

  
**Whittier**   
**Wildflowers**   
**Preschool**   


**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2022-2023**  
**YEAR 8**



**Our Values: LOVE, JOY, CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY & FUN!**

# Letter from Whittier Wildflowers Preschool

## A year of growing...

My heart is filled to overflowing looking back at all of the amazing growth that has happened at Whittier Wildflowers Preschool in the '22-'23 school year! I'm not just talking about how much the children have physically "grown" and all of the things they have learned at preschool, like how to express their feelings and write their names. In our 8th year, we are continuing to GROW as an organization.



We have grown in how we support our staff with increased benefits and paid time off.



We have grown in community with the WWP families through events and learning opportunities.



We have grown our board of directors, adding new perspectives and wisdom.

We are so thankful for each child, each family, each teacher, each volunteer, each financial supporter, each church and organization who help to make Whittier Wildflowers Preschool this beautiful community of LOVE & LEARNING!  
Here's to continued growth together!

With much love,  
Ann Hotz, WWP Director

## Board of Directors

Sarah Yamaguchi, President  
Jacob Deisch  
Dave Bowman

Ebony Ramquist, outgoing  
Lance Steinke  
Ammarah Sadiq

Amy Runion

## Our Staff:

Analia Grams,  
Rachel Glover, Alicia  
Matos, Tarah Koch,  
Laura Gonzalez  
Sarah Bates, Brooke  
Riggs, Ann Hotz,  
Director



# About Whittier Wildflowers Preschool

WWP began in 2015 when Calvary Church and The Berry Patch Preschool came together to create a new non-profit preschool in the Whittier neighborhood of South Minneapolis. Today with the support of churches, individuals, and others we are carrying out our mission.

**Our Mission:** is to provide children and families from all backgrounds an innovative, affordable early childhood education in a fun, faith-based community where love and learning grow!

## Highlights/Goals Met in '22-'23:

### Continually striving to provide **INNOVATIVE** early childhood education

- The staff learned more about “Adventurous Play” and are implementing new techniques.
- Adding 2 weeks of Summer Camp in June '23
- Adding more extended day options in Sept. '23



Staff development day on “Adventurous Play”. Did you know that young children need opportunities to be upside down and spin so their vestibular system develops properly?

## Staff Development & Increased Compensation Package

- TEACH Scholarship partnership supporting two staff who are attending MCTC working towards additional Early Childhood Certification.
- Added Flexible Benefits Stipend
- Added paid holidays

## Supporting Parents/ Building Community:

- Added Summer Playdates at the Park in 2022
- Added “Teacher/Family Visits” in the fall which fostered excellent relationships between staff and families.
- 100% participation in Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parent Connect groups - met twice per month
- Added a BIPOC parent educator for some Parent Connect gatherings

## Growing Partnerships with:

- Meetinghouse Church - two new classroom volunteers!
- Christ Presbyterian Church
- Calvary Church
- Gentry Academy in Vadnais Heights - student led service project

## Board Development:

- Added Jacob, Ammarah and Lance - with the perspectives of early childhood education, small business, finance, WWP parents, community members, BIPOC, church partner connection
- Thank you to Ebony Ramquist for 5 years of service!

## Spreading the word about WWP:

- WWP yard signs
- WWP swag - tote bags, jackets
- Updated website
- Ann was a featured speaker at Dress for Success and Urban Ventures “My Baby & Me”





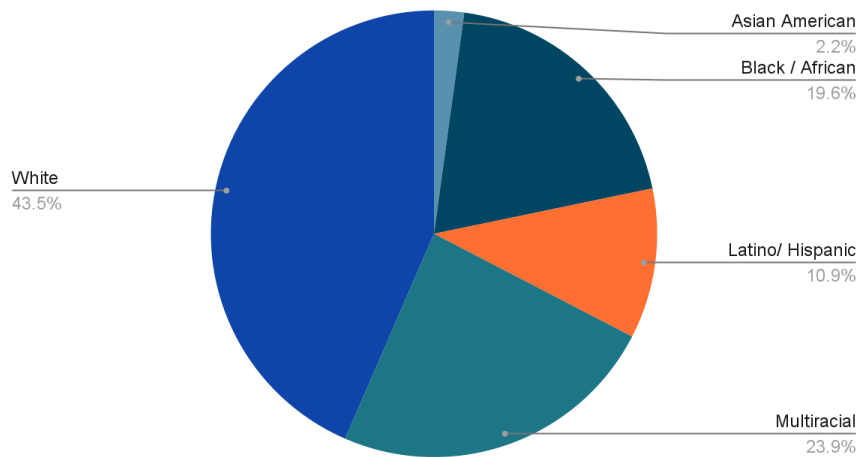
# About our students:

## 46 children and their families served

We were at 75% of our enrollment capacity. This was the ripple effect of lower enrollment during the pandemic and growing our capacity in 2022.

Our home languages: Amharic, Bambara, English, Ewe, French, Spanish, Somali, Tamil

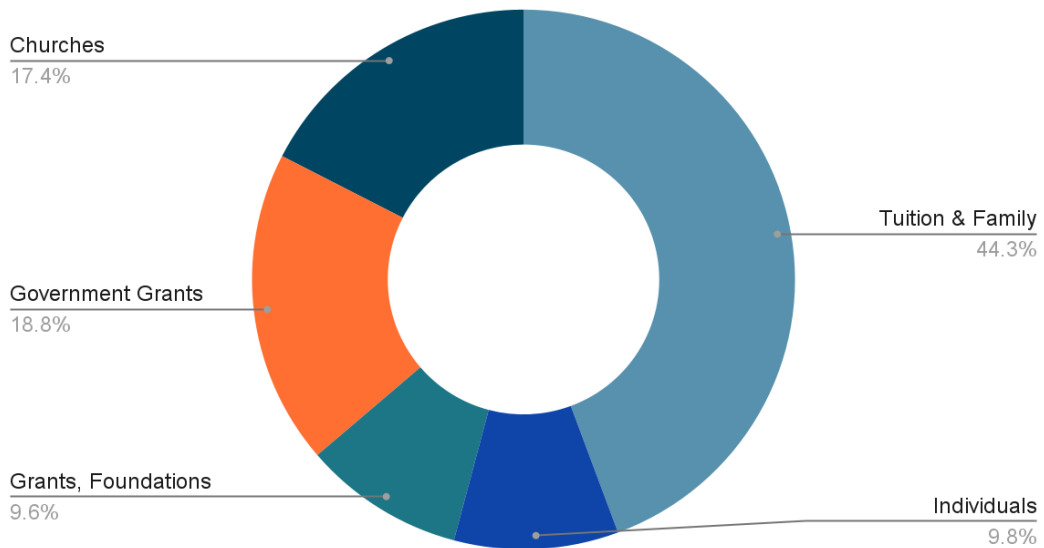
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# Revenue

Tuition & Family Contributions	\$127,109
Individuals	\$28,060
Grants, Foundations	\$27,509
Government Grants (COVID relief)	\$54,000
Churches	\$50,000
Total Revenue	\$286,678

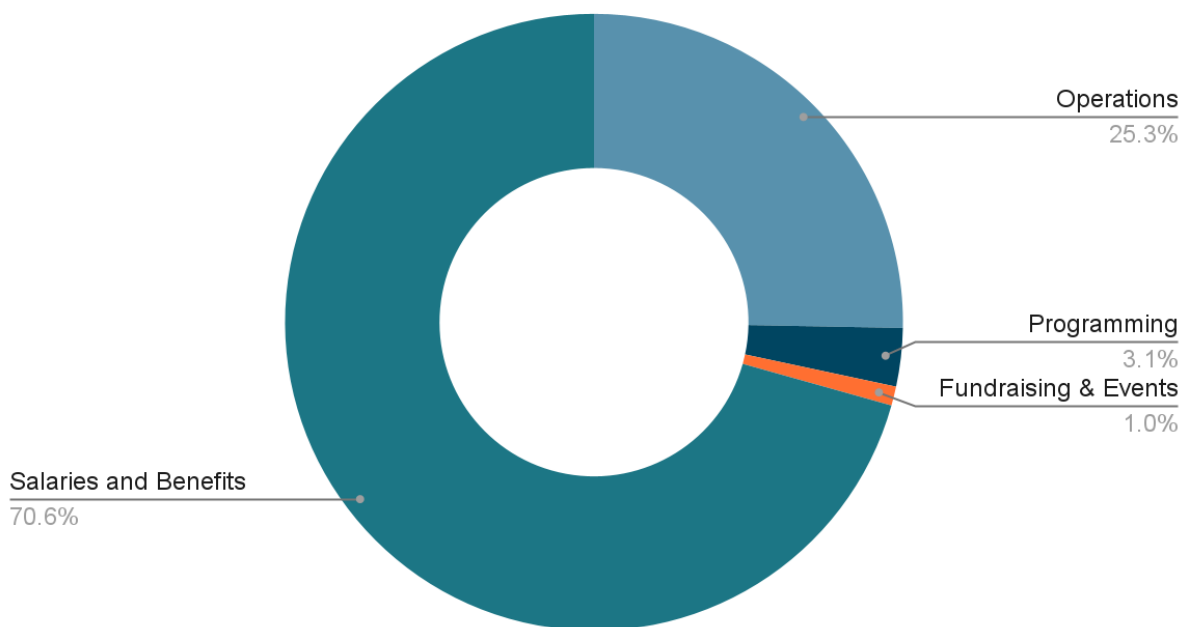
## Revenue



# Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$172,115
Operations	\$61,947
Programming	\$7,481
Fundraising & Events	\$2,452
Total Expenses	\$244,869

## Expenses



# **Thank you** to the individuals, foundations, churches and organizations whose gifts of support make Whittier Wildflowers Preschool possible!

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Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina  
Meetinghouse Church, Edina

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