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Cathance River

EDUCATION ALLIANCE

ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Cathance River Education Alliance is to use the natural resources of the Cathance River Nature Preserve to promote ecological and historical awareness and nature-based learning among students, educators, and the broader community; to foster the wise use of the Preserve; and to prepare future stewards of the Cathance River.



545

Students reached through nature-based learning programs offered by CREA in local schools.

23

Adult participants hiked the Preserve to learn about the geology of the Cathance River region.

17

Honors Biology students performed field studies with CREA.

6

The number of schools CREA partnered with within 2 local districts to offer nature-based learning opportunities for educators & students.

38

Learned about the History of the Cathance River with CREA.

113

Campers developed new skills, built friendships and explored nature in a safe and supportive environment.

3

The number of years that CREA has offered our "Summer Fellows" Professional Development Training for local educators.

787

Students learned about nature on the Preserve.



6

Weeks of summer camp

22

Enhanced their art and observation skills through CREA's engaging photography workshops.

Field trips to the CREA Ecology Center.

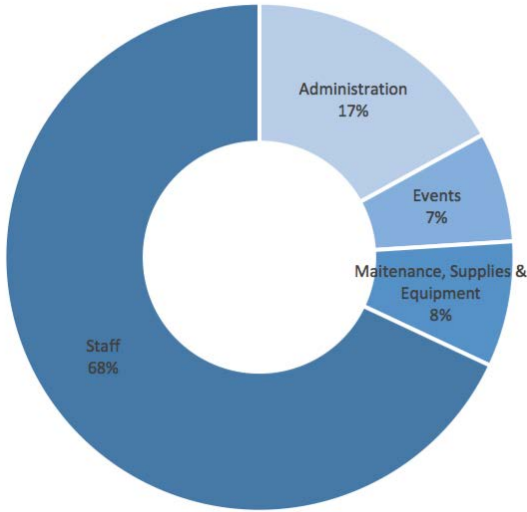
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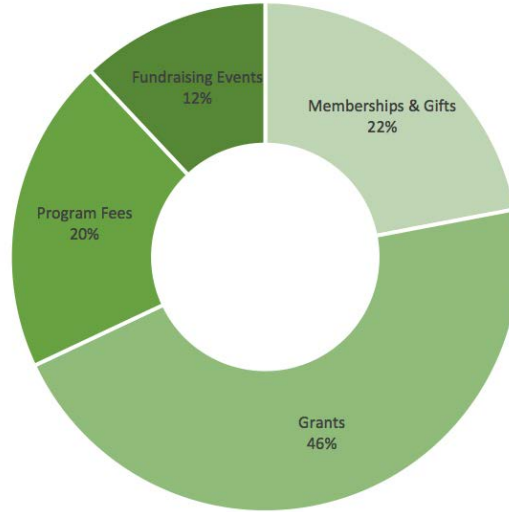
Participants of all generations engaged in CREA programs across our community.

FINANCE

ANNUAL EXPENSES



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OUR SUCCESS

CREA enjoyed yet another year of connecting people to nature, for the benefit of both. Our education programs reached people of all ages, and the informal learning that takes place after a structured program keeps things going beyond the time when we are together. Through the framework or the lens of a learning experience, observation and reflection continue – a process that knows no bounds!

Thank you to the members and supporters who make up the community of learners that is the Cathance River Education Alliance. Through our SummerFest celebration at the Maine Maritime Museum, we enjoyed an evening of music and shared our accomplishments, and thanks to the October online auction, we again boosted support for CREA's future and the heritage we all want to ensure. Thank you to all of you who join us at the Ecology Center and the places we explore learning about the wonders of nature.



OUR FUTURE

If you value learning opportunities for all ages, and you know that connection with nature is important, please consider supporting CREA. Your one-time donation, monthly gifts, or a contribution through estate giving, will ensure that future generations continue learning to be stewards of our precious earth.

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