

JAMC CENTER

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A NOTE FROM THE TEAM

Flourishing begins as a whisper—a tiny bud reaching for sunlight, a chalk-dusted hand sketching the first stroke of a masterpiece, a dream barely spoken but already taking root.

It doesn't happen all at once. **It's found in the in-between moments—the scribbles before the story, the pauses between notes, the steady, unseen work of growth.** It's in the hands that nurture, the voices that encourage, the hearts that dare to believe in what could be.

At JAM, we see flourishing in every corner. In the child pressing bright colors onto the pavement, unafraid to dream in bold strokes. In the mentor sharing wisdom, planting seeds of courage. In a community that doesn't just show up, but pours in—knowing that what we invest in today ripples far beyond what we can see.

As we move into a new season, we carry with us the stories, lessons, and momentum of all that has taken root. **Each effort, each moment of care, has brought us to today—and will continue shaping what comes next.**

This summer, we lean into the movement of becoming—embracing the scribbles, the sketches, the stories still unfolding. Because flourishing isn't just about growing. It's about creating, cultivating, and stepping boldly into the future we're shaping together.

Let's dig in. Let's dream. Let's flourish.

FINDING YOUR FIT

Theo first walked through the doors of JAM at eleven years old, unsure of what would be found. Now, four years later, JAM has become the place where creativity has bloomed, leadership has taken root, and most importantly, deep friendships have formed.

As a homeschooled student, JAM quickly became more than just a youth program; it became a home base. "This is where all my friends are," Theo says simply. Here, connection comes alive through laughter-filled swim days, endless D&D campaigns, and impromptu art challenges.

Creativity is everywhere, and Theo dives right in. Whether passing around sketches in a one-minute drawing challenge or crafting handmade bracelets based on friends' favorite colors, JAM is a place to imagine and make. Even the group's D&D games are homegrown—Theo designs original worlds and storylines, improvising as a Dungeon Master while leading friends through adventures that unfold in real time.

But it's not just imagination that's growing. It's confidence, too. **What began with hesitation has turned into something bold.** These days, Theo speaks up, encourages others, and quietly leads—offering help, welcoming new faces, and making space for others to belong. "A lot of them listen to what I say... sometimes," Theo jokes. But the impact is unmistakable.

JAM has also offered support beyond friendship. "It gives me more adult figures in my life, other than my mom," Theo shares, speaking of trusted staff like Ruben. Whether it's meaningful conversation, a bit of guidance, or just a quiet corner to recharge, the support is always close by.

Theo's story at JAM could be titled something like "100 Rules for Surviving Being A Teenager," a play on a favorite book trope. The first rule? Find where you fit in. **"We all have different personalities, different interests. But there's a place for everyone here."**



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WHAT WE INVEST IN
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207 swimmers dove in this year, starting with shaky splashes and surfacing as confident little fish.

48 scholarships turned “maybe someday” into “swimming today.”



1,730 mentoring moments were sparked through youth activities with 223 students.

179 “Chaotic” Creations from the 3D Printer (Shout out to NiSource for the filament!).



3,250

hours invested in professional development like CPR training strengthened our team from the inside out, building not just skills, but a culture of care that ripples into the community we serve.



38 students flourished through 114 discovery and independence during hands-on learning, exciting field trips, outdoor classroom adventures, and problem-solving games.



WHERE
IT ALL
COMES
TOGETHER

60+ team members, both part-time and full-time, brought their gifts to JAM this year, with several celebrating 5, 10, even 15 years of growing alongside us.



Growth moves in quiet ways. A scribbled idea turns into a full-blown project. A hesitant voice finds its rhythm. A single moment—unnoticed at first—begins to unfurl, stretching further than we ever imagined.

This past year at JAM, we've seen ideas take root and dreams push past the surface. We've watched creativity spill across pages, dance through hallways, and spark new beginnings. We've felt the warmth of connection—handshakes turning into friendships, encouragement echoing long after it's spoken.

Some things can be measured: goals met, programs expanded, milestones reached. **But the real magic? It's in the in-between**—the laughter ringing through the gym, the quiet confidence blooming in a student's eyes, the joy of stepping into something new.

So let's pause. Let's look back and gather up the goodness. Flourishing isn't just about what has grown, it's about how the pieces have clicked into place. The laughter, the courage, the quiet progress. This is where it all comes together—in the people, the moments, the movement we've shared. And it's just the beginning.

21 early education teachers fostered readiness for life's next steps by challenging themselves to keep learning right alongside their students.

9 little learners tossed their tiny preschool caps this year, including 3 who've been growing with us since day one.



1,320 pickleball games (played by 66 players) rallied across the court—and possibly one or two wildly disputed line calls.



1 powerful partnership new with Rock Steady Boxing gave seniors facing Parkinson's a new way to thrive.

571 seniors laced up sneakers, filled bingo cards, shared coffee conversations, and passed paintbrushes—flourishing through fitness, creativity, and connection.



1,866 hours. 143 volunteers. From dishwashing to decorating, yardwork to event setup—each one gladly got their hands dirty so someone else could find a home in JAM Center's community.

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRMAN

This past year, we witnessed something beautiful: the quiet, steady flourishing of a community in motion. Programs deepened, partnerships grew, and everywhere you looked, people were showing up for one another.

We didn't just move forward—we grew forward. Piece by piece, person by person, our community came together to build something bigger than any one of us could create alone. From morning workouts to evening classes, from joyful noise in the early education rooms to laughter shared over bingo cards and potlucks, every moment added richness to the whole.

The year reminded us that flourishing isn't something we do solo—it's something we do side by side. With your continued support, we'll keep putting the pieces together, building a stronger, more connected JAM community—one step, one story, one season at a time.

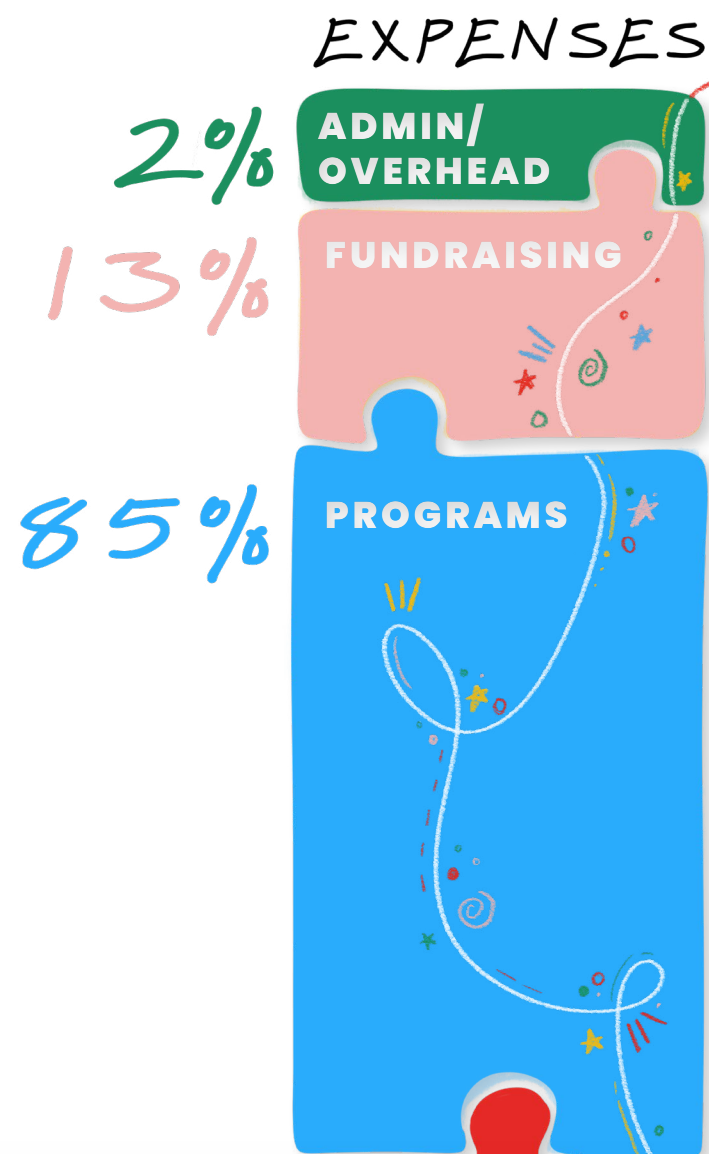
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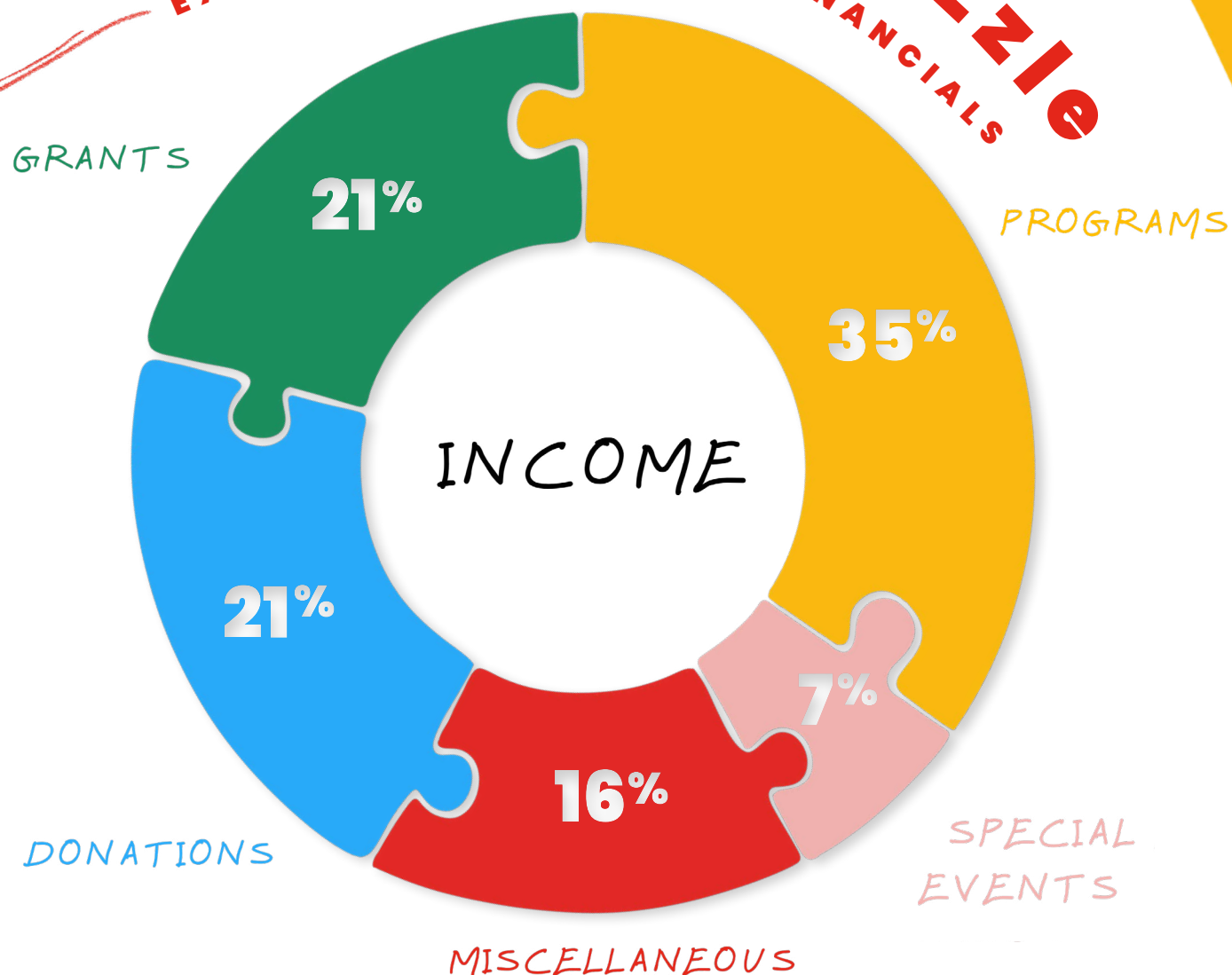


Every penny is a piece of the puzzle

EXPLORE OUR 2024-2025 FINANCIALS



GRANTS



JAM Center operates on a cash basis fiscal year of June 1 - May 31. These figures are preliminary for 24-25. Final numbers will be available in the fall after the DWD CPA's & Advisors Review.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tyler Harrell	Skip Claxton
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Lena Yarian	Dottie Fuentes
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Judy Morrill, Posthumous Emeritus	

EMPOWERED

We work to enrich our community through connection. To cultivate a habitat conducive to personal growth and empowerment within the context of life-giving, lasting relationships. To extend to every person the fulfillment of family by way of open doors, open programs, and open ears.

To value people over progress and rightly view every member of the JAM family as an essential part of the team. To honor our donors' and volunteers' efforts by reporting on how their generosity has changed lives. So, together, we can give our community so much more.

CONNECTED

COMMUNITY

What's Next?

Come Be A Piece Of It.

We've seen what can happen when each piece finds its place—now, we can't wait for what's ahead. Mark your calendar and join us as the story continues.

this is where community clicks

5 B's Bingo _____ September 6

JAM Anniversary Celebration _____ October 23

Fall Purse Palooza _____ November 2

Winter Auction _____ January 28-31

Spring Purse Palooza _____ April 5

Ribeye Sandwich Fundraiser _____ May 23

Par 3 Golf Outing _____ June 12



DON'T MISS OUT!
SCAN THE QR CODE
TO VIEW UPCOMING
EVENTS AT JAM.



760 supporters connected, enjoyed, and made a difference at events like our Golf Outing, Winter Auction, and Purse Palooza Bingo this year.



TOGETHER
SO MUCH
MORE.



39 volunteers and 16 staff members worked together to bring the heart behind every event to life and create environments for community to flourish.