

TRIFORM

Camphill Community

Annual Report
2018-2019



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Letter From the President & Board Chair

Forty years ago, last April the Oaken Bucket Ranch was sold to Hans and Sofia Kunz of Camphill Village Copake who carried the dream of beginning a new kind of social enterprise founded on the principles of Camphill and Anthroposophy here in Columbia County. The picture they had may have been different from the Triform that exists now, and yet there are founding principles which still flourish and nourish Triform to this day:

- Valuing the contribution of each community member in a qualitative, not quantitative way.
- Wrestling to create social conditions that assume the equality of all without hidden, unspoken prejudices.
- Working out of an understanding and recognition of the spirit present in the world and ourselves in a universal way.

These are not ideals that the Triform Community has “checked off,” but more like stars by which we chart our course. They require us to change and grow in order to keep them in sight; also, to guide our process of discernment when considering the never-ending question of “what next?” Every person who passes through our community whether student, householder, or young volunteer adds their unique signature to this journey, and leaves part of themselves behind. Many take these ideals with them into a world in need of them too.

The 2018-19 year has been one of transition and growth for the Triform community. We said farewell to dear friends and welcomed new ones. The long planned pedestrian tunnel under Bell’s Pond Road linking the Stewardship and Triform properties was completed on schedule with minimum disruption to our neighbors. It already looks as if it has been there forever and is used every day by Triform community members. Some even say it’s beautiful!

Soon after the purchase of the Stewardship property eleven years ago, the idea of building the crossing under Bell’s Pond Road was conceived by Kevin Keane, the father of Triform Journeyman David Keane. Kevin who, together with his wife Betty Ann, was hugely influential in the makeup of the Triform Community as we know it today, passed away on Whit-Monday of 2019. Over the 30 years of his family’s involvement with Triform, Kevin served as a Triform board member, board Chairman, trustee of the Camphill Association of North America, and key founder of the Triform Camphill Community Foundation. He felt a deep connection to the core of Camphill’s mission and did whatever was necessary and asked of him to support the development of Triform. Kevin was a true visionary who dreamed large and induced others to dream with him. He loved people and

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the deep interactions with others of like mind for a common cause. The World was a far better place with Kevin in it and we are all so blessed that he found and loved Triform.

As the last year of celebration of 40 years of Triform passed like a blur, every day retained its structure. The cows were milked, the looms rattled, the potter's wheel spun and the bakers delivered the bread. People from all over the world took hands around tables and gave thanks for the beautifully prepared meal, for their safe homes, and for the uniqueness of each other. Each and every day this happened, in every house of the Triform Community. Without the vision and care of people like Kevin Keane and all of our generous donors and those who support our work in every way it would have remained a dream, the ideals listed above just fancy words. Instead together we work to build community. Together we build an even brighter future, fit for another forty years!

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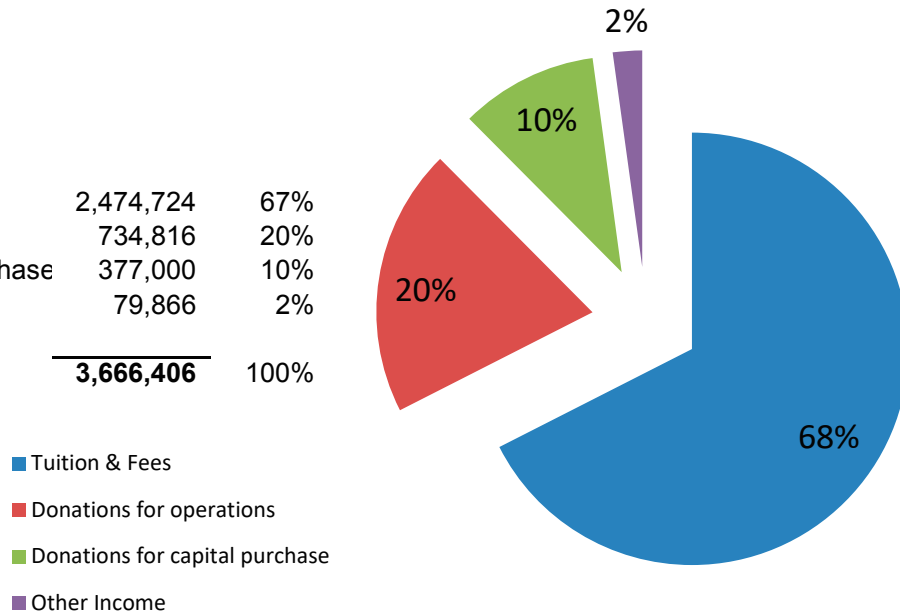
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Triform Income Statement Year end 6/30/19

Revenue

Tuition & Fees	2,474,724	67%
Donations for operations	734,816	20%
Donations for capital purchase	377,000	10%
Other Income	79,866	2%
Total Revenue	3,666,406	100%



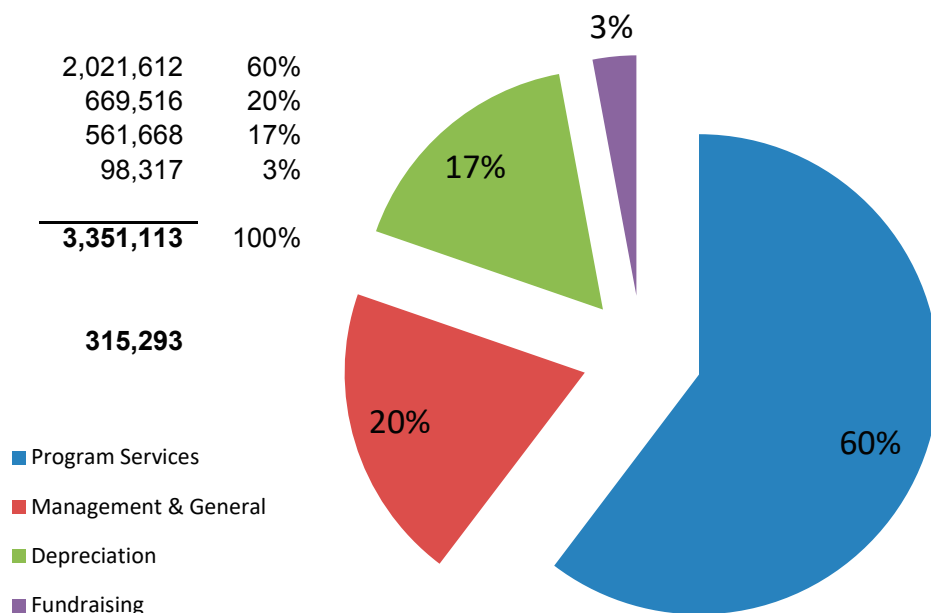
Expenses

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Program Services	2,021,612	60%
Management & General	669,516	20%
Depreciation	561,668	17%
Fundraising	98,317	3%
Total Expenses	3,351,113	100%

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315,293



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Belonging • by Mary Beth Peabody

As August moves into September, the outside landscape which was so lush and minty green just four months ago now has a strong tinge of yellow. Leaves are scraggly and stems lean towards the earth; ready to give back their seed or unpicked fruit. Indoors, change of season is on my mind, too. Craving a cup of warm tea instead of iced, wondering where my slippers have hid themselves and looking for sweaters and blankets with an urge to make soup.

It is well that this fresh anticipation steps in just when I am ready to let go of summer's fast pace. With the sweater pulled close around me on an early morning walk, my thoughts for some reason turn to the concept of belonging. The ongoing search for a place where our spirits and bodies call home. And this, of course, leads me to Triform.

As a family, we learned of Camphill many years ago when we met a neighbor at a party, who upon meeting 10 year old Hannah said, "You should look into Camphill when she is older!" This neighbor had worked as a young co-worker in Ireland for several years, and clearly recognized how well Hannah's spirit would find a home at Camphill.

We tucked this idea away for several years while we continued in the trenches of raising our two "extra special kids", Hannah and Asa, and our "normal" one, Maeve. Life was far from smooth, easy or predictable, as most of you know from your own parallel lives. I was a very dedicated, some would say driven,



mother: always pushing for better care, schooling, support, and still trying to maintain a semblance of normal family life. Through these years, the idea of Camphill was like a paper balloon, containing a whole 'nother world... floating gently a bit outside my circle, inspiring me in ways that I could not fully grasp.

When Hannah was 14 or 15, Mike and I visited Triform. Hannah was too young to be considered as a student, but we could not wait! We toured the community

with Tim, and then had a wonderful noon meal in Tourmaline with a full house whose members included everyone from students to coworkers including Maggie, Rebecca and Sophia Kunz, a founding community elder. There was no doubt that this was a true family, where everyone had their place; their role.

Before lunch, we sat with house members, quietly waiting for the meal. There was small talk of the morning's activities and even a trombone performance! But mostly we sat in a comfortable quiet. I was not accustomed to sitting. I was a "do-er"; if I was sitting, without handwork, something was not quite right with me. Yet there we were sitting- me included. And little by little, the peace of the place worked its way into me, I felt the cushions of the couch pull me in, and I delighted in the smells of a delicious meal.

The thing I remember most clearly about that visit almost ten years later is the sense of calm that seemed to be draped gently across the entire community. I don't know who or what workshops we saw, but I moved through the landscape, meeting students and coworkers as if I was in a dream. There was peacefulness, an other-worldliness that I had never encountered in any of my children's schools, nor in their teachers, caregivers or peers. But mostly, I had never encountered these things in myself.

When Hannah was born with a bewildering and undiagnosable set of physical and developmental challenges, I took on her young life as my mission. I would tend her many needs, at all hours of the day and night. I would find the best medical care and developmental therapies for her, which often meant traveling many hours from our rural Adirondack village to Albany, Boston or Toronto. I was known in our community and schools as a most dedicated mother and advocate for Hannah and her siblings, Maeve and Asa.

In this driven "Mama Bear" approach, I certainly loved my children. I sang and read to them; our family

gardened, canoed, hiked and skied in spite of their physical limitations. We were always DOING something.

But what struck me so profoundly on that first visit to Triform was that I had spent very little time just BEING with Hannah. I was so busy trying to fix her, make her healthy and make her fit in— and in all honesty, I was so exhausted and frustrated— that I often forgot to just be with Hannah, and allow her love into my heart. The magical ability to share her boundless love is Hannah's greatest gift, yet I, her own mother, did not know how to enter into, nor appreciate this essential part of who she was for so many years.

As Mike and I toured Triform that day, it was almost as if Hannah's own spirit was reflected back to me in the form of an entire community. This alchemy of welcome, acceptance, and yes- love-, created a sense of belonging that I had never before experienced. Everyone we met, regardless of their role in the community, moved through their space, did their work, smiled and greeted us from a place of knowing the important role they played in the community, to each other, and in a deeper sense, to themselves. They were recognized and asked to give of themselves, as they were. They were valued, respected and loved. They belonged, and it was very clear to us that Hannah would belong here too someday. We brought her to visit for a family and friends weekend on her 16th birthday, and there was no question in her as to her future plans.

Hannah has always had a strong sense of her own belonging in the world- a solidity and confidence that belies her physical frailty. In my role as mother, caregiver and teacher, I was not aware of the magnificent teacher that I had been given in Hannah. I was the slow and reluctant student in these lessons. It would take Hannah's move to Triform to allow me to step back from my life enough to really understand and celebrate who she is, just as she is.

Here again, Triform has worked its exquisite magic.

Belonging continued

Hannah has found a place where her own belonging and welcoming nature is amplified. While she is warmly wrapped in the routine and rhythm of home life, work and community, I am allowed to step back. This distance lets me see her as her own young woman, moving through life with her contagious smile; spreading her joy to friends and strangers alike. She is growing in many ways, even as her body faces new challenges, and I have the gift of witnessing this amazing process.

I am able to be the loving mother I always wanted to be, but never seemed able to achieve when I

was so caught up in what seemed the necessary machinations of daily life; daily survival. When I visit Triform now, she and I spend time together in a whole new way. We read, we play with dogs, we walk, ride bikes or go out to lunch. I allow the softness and joy of her spirit to override the barriers I had erected in order to care for her in her younger years. We have come to belong to each other in a whole new way. For this new perspective, and new sense of belonging with, and to, my eldest daughter, I am deeply indebted to Triform.



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A SUCCESSFUL NEW EVENT IN NYC



Triform Fundraising Event in NYC

On June 3rd Triform held a fundraising event at The Cutting Room in New York City. Hosted by Triform parent, Ann Dowd and organized by two New York City parents, Glenn and Sharon Firester and a team of volunteers, the festive evening got started with the Sean Fox Trio to a completely packed house.

Shortly into the music set the audience was totally surprised by the arrival of Rosie O'Donnell. She immediately dazzled Triform families and friends with

a set about parenting. She especially hit home with her funny stories about her young child living with autism by sharing anecdotes that made the audience laugh, cry and then laugh again. Most families in the audience totally understood the challenging situations she described with her distinct and razor sharp humor. Rosie shared enough love with her dynamic presence to lift the hearts and minds of all present. Rosie proceeded to do an impromptu request from the stage to help Triform raise \$100,000. With her help and the support of the many friends of



Emmy award winning actor Ann Dowd

Triform Fundraising in NYC continued

Triform, it became a reality and \$100,000 was raised in less than 5 minutes with a total raised of \$176,000. Thank you all!

Ann Dowd continued to MC the evening with much enthusiasm and care. We saw theater and dance and the much-loved Triform Bell Choir. Each group spoke to the audience about the wonder and beauty of the Triform way of life and allowed each performer to shine. Even though space was limited, there were enough smiles of joy and pleasure from the Triform Community to fill a giant coliseum! The audience felt the overflowing love and opportunity to be your best that is experienced by all who live and work at Triform.

Triform is extremely grateful to everyone who contributed in such meaningful ways to the success of the evening. We are especially appreciative of Ann Dowd and her sister for thinking up this fun event, to the event committee for helping organize it, to Akiko Suesada for the beautiful music, and Aron Kalsi for the theatrical component of the evening. Thank you too, to the donors to the Silent Auction which raised an additional \$2,650.

We are deeply grateful for the many friends and family members who came out in support of this magnificent evening. Your support truly made a difference to the success of this special and most unique fundraiser: An Evening with Ann Dowd! We owe a huge thank you to parent Ann Dowd who took time from her very busy work schedule to make this evening possible.

Thank you, Ann, Glenn, Sharon and all the musicians and actors who made the evening magical!!



Rosie O'Donnell



Triform Bell Choir with director, Akiko Suesada

SAVE THE DATE!

An Evening with Ann Dowd
Monday, June 1, 2020
The Cutting Room NYC!



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