

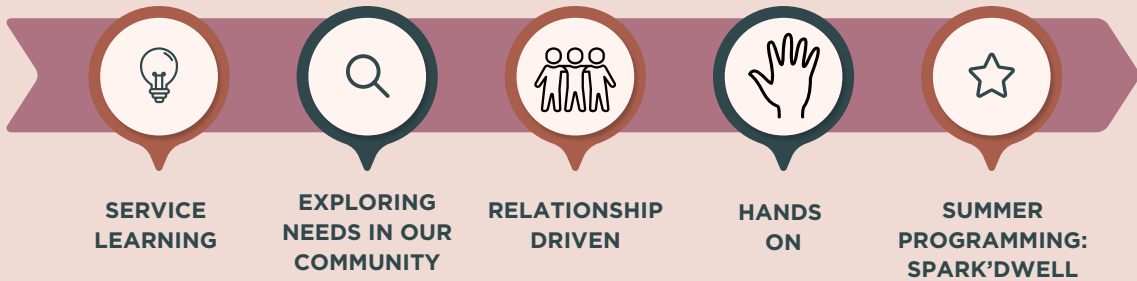


SHARE PEACE AND REKINDLE KINDNESS

2023 Annual Review

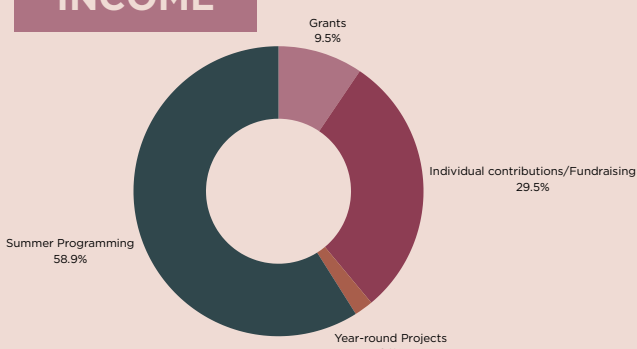
WHO WE ARE

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.

INCOME

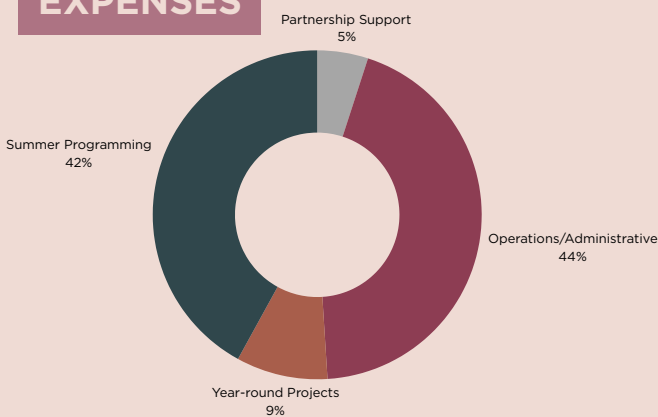


DONORS



71
Donors
*8 monthly donors igniting capacity

EXPENSES



\$11K
Increase in Donor Gifts since 2022



It only takes a SPARK!

SHORT-TERM SERVICE-LEARNING EXPERIENCES

SPARK and The Dwelling partner together to host week-long Spirit & Service learning trips geared for youth groups throughout the summer. During Summer 2023 we held 5 sessions, hosted 268 youth and adults from 24 churches and 12 states.

Summer 2023, we partnered with many local organizations to complete 46 projects. We led poverty simulations each week, led by our Dwelling Counselors, who are living or have the lived experience of homelessness. Our Counselors offer their personal stories and perspective to our youth and adults as part of their service-learning experience. Our program offers programming throughout all seasons.



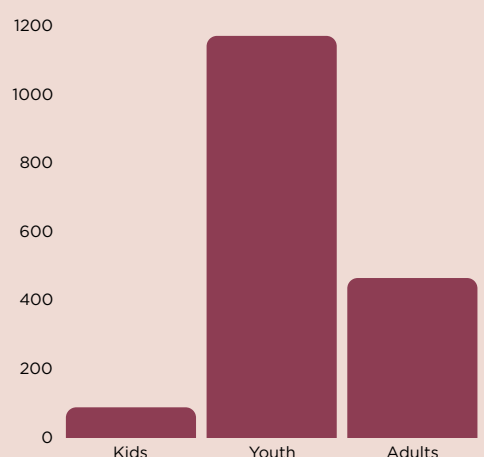
SOCIAL MEDIA

1,003
Instagram Followers

694
Facebook Followers

@sparkcommunityws

VOLUNTEERS



We had 1,721 individuals volunteer with SPARK in 2023, with a 2/3 majority of those being youth (6th - 12th grades).



INITIATIVES



Peacehaven After School

SPARK has had a presence at Peacehaven Mobile Home Park for two years. Through hearing their needs we were able to develop a weekly after school program and offer monthly family events.

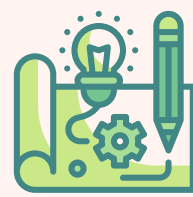
Each week we see around 30 children, ages 3 to 14 for tutoring, snacks, crafts and games. We have 5 dedicated volunteers that help lead.

Our Family Fun Days provide meals for everyone in attendance, fun activities like bounce houses, seasonal celebrations and resources from our community. These resources have included the Community Coat Closet, a back to school bash in partnership with WSFCS, as well as providing bicycles and helmets for all of our students, from Safe Kids NC and Cycle ReCycle.



SPARK is the fiscal sponsor of the Community Coat Closet helping to take care of nonprofit logistics, so that the Coat Closet team can focus on keeping Winston-Salem Warm through collections and distributions. The closet partners with WSFCS, our community shelters, nonprofit referrals and others.

Located at The HUB at Augsburg Community Center, the Community Coat Closet team consists of 5 strong women who stay busy with their jobs, community engagements and volunteerism, as well as being incredible mothers.



YEAR-ROUND PROJECTS

SPARK works with small and large groups to engage them in meaningful service-learning opportunities.

Groups can be from teams, businesses/corporations, churches, neighborhoods, family and friendships.

SPARK designs a hands-on service project partnering with local causes and initiatives. SPARK handles all the project logistics, so a group can also grow stronger together while serving others.



COZY BUNDLE

In 2023 we hosted our 3rd Annual Cozy Bundle event in Winston-Salem, and our first in Mocksville. In total, we served 618 children through providing warm pajamas, blankets and books. we also fed 250 people a warm meal at our Winston-Salem event. Our Cozy Bundle is gaining traction and people from all across the city are donating year-round toward this event's impact.

We're thankful for shared spaces and partnership is at the core of who we are! We have offices at:

5250 Silas Creek Pkwy Winston-Salem, NC

and

The Hub at Augsburg Community Center

sharing space with The Dwelling, Love Out Loud, Positive Wellness Alliance, Community Coat Closet and City with Dwellings

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

Make checks payable to SPARK at mailing address:
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