

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



**FLYING PIG FARM**

Manitou Springs, Colorado

Est. 2014

# MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to cultivate resilient relationships with food and natural systems through land-based learning.

We nourish our community and the land we steward by hosting school and community groups and events, facilitating workshops, supporting community gardens, consulting and collaborating with partners, cooking and sharing food, promoting creative expression, holding seasonal festivals, and advocating for healthy relationships with people and the planet.



## OUR BOARD

Monica Marchant, Board Chair	Community Gardener and psychologist with Zia Wellness based in Manitou Springs
Ruthie Markwardt, Board Secretary	Flying Pig Farm educator and farmer since 2014
Kara Stutzman, Board Member	Owner of Dancing Goose Therapeutics LLC
Douglass Edmundson, Board Member	Owner of the land and Keithley Pines LLC, Manitou Springs
Donna Dague, Board Member	Occupational Therapist, Colorado Springs
Erick Rincon, Board Treasurer	Property Manager for Smokebrush Foundation



# PROGRAMS

## Farm to School



Curriculum-integrated visits with over 1,000 Pikes Peak Region students in 2023 and over 1500 in 2024. Farm-to-School includes our Field Trips, Agricultural Arts after-school program, Empowering through Agriculture programs with students with disabilities and hosting Social-Emotional Learning groups.

## Arts Programming



Public workshops including natural dye workshops, printmaking, murals, and group-specific creative learning for veterans and disabled adults.

## Life Skills and Internships



Students from Manitou Springs High School, PPCC, and CC receive hands-on instruction in life skills and internship opportunities to gain work experience in food production and community engagement.

## Community Compost



Diverting food scraps from the landfill in partnership with Food to Power. In partnership with Food to Power, we host a dropoff site for neighbors to help divert food scraps from the landfill.

## Community Gardens



Garden plots and companionship for 25 community members looking to grow their own gardens. We offer garden plots and mentorship to community members looking to grow their own gardens. Hundreds of pounds of food grown and distributed.

## Farm Camps



Fun, safe and engaging programming during school breaks for kids 7-18. Farm Camp immerses campers in an agriculture and arts-based curriculum designed to grow their relationships to food and the natural world in a supportive environment.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Manitou Springs School District 14  
Colorado Springs School District 11  
Concrete Couch  
Elevated Arts  
IROC  
Manitou Art Center  
Manitou Music Foundation  
Manitou Springs Community Foundation  
Moniker Foundation  
Mountain Freshies

The Nature Lab  
Pikes Peak Permaculture  
Restoring Connections Forest Therapy  
Taproot Cooperative  
TESSA  
The Loft  
Vermijo Community Garden  
Wounded Warriors  
Goat Patch Brewery  
Food to Power



# HEARTS ON FARM DATA



## Farm to School



- 130 Farm to School Programs with 4 School Districts, from PreK through 12th grade
- In MSSD14, 85 Programs with classes, K-12
- Over 1700 students reached

## Arts Programming



- 28 arts workshops including textiles, murals, and group-specific creative learning
- 60+ soldier & veteran participants
- 100+ disabled adult visiting participants

## Internships



- 12 High School Interns and 4 College Interns gained skills in cooking, farming, recipe development, and experiential education

## Community Compost



- 2300 pounds of food scraps diverted from the landfill in partnership with Food to Power
- All food scraps composted onsite!
- 27 compost members and counting!

## Community Gardens

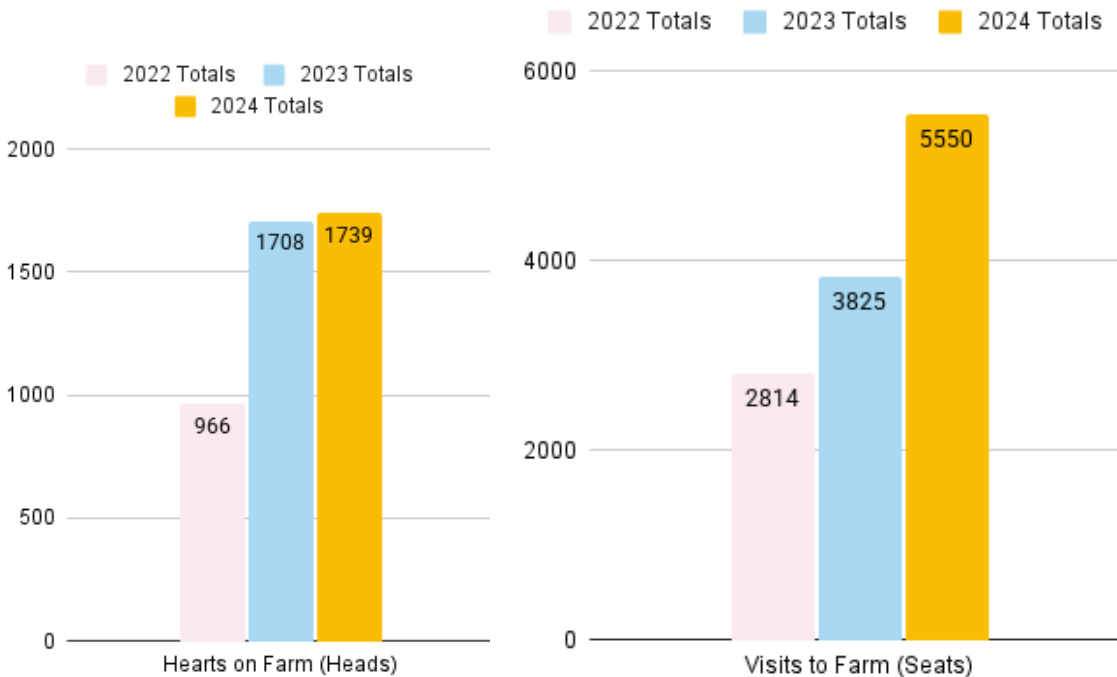


- A small, dedicated core of community gardeners
- Sliding Scale plot rental
- Approximately 500 pounds of food grown and distributed locally

## Farm Camps



- 4 Fun, safe, and engaging camps for kids ages 7-18
- 100 campers this year
- 35 returning for multiple years!



**Hearts on Farm:** total unique participants

**Visits to Farm:** includes repeat visits



# 2024 BIG TAKEAWAYS

- First year with three dedicated staff members
- Students and volunteers constructed a wood burning, pizza-baking cobb oven
- First year of fruiting peach trees and Nanking cherries
- Received two years of USDA grant funding to increase our field trip offerings and implement lunchroom tastings of local food
- More than doubled total donations compared to the 2023 fundraising season
- Met Manitou Springs Community Foundation grant challenge to raise money for a new High Tunnel Green House in 2025
- Our best year of composting so far! For the first time, all of what gets dropped off at our Food to Power affiliated compost drop-off is processed at Flying Pig Farm
- Over 1700 individuals visited, with over 5550 separate visits.
- We began the process of purchasing the land of Flying Pig Farm, so this incredible hub can belong to the community in perpetuity!



# 2024 FINANCIALS

## REVENUE

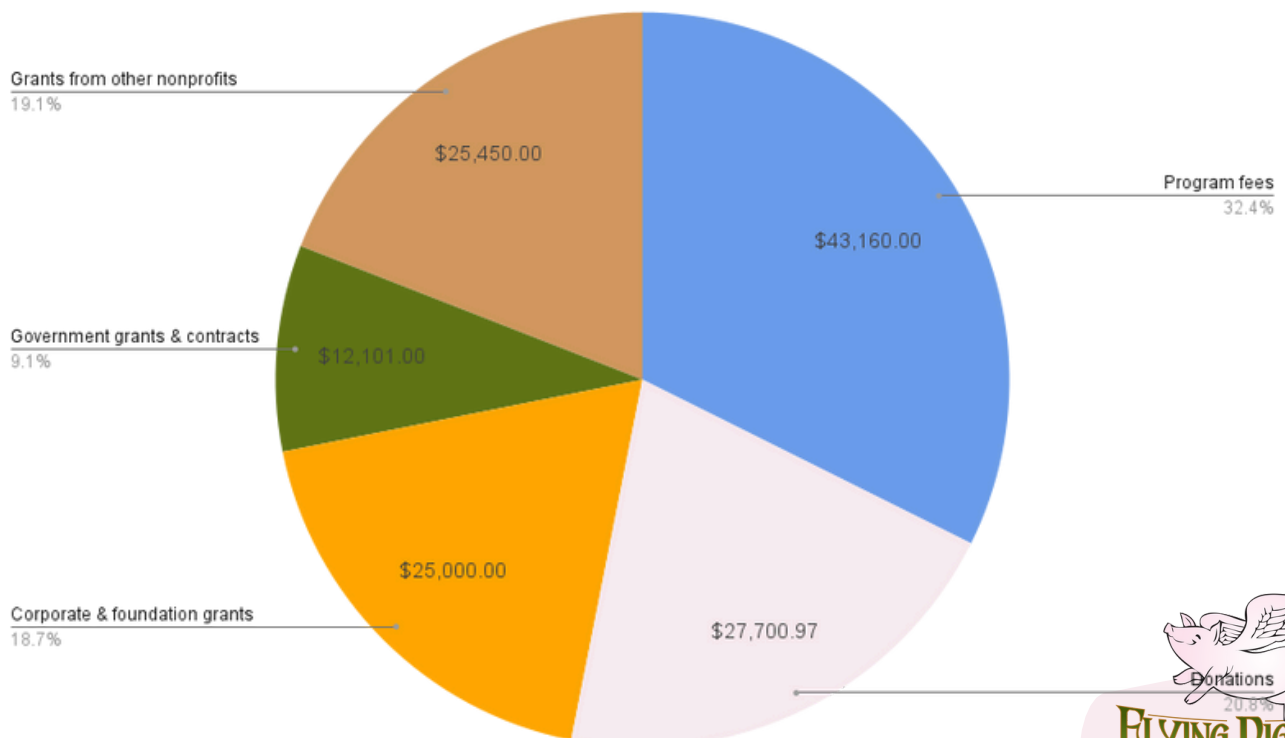
In 2024, Flying Pig Farm received grants and foundational support from several organizations, including:

- Colorado Health Foundation
- Roy A. Hunt Foundation
- Moniker Foundation
- Manitou Springs Community Foundation
- United States Department of Agriculture
- City of Manitou Springs
- Manitou Arts Culture & Heritage (MACH)
- Manitou Music Foundation
- Pikes Peak Community Foundation
- Pikes Peak Permaculture
- The Bee Vradenburg Foundation

We received extraordinary support in donation dollars in 2024. Individual donations:

- ranged from \$7 to \$795,
- totaled \$9,855,
- with 88 individual donors.

## REVENUE 2024



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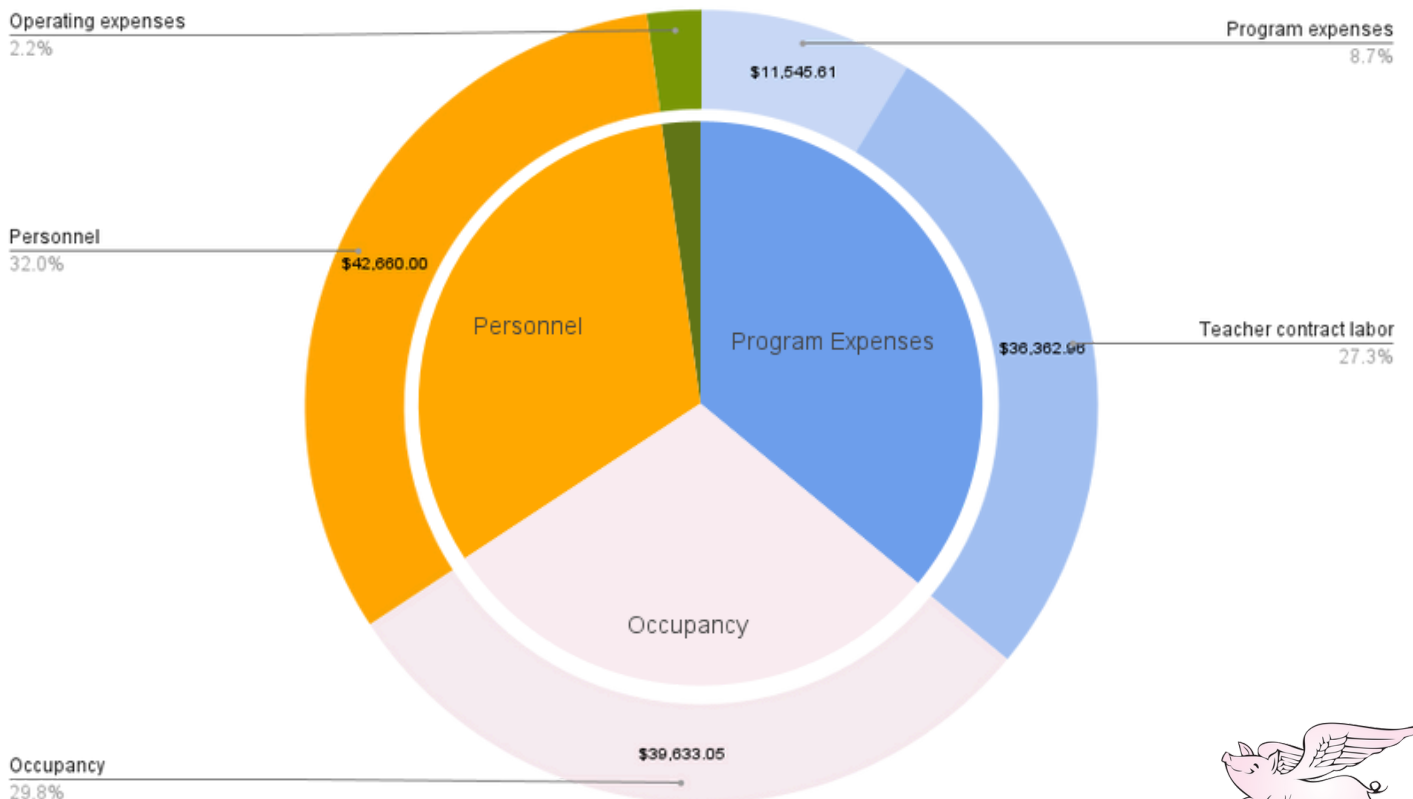


## EXPENDITURES

Expenditures are divided into four major categories:

1. **Program Expenses**, including contracted teacher pay, totaled \$47,908
2. **Personnel** accounted for three part-time staff, totaling \$42,660
3. **Occupancy** (rent, utilities, and insurance) totaled \$39,633
4. **Operating and business** expenses totaled \$2,492

## EXPENDITURES 2024



TOTAL REVENUE: \$133,411.97  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$133,144.52



# THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We could not do what we do without the generous support of many people and organizations!



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## IN-KIND SUPPORT

Special thanks to those who supported us with goods and services in 2024!

Eco Products  
Bonita Bar Rentals, LLC  
Concrete Couch  
The Loft  
Manitou Art Center  
Switchback Coffee Roasters  
Vermijo Community Garden  
Rocky Top Resources

