Friends of Nobska Light, Inc.

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented by

Kathy Walrath, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors





# NOBSKA'S KEEPER SINCE 2015

# ABOUT THE FRIENDS

In 2015, the U.S. Coast Guard selected the Town of Falmouth in partnership with the 501(c)(3) Friends of Nobska Light to assume responsibility for Nobska Light Station. Since 2015 preservation of the tower, rehabilitation of the Keeper's house and site modifications to accommodate accessibility have been completed. Public tours of the tower and Keeper's house were initiated in August of 2023. In October of 2023, the Friends of Nobska Light applied for the transfer of the deed to the nonprofit under the National Lighthouse Preservation Act.

#### **OUR MISSION**

We are committed to save, restore, and preserve Nobska Light Station, to enhance the visitor experience with a maritime museum, and to share Nobska's Story with future generations.

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As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for all that we have accomplished together. This has been a year of growth, resilience, and renewed purpose made possible by the unwavering support of our board, advisory board, staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners.

Our volunteers continue to be the heart of our organization. Their dedication, time, and passion have amplified our impact in ways that words can scarcely capture. Whether leading tours, assisting with events, or lending their expertise behind the scenes, their contributions have been invaluable.

We are also deeply thankful for the generosity of our donors. Every gift—large or small supports our efforts. Your belief in our work fuels our ability to dream bigger and do more.

We developed a plan to ensure that our site resources: the Light, Keeper's house, property and its rich history are part of engaging programming for the community and accessible to all. These efforts reflect our steadfast commitment to preservation, access, and education—core values that guide every decision we make.

We remain devoted to preserving the rich heritage entrusted to us, while also ensuring that it is shared widely and meaningfully. Through thoughtful stewardship and inclusive programming, we are building bridges between the past and the future—inviting all to learn, connect, and be inspired.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are not only preserving history—we are shaping it. With gratitude,

Kathy Walrath

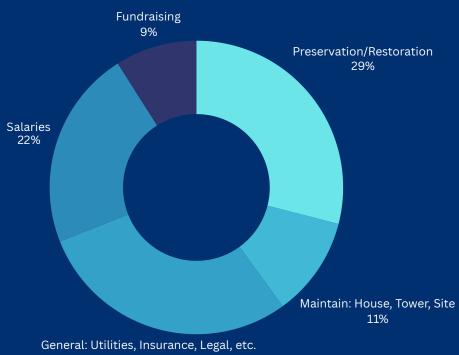
### **2024 AT A GLANCE**



This revenue summary is a reflection of our efforts to increase community engagement in our mission and initiate programs. We have been able to successfully increase gifts from individual donors, which include business partnerships, while continuing to explore grant opportunities. Note: the chart does not include a 100K grant applied for in 2024 but not awarded until January 2025. Our expenditures align with the preservation and education focus of our mission. By year end, we raised 83% of the phase one Beacons of Light Campaign goal. We are pleased with our current performance and believe our strategies will continue to support growth and sustainability. 2024

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#### **EXPENDITURES**



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## **DONOR IMPACT IN 2024**

50

**YOUR SUPPORT FUNDED PROGRAMS FOR** 2873 **VISITORS** 









**SUPPORTED** 10 **PRESERVATION AND MUSEUM PROJECTS** 

**Tower Painting** Metal Repair on Tower **Tower Downlighting Repair** Rebuilding of Holiday Wreath Flagpole Repair Restoration of Vista **Exterior Stair Repairs** Binnacle Restoration **Museum Display Cases** 2-Museum Exhibits

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# THE HEART OF NOBSKA... **OUR VOLUNTEERS**



Volunteer Hours 2015-2024







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Our volunteer program continues to grow in both the number of volunteers and the number of hours donated to our mission. As a result, we were able to offer twilight tours during the 2024 season. We recognize our operation would not be sustainable without these gifts of time provided over the years.







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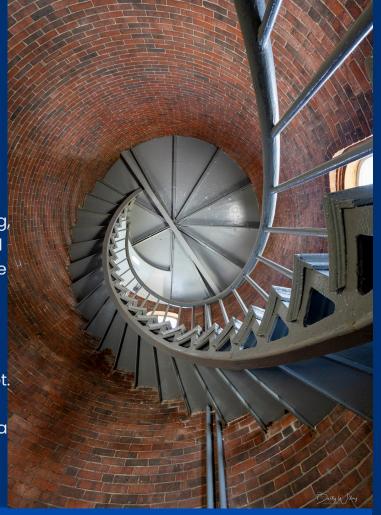
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## **SUMMARY**

This annual report highlights the passion and commitment to our lighthouse along with our progress in 2024. The addition of two part-time staff and new volunteers supported our ability to offer programming, increase tour hours and provide increased access to the Keeper's house. Together we have successfully expanded our constituent base and community engagement.

Our financial position is stable with no debt.
Overall, the report demonstrates our
commitment to the preservation of Nobska
and programing rich in maritime history.





## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

The deed for Nobska Lighthouse Station will transfer to the Friends of Nobska Light this summer! This award is the culmination of 10 years of devoted service by all those involved with our organization. We look forward to celebrating both our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the deed transfer. It is a new beginning for the Friends of Nobska Light as owners and final keepers of our Lighthouse. We look forward to your continued engagement in our mission.

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