

2021 TALL TURF MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR MISSION:

Equipping youth and families for lives of reconciliation in God's world.

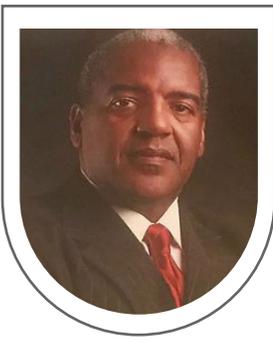
OUR VISION:

We aim for diverse groups of people to live, learn, play and worship together according to God's vision of wholeness.

OUR VALUES:

We value reconciliation, leadership and community partnerships.





REVIVE

by President and CEO, Marcus Hargrave

Nehemiah 2:20 "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We his servants will start..."

Blessings to you and your household! This time of year, I like to look back and reflect on what has occurred over the past few months. Without a doubt, we have been blessed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We at Tall Turf Ministries (TTM) understand "the Harvest is plenty, but the hands are few". In order for us to thrive, I understand, help is needed. Nehemiah 2:20 says: "The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, His servants will start..." This year, we have started or expanded relationships with numerous stakeholders. Including our board of directors, volunteers, and staff, I thank the following supporters:

- 4H of Oceana County
- Ada Bible
- Ada Christian
- Barnabas Foundation
- Brookside CRC
- Cascade Fellowship
- Classis GR East
- Fremont Area Foundation
- Gerber Foundation
- GRIL
- Hesperia Community Schools
- Iglesia De Cristo Misionera
- LaGrave CRC
- Love Inc
- Neland Ave CRC
- Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency
- Oceana County Community Foundation
- Revive Church (Hesperia Michigan)
- South Christian High School Cross Country Team

These collaborations have blessed us with prayers, program participation, and fund development. As we continue, we understood TTM is needed now more than ever. From the riots in 1968 to the summer of unrest in 2020, Tall Turf and organizations like ours are needed to find we all have more in common than differences. One program or one organization cannot fix all of our society's problems, but we know going to God first is the best step! Thank you for your continued support!

UNTRADITIONAL

As the year comes to a close on another "untraditional" camp season I am reminded how God uses these times to grow and develop. Tall Turf continued to use innovative programming to reach youth and families both at camp and in Grand Rapids. During the school year space at camp was available for distance learners in the community who needed wifi access. This summer LITs learned how to serve and work in their communities through week night programming at Neland Ave CRC and at camp through different family camp weekends. 2022 will be an exciting year as Tall Turf is eagerly awaiting to welcome campers and families back to camp this summer in person for overnight and weekend programming. We are also excited to add additional outdoor education opportunities throughout the school year. Thank you for your continued support on this journey and join us next year as we celebrate being together again! - Lydia Kuyvenhoven, Board Chair





... GOD IS GOOD

by Site Manager, David Brassler



It is cold and rainy out as I am writing this, but the beauty of God's creation here at Camp Tall Turf is always evident. I feel

blessed any time I step onto this property - every season has its own unique beauty. Autumn on Campbell Lake is glorious, and groups have been hiking the trails, carving pumpkins on the picnic tables, and helping out with fall clean up.

- A garden has been added by the barn, to grow fresh veggies and teach campers about plants and how they grow.
- We now have a more visible tall turf sign at the intersection of Scout & 192nd
- Installed a security fence around our internet tower.
- Work groups from Covenant High School and Ada Christian School helped on a lot of maintenance/work projects.

In addition to all of the normal maintenance like wrestling with plumbing, carpentry, cleaning and painting, and spending sunny days mowing, a lot of other things have been happening here...

- All of our cabins have gotten a bathroom upgrade in the form of new sinks and countertops.
- Trails have been upgraded and expanded. We added a 5k course, thanks to a partnership with South Christian High School.
- More outdoor seating has been added to Main Camp.

In the coming months, we are planning on upgrading the lighting in our cabins, restoring the house by the entrance to be available for rentals, adding shelving/storage to the cabins, giving rental spaces a fresh coat of paint, deep cleaning, and installing new refrigerators in the Proctor Youth and Family Center.

None of this would be possible without your support. Thank you for all of your help through prayers, time, money, or other donations. God has truly blessed us through you and we are excited to continue partnering with you as we continue God's mission in the coming year!

**IN MOVING FORWARD,
WE ANXIOUSLY LOOK
FORWARD TO HAVING
A FULL SUMMER OF
CAMP IN 2022 AND
FILLING ALL CABINS.
WE ALREADY HAVE
STAFF + RESOURCES
COMMITTED AND
BELIEVE WE WILL BE
ABLE TO OPERATE
SAFELY.**



Welcome Back Wednesdays was a partnership between Neland Avenue CRC and Tall Turf Ministries. Each ministry provided an hour of fun and activities around a specific theme to promote fellowship, faith in God and reconciliation. The program activities were geared toward youth in grades two through eight.

Family Camp - Tall Turf Ministries hosted sessions of 3-day Family Camp at Camp Tall Turf this summer. Families enjoyed meals, lodging and activities - all included within their flat registration fee. Additionally, a partnership with a donor in Newaygo County allowed up to ten families to attend our second Tall Turf Ministries Family Camp at no cost.



LITs - The Leaders in Training (LITs) worked throughout the summer and fall on becoming Christian Servant Leaders. They also participated in numerous activities in the community including decorating bags for Kids' Food Basket and sack supper program, and also provided hygiene items for women in homeless shelters.

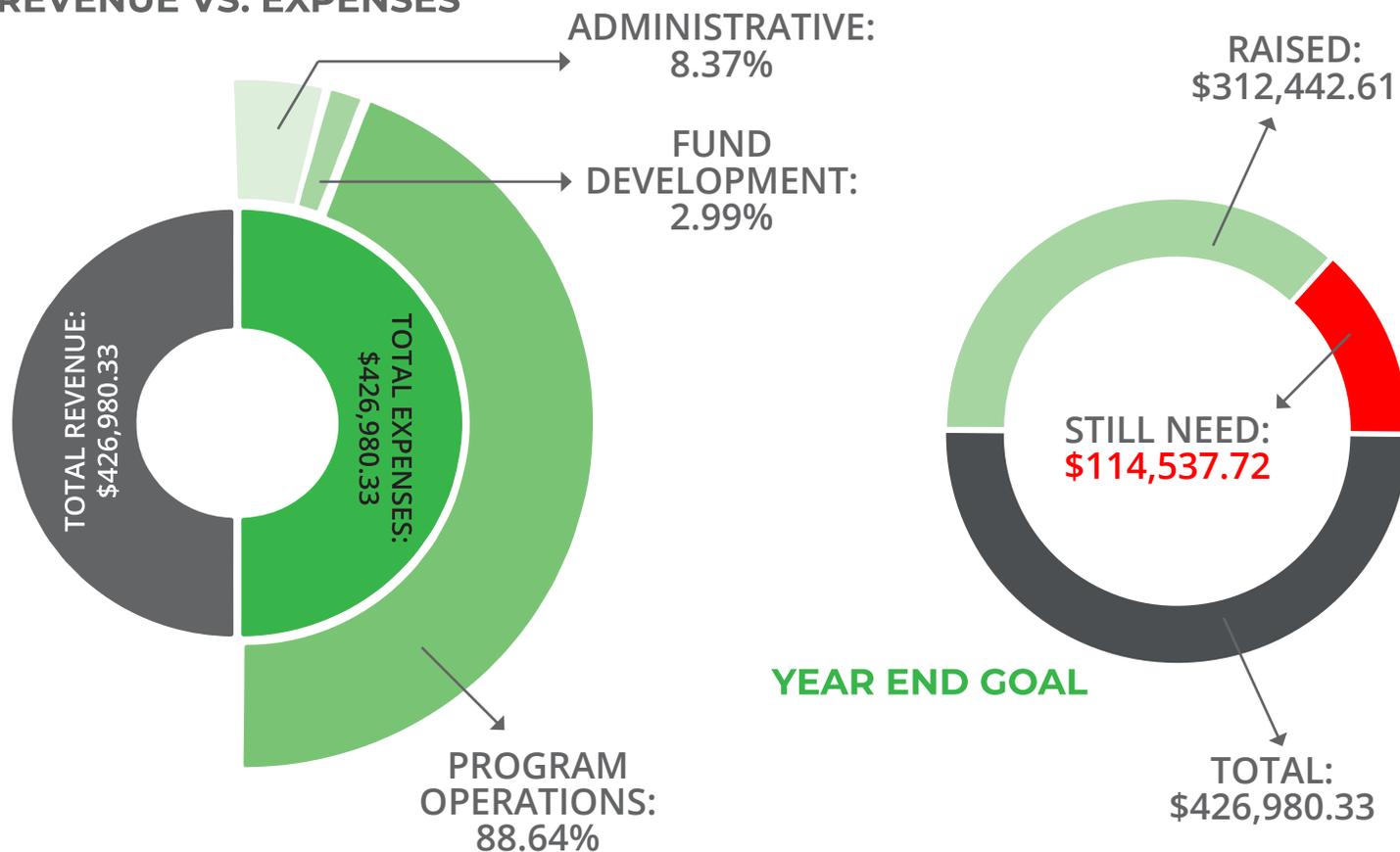


FINANCIAL REPORT



Tall Turf Ministries has a transparent budget and financial report. If you have questions, or seek clarification, don't hesitate to reach out: info@tallturf.org. We feel very blessed by our donors and partnerships that make this financial report possible!

REVENUE VS. EXPENSES



PARTNERING WITH TALL TURF MINISTRIES

Pray

That Tall Turf Ministries will continue to make an impact for eternity in the lives of our campers and their families.

Increase

Your current or past giving to help us meet our critical needs.

Encourage

Your friends, family, coworkers, and anyone else you believe would be interested in supporting us.

Support

- Year-end gift
- Monthly giving
- Provide a Camp Scholarship
- Fund a project
- Estate or Planned Gift
- Refer us to a friend

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