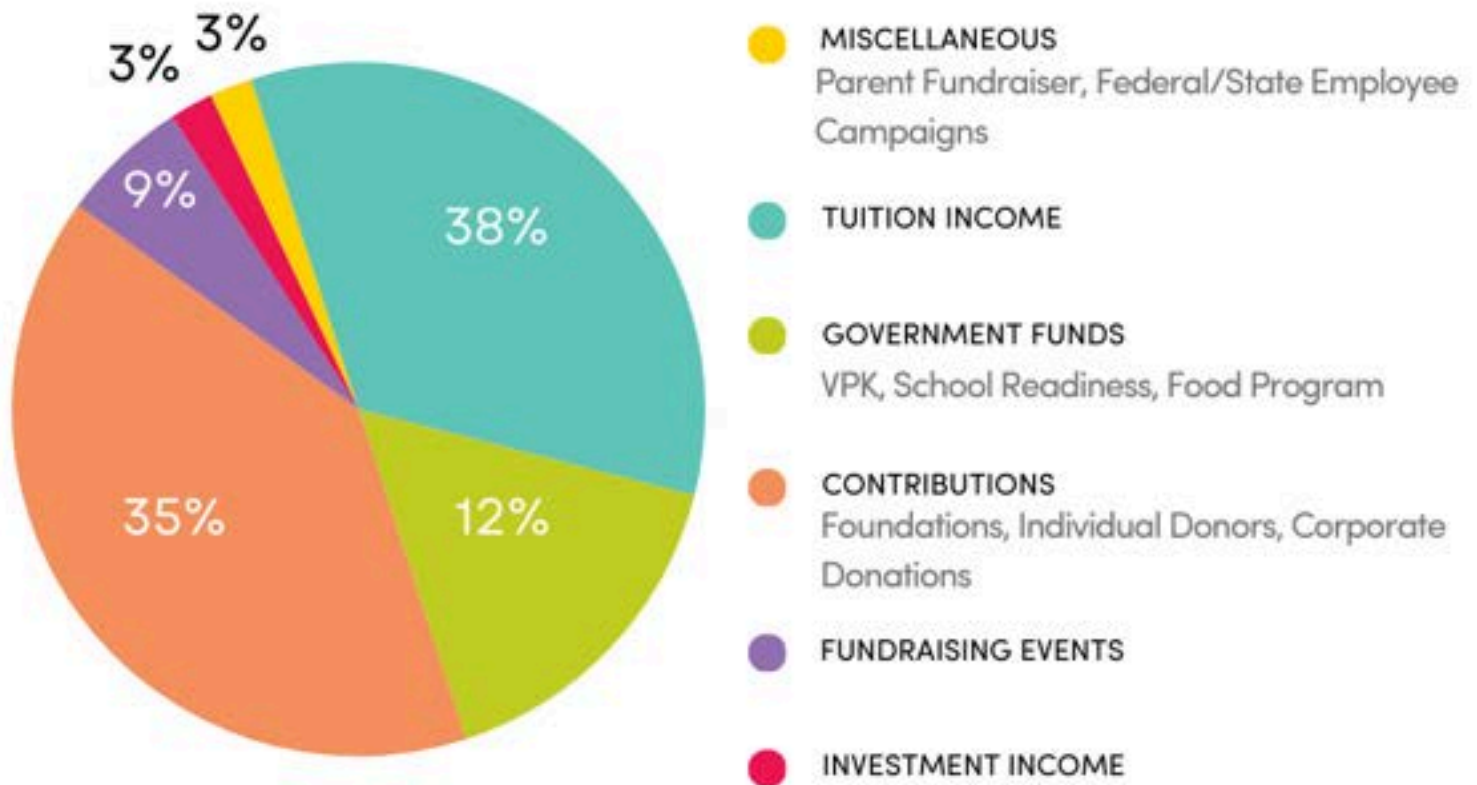
The 24th Annual Orange Blossom Jubilee "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" was held at the Winter Park Events Center on April 25, 2025. We were able to raise over \$140,000 thanks to our sponsors, community members and businesses. A special thank you to the Joe & Sarah Galloway Foundation for being our presenting sponsor each and every year!



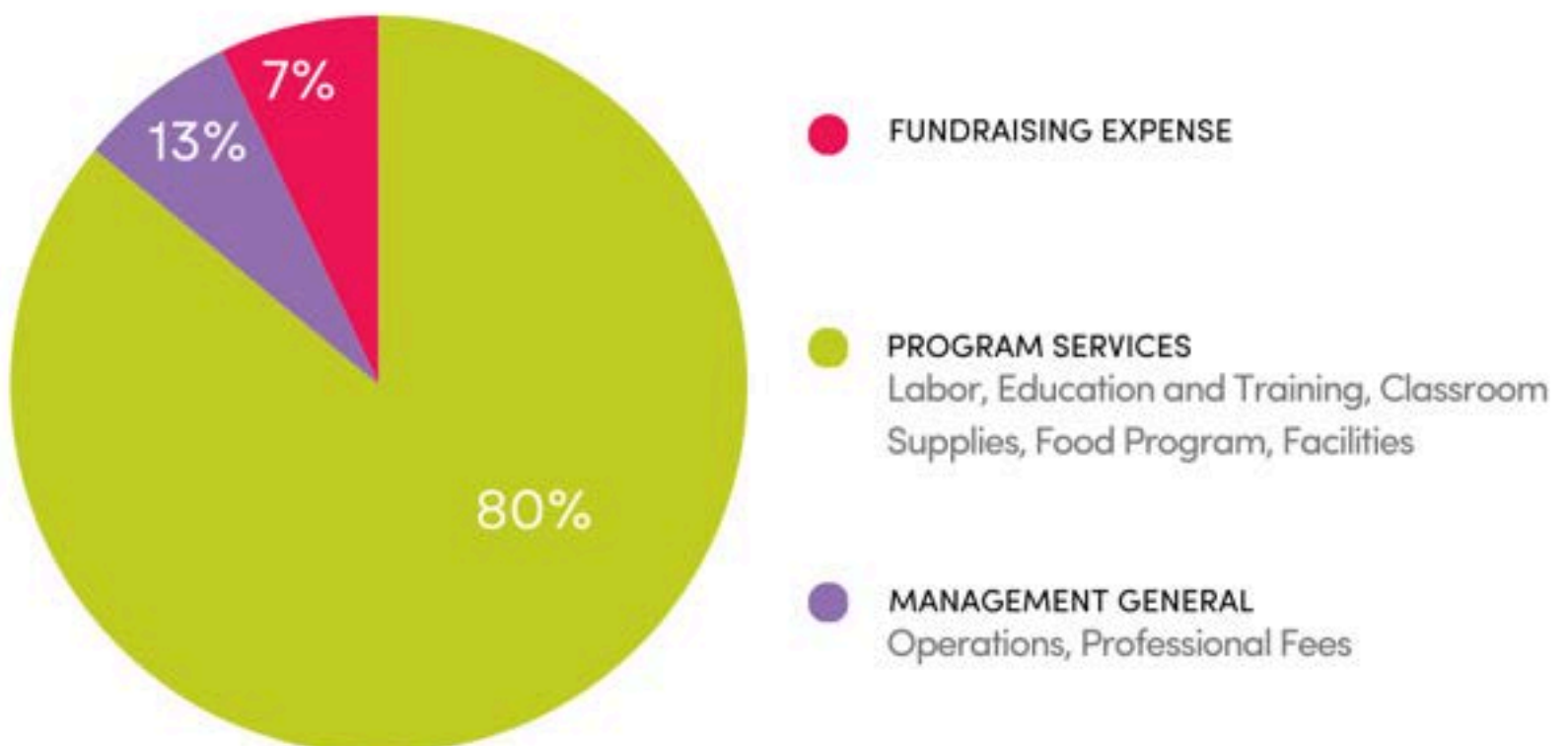
Our students had an unforgettable time at our schoolwide Summer Kick-Off Party, where bubbles floated, music blasted, and water was everywhere! From laughter-filled games to soaking-wet smiles, it was a day full of joy and connection for our entire school. To Advent Health, your support made the magic happen, and we're grateful to you and your volunteers.

2024-2025 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,519,261



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,527,016



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