



2025 Annual Report

To Our Friends and Supporters: We are pleased to share our most recent financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our community, Earthplace is well-positioned for our next chapter.

A Year of Transition and Renewal

Our 67th year brought meaningful change to Earthplace, and we are grateful for the support that guided us through it. After 12 years of dedicated service, Executive Director Tony McDowell retired, leaving a strong foundation and legacy of commitment to our mission. Stepping into this role has been an honor, and it has been a joy to rejoin a community whose passion for nature education and environmental stewardship inspires me every day.

Enhancing Our Birds of Prey Program

In spring of 2025, we broke ground on our new falconry barn. This marks the first phase of a multi-stage plan to improve our Birds of Prey exhibit and visitor experience. Our resident birds help us teach thousands of visitors about their vital roles in a healthy ecosystem.

Inspiring Young Learners

Our nature-based Preschool and Summer Camp continue to thrive, offering children daily opportunities for hands-on discovery. Young learners discover the forest and wetlands, observe wildlife, and build confidence through outdoor play. Families often share how their children come home with muddy boots, big stories, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world—reminders of how early experiences in nature can spark lifelong curiosity.

Advancing Environmental Science

Harbor Watch remains a cornerstone of our mission, delivering rigorous water-quality research and high-impact environmental education. Our scientists and student interns monitor local waterways and collaborate with municipalities to strengthen our region's commitment to a healthier watershed.

As we reflect on the year, it's clear that the work happening across our campus—from caring for our animal ambassadors to advancing environmental science—has a lasting impact on our community. None of this would be possible without your partnership. Together, we can ensure Earthplace continues to inspire wonder, cultivate knowledge, and protect the natural world we all share.

With appreciation,



Amee Borys,
Executive Director



Earthplace

DONORS

Earthplace extends our deepest gratitude to each and every donor!

Your support makes you a partner in our mission to cultivate a passion for nature and the environment within the community through environmental education, experiences, and action. All gifts listed reflect contributions from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. We have taken great care to ensure accuracy and encourage you to reach out if you notice any errors or omissions.

*Denotes Capital Campaign Supporter

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JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 Statement of Financial Activities

Earthplace continues to operate from a position of financial strength, mission focus, and strategic growth. In fiscal year 2025, Earthplace achieved a 1.85% year-over-year increase in operating revenue, reflecting steady growth and continued community investment in our mission. Operating expenses were maintained at a comparable level to the prior year, demonstrating disciplined financial stewardship and strong organizational management.

Our early childhood education program and summer camp continued to generate consistent revenue, reinforcing their value and demand with the community. Harbor Watch advanced its regional leadership through expanded fee-for-service partnerships, collaborating on critical environmental data collection projects that protect our waterways.

Mission delivery remains the core of our work. In FY 2025, 81% of our \$3.9 million operating budget was invested directly into programs. We are deeply thankful for your partnership in this work.

- Yunyun Chen
- Constellation
- Curated Cellar
- Nancy and Glenn DeKraker
- Nash Pond Taxing District in honor of Sherry Jagerson
- Annie and Thomas Feeley
- First Artist Management
- Doris and Louis Fuertes
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- Winifred and Walter Herrmann
- Caroline Huber
- Jennie Kassanoff
- Matthew H. Lillvis
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- Valentina and Todd Lopez
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- Diane Mangano-Cohen
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- Genie Morris
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- Jane and Jim Spiller
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- Sarah Adair
- Amy Bedi
- Ann Marie Bello
- The Estate of Ron Caruso
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- Beth-Ann and Tony Eason
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- Patrick Goldschmidt
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- Anthony Harris

SUSTAINER (\$100-\$249)

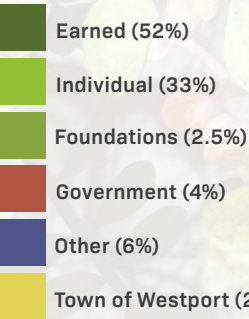
- Jessie Adams
- J. Adelman*
- Rachel and Jonathan Albert
- Katherine and Edward Amato
- Jean Anderson
- Anonymous
- Benjamin Barbash
- Ann Barham
- Edward R. Barnhart
- Tracy Benton
- Bradley Bernard

- Casey and Sam Haverstick
- Parker Hayden
- Jalna E. Jaeger
- Liev Katz
- Elisabeth Keane
- Miriam Washington Kendall
- Daniel Kiely
- Paul Knoll
- Konstantin Family Foundation
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- Tim Lewis
- Rick Lowenthal
- Lance Lundberg
- Jim Marpe
- Pete Marra
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- Elizabeth and Robert McGrath
- Marie McHugh
- Donald McNees
- Leslie Meredith
- Sarah Newett
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- Josephine Perkins
- John Petterson
- Sarah and Gene Qualman
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- James Rossman
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- Andrew Small
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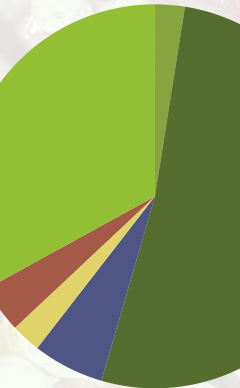
- Duane Bollert
- Genevieve Bouchard
- Diane Bowler
- Leslie Boxer
- Debra Browne
- Carol Burgess
- Miggs Burroughs
- Amanda and Arlo Bushell
- John Caputo
- Pamela Carroll
- Seth Chaikin
- Robert Chasin
- William and Carol Christiaanse
- Claudia and Arthur Cohen
- Lisa Cohen
- Stasha Cohen
- Ron Conley
- Anthony Coscia
- Catina Cricco
- Stacie Curran
- Gaetana and Douglas Deiso
- Jennifer DeLeonardo
- Justin Deschaine
- Nancy Diamond and Jeffrey Mayer
- Victoria Distasio
- Douglas Donato
- Lenore Douglas
- Thomas Duquette
- Patra and Chris Dwyer
- Jim Elkind
- Diana Erdmann
- Jessica and Daniel Everlith
- Jane and Peter Eyes
- Ronald Fazekas
- Kate Fergusson
- Margaret Fergusson
- Gael and Gail Thomas Ficken*
- Betsy Flor
- Carla and Mark Foster*
- Stacy Jagerson Fowle
- Michael Friedman
- Robert Galan
- Luke Garvey
- Amanda Glendinning
- Alison Glerum
- Peter A. Gold
- Lynn and Thomas Goldberg
- Lide and Charles Goodwin
- Benjamin Gosseen
- Jeffress Gouverneur
- Jill Greenwald
- Colleen Groll
- Mary-Claire and Eric Grosogogeat
- Jane and Peter Guenther*
- Rosemary Halstead
- Anne Hampford
- Kristin Hantler

Revenue

\$4,100,706 (audited)

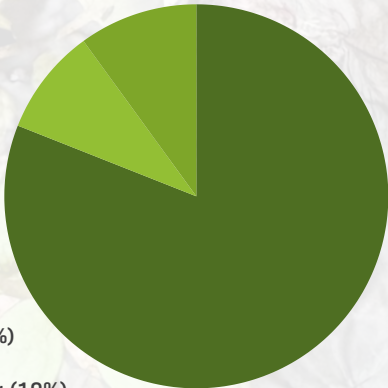
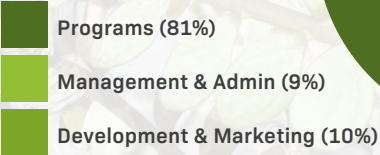


- Barbara and James Harman*
- Todd Heglund
- Anna Henry
- Catherine and Chuck Hill
- Santina and Jason Jaronko
- Laura and John Kaufman
- Nancy Kenworthy
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- John Koizim
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- Tracey Koziol-Oligario
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- Timothy Kwong
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- Elizabeth Lockhart
- Vicki Lopez
- Kate Lucas
- Jay Ludy
- Catherine Lynch
- Lucia Marion
- Sheila Martenson
- Maryanne Martire
- Elizabeth Maselli
- George Masumian
- Robyn and Jeremy Matloff
- Ann Matlow
- Judith McBride
- Blair McCaw
- William McCaw
- Tom McGee
- Patrick McKenna
- Lisa Mezoff
- Emily Mikesell
- Maura Mitchell
- Christina Mitrani
- Edward Moran
- Joyce Mortner
- Ann Munnelly



Expenses

\$3,909,238 (audited)



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- Orissa Agnihotri
- Anonymous
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- Emily Bennetts
- Roberta Berns
- Johanne Bonin*
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- Curtis Butler
- Susan M Byron
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- Janice Egan
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- Monique Greenspan
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- Maria Zobel

- Ellen Lautenberg
- Anne Lee
- Craig Lee
- Doris Levinson
- Jerry Li
- Paul Lobdell
- Peter Lyon
- Daniel W. Mautone
- Francis McCann
- Leigh Mcdermott
- Mary Lou McGuire*
- Marjorie McNair
- Mary Meany
- Lisa Metz
- Diane Mongiardo
- James Mongillo
- Elizabeth Montgomery
- Debbie Murray
- Sarah Nash
- Michael Nol
- Daniel Nolte
- Cornelia Olsen
- Jennifer Patten
- Natalie Peterson
- Brooke Planamento
- Caitlin Pluff
- Deb Poole
- Abigail Pugliese
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- Shelley Ross
- Julie Casper Roth
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- Steve Smith
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- Clare Speyer
- Jessica Stauder
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- Leslie Wolf
- Laura Yagerman
- Jade Zapanta

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- KMS Team at Compass
- MoCA Westport
- NewSylum Brewing Co.
- Nod Hill Brewery
- REI Co-op
- Silvermine Arts Center
- Stew Leonard's
- Stop & Shop
- Trader Joe's
- Westport Journal

Board members listed served from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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Earthplace By The Numbers

Trails & Grounds

1st BioBlitz event at Earthplace, where in 24 hours:

- **783** observations recorded on iNaturalist
- **330** unique species identified

1 forest management plan in progress



Nature Programs

15,000 nature lovers joined our programs and events

400+ intern hours devoted to education programs and conservation projects

12 new sugarmakers-in-training got hands-on experience tapping maple trees

Animal Hall

202 visitors voted to name Dandelion the Guinea Pig

19 teen volunteers assisted in Animal Hall

9 bird cages demolished to make way for state-of-the-art enclosures in 2026!

Summer Camp

412 campers joined us for summer adventures

88 thrilling trips down the slip-n-slide

34 slippery frogs caught and released at the pond

Harbor Watch

1,996 water samples processed for bacterial analysis

19 waterways monitored across **12** towns

4+ miles of fishing line recycled, repurposed, or properly disposed of

2 scientific papers published, sharing our findings with the world

Preschool

2,560 snack pouches kept out of landfills thanks to our TerraCycle recycling efforts

1,280 books read during Story Time

70+ hours of learning under open skies

56 classroom dance parties brought joy and movement to our days



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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