

GRATITUDE REPORT



RITE of PASSAGE JOURNEYS

IT'S ALL FROM YOU!

Your contribution to Rite of Passage Journeys is an investment in self-awareness and strength. Your support opens the door to the kind of “summit-the-pass” determination it takes for youth and adults to thrive in a world full of challenges.

You give them starlit nights around the fire, an authenticity of sharing most have never before experienced, connections that become a benchmark for healthy community. **Your contributions fund Mentors** who are there every step of the way, to listen, encourage and provide a framework for the revelations that arise — offering a gentle nudge that opens a door. *They return, forever changed...*

Thank you for investing in a positive future!

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Your 2017 investment in these unique, time-tested journeys served more youth ages 8-18 than ever before — immersing them in wilderness, community and opportunities to experience profound self-discovery and deep gratitude for life. **Sharing from the heart** around council fires, **pushing up a pass** carrying a heavy pack, reaching deeper inside than perhaps ever before to **persevere through an extended wilderness solo** — these are moments that help **shape the confident, resilient, soulful adults** we want our kids to become.



“ I went on a journey of a lifetime... [to] leave behind my childhood and enter young adulthood. Peter, one of the counselors, asked me a question before hiking, “**Are you ready for the wilderness to change you?**” Yes, I answered.”

— Luca, age 14, in his essay “50 Miles to Manhood”

Participants and Parents Say Thanks

“This trip was **beautiful and amazing and life-changing**. I've learned so much about myself and unlocked parts of me that I never knew existed. Thank you so much for all you do to make this possible. **This is exactly what we need to make our future bright.**” — *Izzy, age 13*

“Our son’s rite of passage Journey has been profound. When we first “got him back,” I felt immediately that **he was so grounded and connected to who he is**. Brandon has returned to us with a deep gratitude for his existence and life which he did not have before. As I handed over his schedule and responsibilities today, I watched him stand up and capably take them. I found it easy to let go of control seeing that there was a person on the other side who was suddenly capable of handling his own path.” - *Parent of Coming of Age participant*

Moon Rise: Coming of Age for Young Women
Fire on the Mountain
Journey Continues (Ages 14 – 18)

Mountain Quest: Coming of Age for Young Women
Mountain Quest: Coming of Age for Young Men (Ages 12-14)



ADULT PROGRAMS

Summer 2017 delivered the launch of our new **flagship training program, Restoring Youth Rites of Passage: Two-Week Leadership Intensive**. The fully-enrolled program was deeply catalytic in its first year, and we are on track for a honed 2nd cohort in 2018. Also full, the **Adult Wilderness Quest** returned with participants, guides and witnesses astoundingly grateful for the richness and transformation of the journey. A new weekend workshop and ensuing monthly community circle exploring dreamwork is nourishing our community of adults into 2018.



“ [I’m] grateful for such a deep experience, and know that my life, my work and the youth I have the opportunity to experience will be gaining directly from the **wisdom gained in these two weeks.**”

— Stacey, *Restoring Youth Rites of Passage*



Our 2017 Adult Offerings

Restoring Youth Rites of Passage:
2-Week Leadership Intensive

Mentor Training Program

Adult Wilderness Quest

Creating Soulful Rituals

Designing Transformative Rituals

Walking the Four Directions as
Conscious Elders

The Path of Non-Violent Resistance

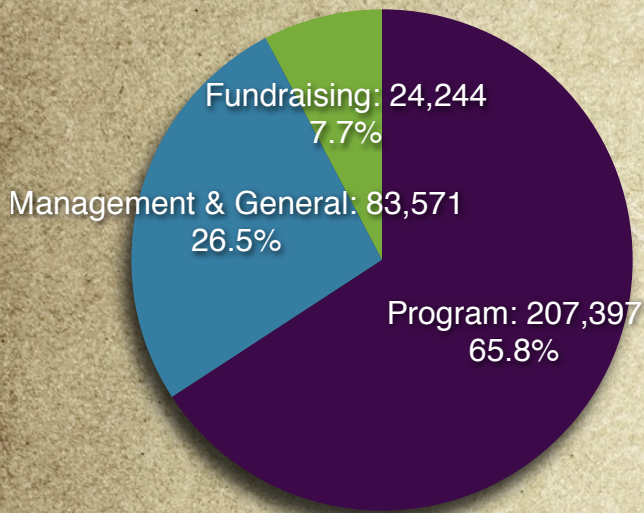
Dream Council

Counselor Camp

The Day Dream, the Night Dream
& the Life Dream

YOUR FUNDS AT WORK

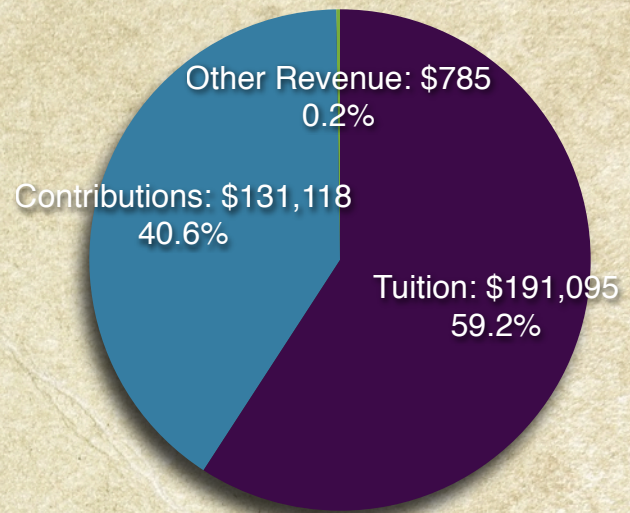
2017 EXPENSES



- Program: 207,397 = 66%
- Management & General: 83,571 = 26%
- Fundraising: 24,244 = 8%

TOTAL: \$315,212 = 100%

2017 REVENUE



- Tuition: \$191,095 = 59%
- Contributions: \$131,118 = 41%
- Other Revenue: \$785 = 0%

TOTAL: \$322,998 = 100%

(Source: IRS 990 Report 2017)

SUCCESSES your Investments created!

Guided **30,432 hours** of journeys into nature

Launched **new training hub**: Youth ROP 2-week Leadership Intensive

Provided **\$46,068 in scholarships** for families in need

Increased enrollment in wilderness programs by **36%**

Granted **8-passenger van** by King County
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles



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