Friends of Nobska Light, Inc.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented by

Kathy Walrath, President

On behalf of the Board of Directors





Nobska 2015

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.

Nobska 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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.

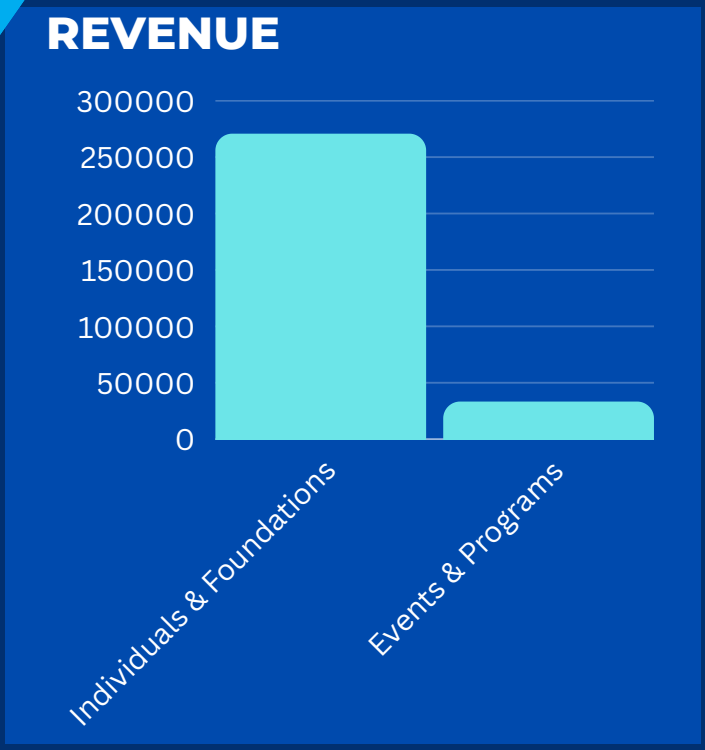
Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are not only preserving history—we are shaping it.

With gratitude,

Kathy Walrath

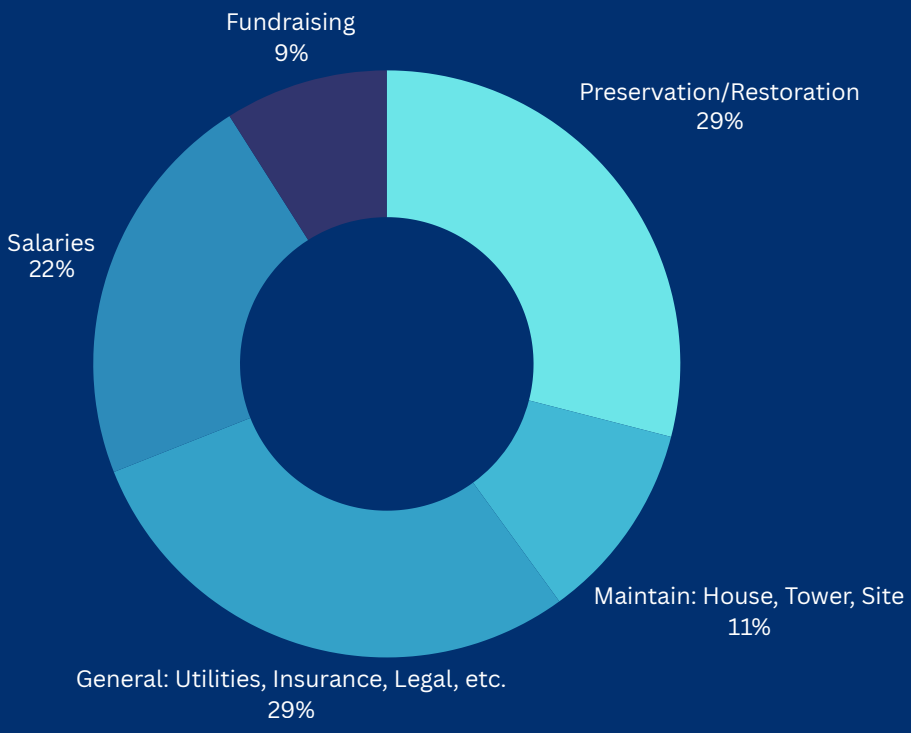
2024 AT A GLANCE

REVENUE



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.

EXPENDITURES



2024 Business Partners

Eat Your Heart Out Catering

Gilded Oyster & Coast Gold Works

Julia O'Malley-Keys

Shipwrecked & Heights Hotel

Cape Cod Winery

Falmouth Toyota

Hannoush Jewelers

Howlingbird

John's Liquor Store

Main Street Gallery

Patriot Party Boats



DONOR IMPACT IN 2024

YOUR SUPPORT FUNDED PROGRAMS FOR 2873 VISITORS







YOU 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

















THE HEART OF NOBSKA...
OUR VOLUNTEERS



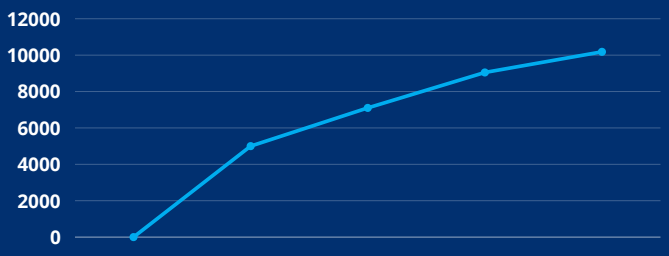




Our volunteer program continues to grow in both the number of volunteers and the number of hours donated to our mission. As a result, we were able to offer twilight tours during the 2024 season. We recognize our operation would not be sustainable without these gifts of time provided over the years.



Volunteer Hours 2015-2024







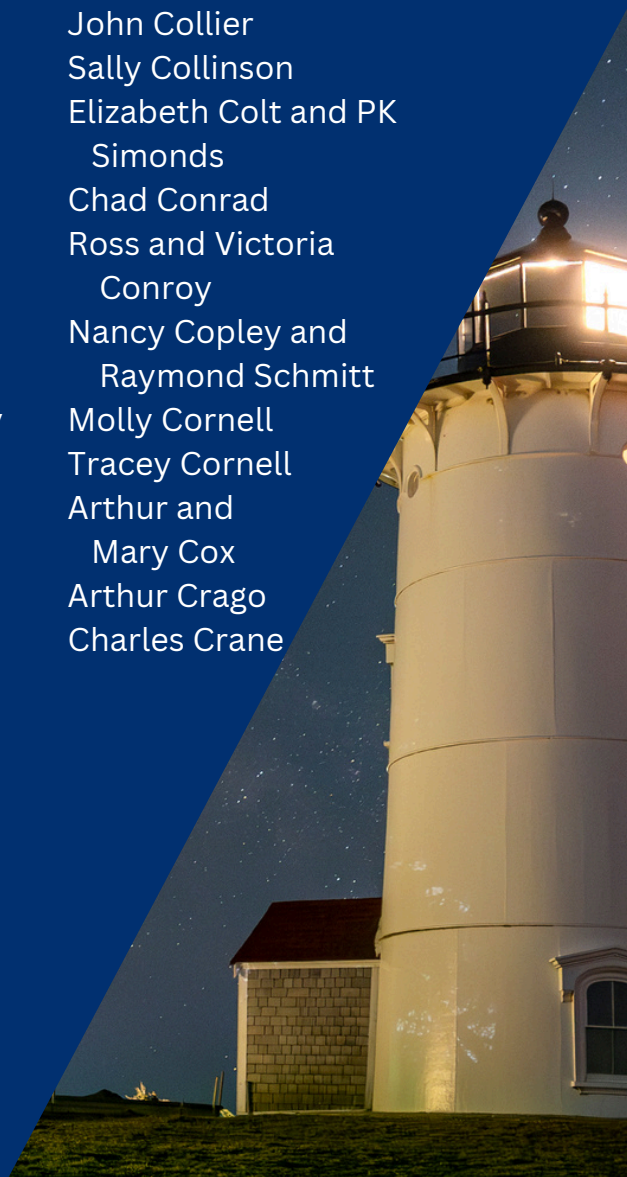






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SUMMARY

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 10th 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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