

SPARK

2024 Annual Review

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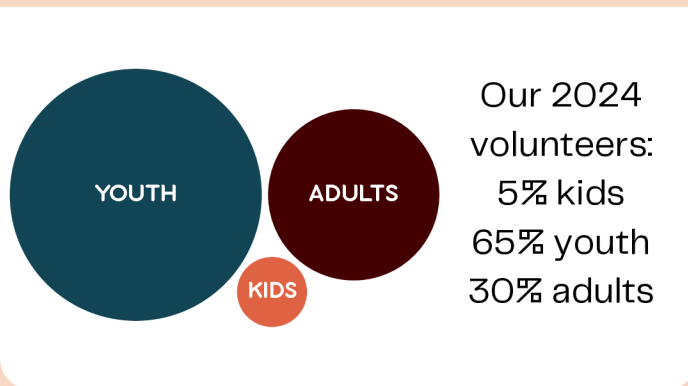
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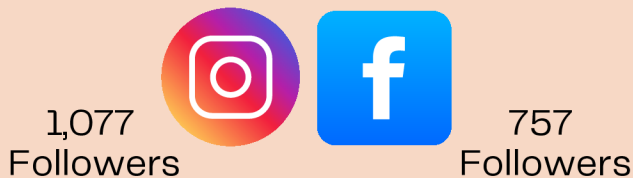
Service
Learning



In 2024, SPARK mobilized 1,222 volunteers on 84 different projects!



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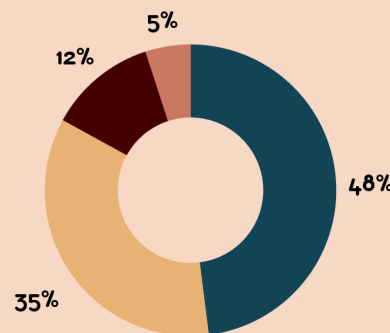
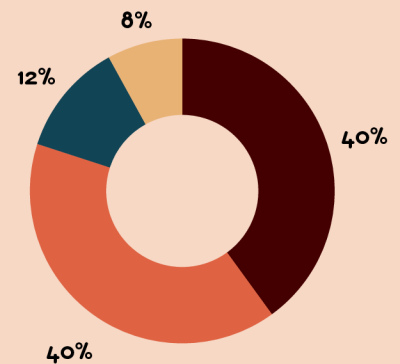
SPARK'DWELL

SPARK and The Dwelling partner together to host week-long Spirit & Service Learning trips for youth groups throughout the summer. During Summer 2024 we hosted 181 youth and adults from 17 different churches and 8 different states, including North Carolina and 6 different cities/towns within our own state.

Revenue

Overall Budget: \$164k

Short-term Summer Trips: 40%
Contributions/Fundraising: 40%
Service-learning Programs: \$12%
Programming Grants: 8%



Expenses

Operations/Administrative: 48%
Short-term Summer Trips: 35%
Service-learning Programs: 12%
Support for Partnerships: 5%

Donors

In 2024 we had a 25% increase in donors, leading us to 89 total donors with 9 igniting sparks monthly.

Vision: Through partnering with local organizations and sacred spaces SPARK fans community's flame by serving and meeting every person where they are.

Mission: SPARK (Share Peace and Rekindle Kindness, Inc.) designs and manages community service experiences in order to help our neighbors in need and spread kindness to all.

Vision and Mission Together: Service-learning opportunities for groups.

GLOW gathering

SPARK's inaugural GLOW Gathering fundraiser was held on October 5, 2024. It was a casual evening with storytelling sharing about SPARK's programs, excellent food, lovely music, walking the easy trail that SPARK built and generosity from community members believing in our mission.

Our Second annual GLOW Gathering is Oct 11, 2025 at 6-8:30.

SPARK's Initiatives



SPARK is the fiscal partner for the Community Coat Closet, a close partner with organizations, shelters for our unhoused neighbors, sacred spaces, pantries and schools. The closet operates year-round to ensure our most vulnerable community members are safe during the cold season.

SPARK partners with The Dwelling to provide weeklong Spirit and Service Learning Experiences for participants to explore the complex justice issues related to homelessness.

Groups engage in relationship-building, education, storytelling and service alongside formerly or currently unhoused individuals. Youth and adults leave the program with a passion to advocate for change in their own communities.



YEAR-ROUND PROJECTS

SPARK works with small and large groups to engage in meaningful service-learning opportunities. Groups can be from teams, businesses/corporations, churches, neighborhoods, family and friendships. SPARK designs a hands-on service-learning projects and opportunities partnering with local causes and initiatives. SPARK handles all the project logistics so community building can be experienced among volunteers and those being served.

We're thankful for shared spaces as partnership is at the core of who we are!

Our office space is at: **Sherwood Forest UMC**
5250 Silas Creek Pkwy, Winston-Salem, NC

The Community Coat Closet is at The Hub on N Broad St.

Online giving: <https://spark-community.org/give>

Make checks payable to SPARK at mailing address:
5250 Silas Creek Pkwy, Winston-Salem, NC

