

SHERWOOD FOREST'S
Annual Report to the Community

2016



Dear Friends...



Kids grow up so fast. Almost before we know it, our little camper on the front page of this annual report will become a Leadership graduate, then a high school graduate, and finally a college graduate, ready to enter her adult life as young person who is economically self-sufficient, with strong and healthy social relationships, and connected in her community. Over the years to come she will be supported and encouraged to discover the best in herself as she grows up at Sherwood Forest.

Growth is the theme of 2016 for Sherwood Forest, too.

I am sure there are among our campers, many young people with both interest and potential for careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Many of these same young people have not had enough opportunities to have hands-on experiences that might spark their curiosity and interest in these fields. A grant from Monsanto Fund enabled us to introduce a more structured, experiential curriculum in 2016. Formal assessments indicate that these experiences helped campers have more interest in science. STEM activities will be expanded for both 2017 and 2018 as a result.

Since we began lengthening our summer session from 12 days to 26, we have also been increasing the number of campers in each grade level. 2016 was the first year for the full class of 48 sixth graders in our Leadership Challenge program. In 2017 we will add the full complement of 7th graders to the Leadership Trek program. We are, as one of our Leadership graduates, Mya Patterson, described, "a little packed" in our dining hall.

In 2016, Sherwood Forest formalized its continuing relationship with our Leadership graduates with a new program: Supports for Success. Under the direction of Cherelle Washington, Supports for Success provides year-round support and continuing relationships to foster increased financial literacy, job readiness, summer job coaching, early college access that includes families, and college preparation. This fall Cherelle will have her first class of high school seniors. She will work with each one and his or her family to take that big and important step toward, into, and through post-secondary education to their first living wage job.

During the academic year, Sherwood Forest provides an ideal environment for Outdoor Education for schools and school districts. Our fall and spring programs saw an 11% increase in the numbers of students served. That trend will continue in 2017 as more schools register for Outdoor Education experiences for their students.

While the numbers of young people we can serve grows, so too does our need for expansion in our camp facilities. Our Leadership Village got a new wash house and our camp a new water distribution system.

All of this growth is part of Sherwood Forest's Strategic Plan, which the Board wrote and began implementing in 2016. Their passion for our mission is a mighty force for good!

Sherwood Forest has such a big, positive, and lasting impact in our young people's lives. We can only grow to meet their needs because of you. Your gifts of understanding, of time volunteering, of things we need, of financial support—all that you give goes into the lives of our campers. Together, we are making a better place for them, for all of us.

With gratitude, from the bottom of my heart,

Mary

OUR MISSION

Transforming the lives of children in need through powerful programs that allow them to discover their self-worth, realize their potential, and become productive citizens.

OUR IMPACT

A young boy with short, light brown hair, wearing a bright green t-shirt, is focused on painting watercolor swatches on a piece of paper. He is holding a purple paintbrush and applying blue paint to one of the swatches. The paper has several rows of rectangular swatches in various colors: pink, blue, green, and dark blue. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and a colorful, artistic environment.

During their time at Sherwood Forest, our campers push themselves to learn new skills and overcome challenges. In 2016, 97% of our campers said that they felt more confident because of their experiences at camp.

Quest

"Camp has really inspired me to do more things than I would do regularly. It inspired me to climb, it made me brave, it made me confident. We get to experience what it's like to be alive."

-Joseph, 4th grade camper in 2016

Quest is our year-round program which begins with a summer camp experience. Every phase of Quest is designed to promote individual growth and positive relationships. Our unique camp setting provides fun and recreation through active learning experiences.

Quest by the numbers:



60 school-year activities



531 books checked out at camp



364 arts activities offered

2016 Campers At-a-Glance

In 2016, 317 kids participated in our Quest program.



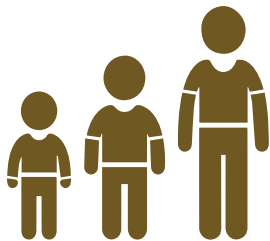
Racial Background

African American:	63 %
Caucasian:	28 %
Bi/Multi-Racial:	6 %
Hispanic/Latino:	1 %
Asian:	1 %
Other:	1 %



Household Income

\$0 to \$9,999:	15 %
\$10,000 to \$19,999:	19 %
\$20,000 to \$29,999:	17 %
\$30,000 to \$39,999:	16 %
\$40,000 to \$49,999:	10 %
\$50,000 to \$74,999:	7 %
\$75,000 to \$99,999:	5 %
\$100,000 or more:	6 %



Age

6 to 9 years old:	33 %
10 to 12 years old:	46 %
13 to 16 years old:	21 %

Areas of Residence

Missouri

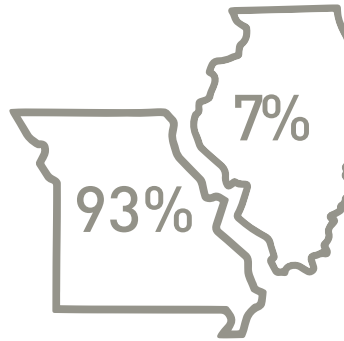
St. Louis County:	45 %
St. Louis City:	41 %
Other Missouri Counties:	7 %

Illinois

St. Clair County:	3 %
Madison County:	4 %

Gender

Boys: 52 %
Girls: 48 %



By the end of the summer...

97%

of our campers report greater problem solving confidence

96%

of campers believe they are more responsible

93%

of campers have a greater interest in exploration

90%

of our campers feel they are more independent



SPOTLIGHT: STEM Education at Camp

In summer 2016, thanks to a grant from the Monsanto Fund, Sherwood Forest piloted an extensive STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program at our summer camp for the first time. The program was started to address a great inequity—while STEM careers will increase by 14% by 2020, only 24% of low-income students in the 4th grade will score proficient or advanced in mathematics. In order to provide our youth with more opportunities to learn and succeed in STEM subjects, we launched our STEM program. Staff encouraged youth to participate in a variety of activities, including robotics, biology, and chemistry. More than 111 youth participated in the STEM program which resulted in a statistically significant increase in science interest now and in the future from our youth, as well as a significant increase in both work habits and reading efficacy.

Only 37% of youth at the beginning of camp reported good or excellent levels of interest in science. By the end of camp, 69% of campers expressed an interest in science.

Creative and Performing Arts Programs

In 2016, campers participated in a variety of arts activities through the Arthur and Helen Baer Foundation Creative and Performing Arts program. Campers created their own puppets, painted landscapes of camp, and put on a production of Lion King where campers did everything from building the set to starring on the stage. Based on recommendations from the 2015 Missouri Arts Council panel, we started using a new evaluation instrument to better measure the outcomes of the arts opportunities we offer at Sherwood Forest. In 2016:



- 55% of youth felt they were better able to use feedback after being in the Arts Track
- 65% of youth felt they contributed positively to the Arts Program at camp
- 68% of youth felt that the Arts Program helped them explore their cultural roots to better understand themselves

Supports for Success



At Sherwood Forest, we are proud to say that *100% of our Leadership Program graduates go on to graduate high school*. In 2016, we decided to build upon this success and help support our Leadership graduates beyond their time at camp. In January of 2016, we launched our Supports for Success program. Supports for Success helps our Leadership graduates develop skills that will prepare them for economic self-sufficiency through college education and career development.

Program participants meet monthly throughout the school year for hands-on experiences to prepare them for post-secondary success. Participants have the opportunity to get job experience during the summer as Counselors-In-Training in summer camp or receive support finding another summer job aligned to their goals. This was all made possible by an anonymous donor and a grant from Wells Fargo Advisors.

Supports for Success by the Numbers:

13	young people began the program in January as 9th graders and continued as 10th graders in August
+ 14	more Leadership graduates joined the program in August as 9th graders
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27	total program participants in 2016

"They're getting us ready for the outside world. Not just becoming a Counselor-In-Training at camp, but also being out there in the real world and getting a job and finding a college that's right for you. They're working with you outside of camp."
-Mya, Supports for Success Participant

Outdoor Education

Sherwood Forest was the first camp in the St. Louis region to offer Outdoor Education programs. Since 1948, we have partnered with schools, school districts, and youth organizations to provide students with an experiential education curriculum during the school year. In 2016, we served 1131 youth through our Outdoor Education program.

11% increase in youth served in our Outdoor Education program from 2015 to 2016



85% of participants indicated their teamwork skills increased because of their time spent at camp



Outdoor Education Participants in 2016

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta • Christ the King • Clayton School District • Mason Elementary
Pattonville School District • Rockwood School District • St. Angela Merici • St. Ann
St. Charles Borromeo • St. Margaret of Scotland • University of Illinois • Whole Kids Outreach

OUR SUPPORTERS



During our 6th Annual Volunteer Trades Weekend, 55 volunteers tackled a variety of tasks including electrical, plumbing, painting, and carpentry work.

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	Kids (5-10)	Teens (11-15)	Young Adults (16-25)	Adults (26+)
	<i>hours needed</i>			
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❖ Silver	50-74	75-99	175-249	250-499
◆ Gold	75+	100+	250+	500+



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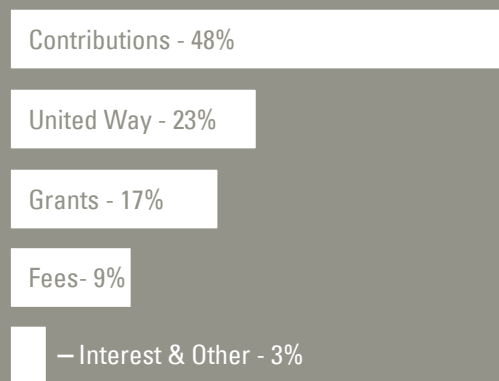
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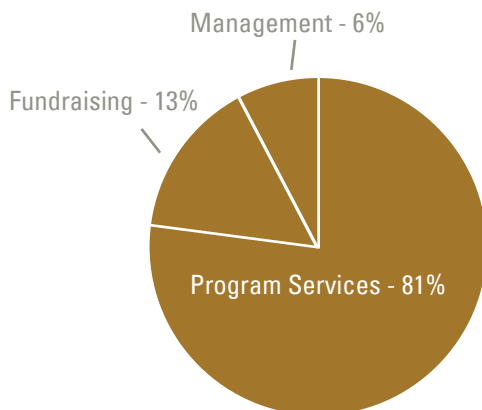


	2015	2016
Contributions	\$ 589,169	\$ 847,008
United Way	\$ 404,844	\$ 404,844
Grants	\$ 281,242	\$ 312,009
Program Fees	\$ 180,417	\$ 156,187
Interest & Other	\$ 6,858	\$ 47,208
TOTAL	\$1,455,672	\$1,767,256

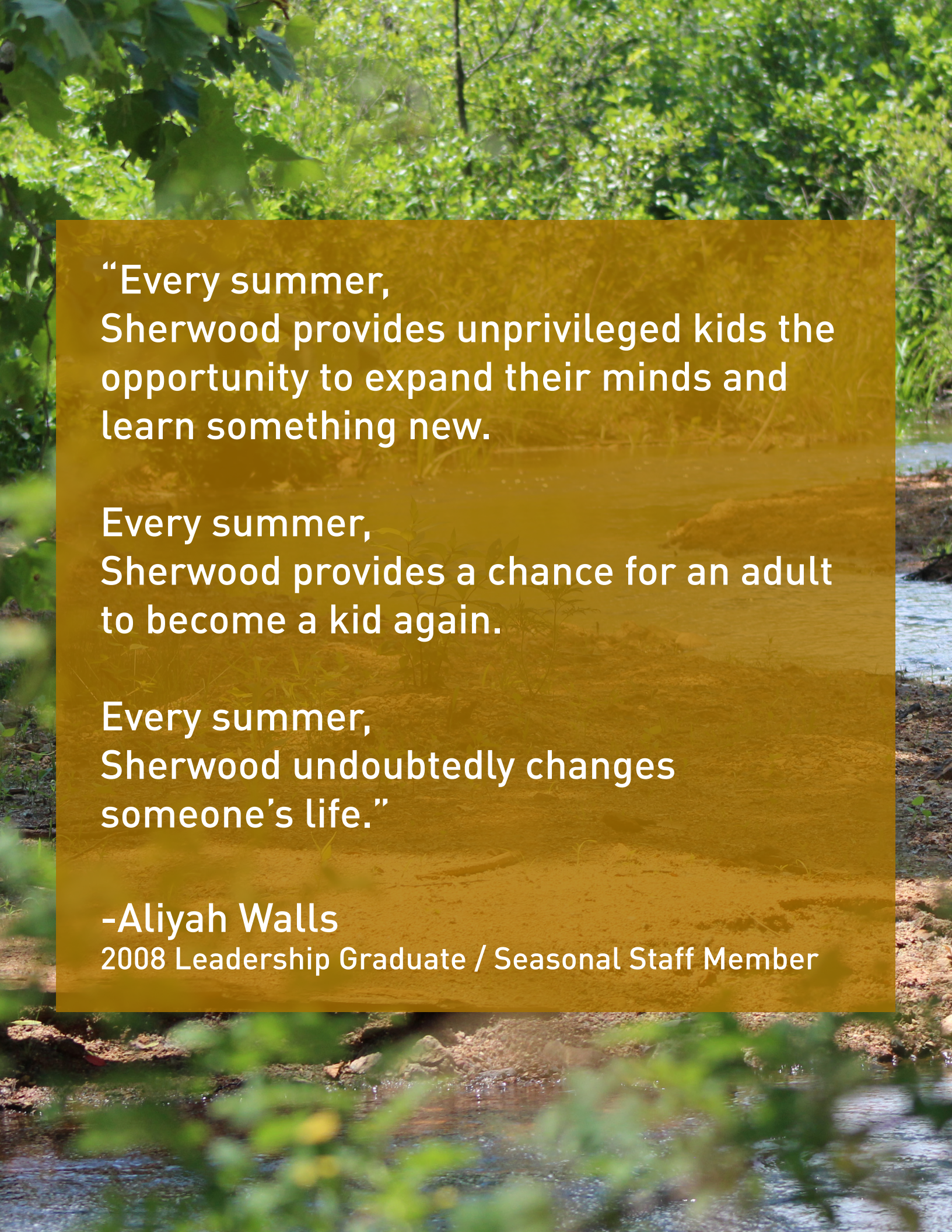
End-of-Year Net Assets:

	2015	2016
	\$1,986,858	\$2,465,874

Expenses



	2015	2016
Program Services	\$ 1,084,155	\$ 1,400,812
Fundraising	\$ 219,913	\$ 229,399
Management	\$ 127,008	\$ 107,845
TOTAL	\$ 1,431,076	\$ 1,738,056



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