



WONDERSPRING
EARLY EDUCATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



DEAR FRIENDS OF WONDERSPRING,



As we reflect on the 2024–2025 year, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride in all that we’ve accomplished together. This year marked not only a period of tremendous growth but also a celebration of our rich history and a renewed commitment to the future of early childhood education.

In honor of our 60th anniversary, we came together with longtime partners, dedicated staff, board members, and alumni to celebrate our Diamond Anniversary—a milestone made even more meaningful by the generous support that helped us meet our goal of raising \$60,000 to fuel our mission forward.

We expanded our reach in the community by partnering with the Philadelphia Housing Authority to bring summer camp to the Hartranft Community Center, with plans already underway to introduce after-school care and early education services to the site. We also opened our new Smith Playground location, increasing access to high-quality programs for more families. In addition, we’re proud to have built a brand-new playground at our Powelton Village location with the help of KABOOM! and Fannie Mae, creating more safe, inspiring spaces for children to learn and grow.

Staff retention continues to be a hallmark of our success, and this year, we’re proud to report a 93% staff retention rate—a testament to our investment in our people. As part of that commitment, we provided two organization-wide teacher retention bonuses and launched The Wonderspring Wire, an internal newsletter designed to strengthen communication and build community among staff.

In keeping with our focus on leadership and development, we also launched a Leadership Training Institute, equipping team members with tools to grow both professionally and personally. Furthermore, through a generous grant from the William Penn Foundation, we kicked off an exciting new collaboration with JJPI: the Mental Health Initiative for Nurturing Development (MIND). This initiative aims to provide culturally competent, high-quality mental health services to our staff, families, and children—an essential pillar of whole-child care.

Internally, we are actively strengthening our organizational culture and commitment to equity. This year we formed a Board DEI Committee and hosted a series of town hall meetings to ensure we are listening to and learning from the voices of our families and staff.

As we look ahead, we do so with energy, optimism, and an unwavering dedication to creating environments where every child can thrive. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Your belief in our mission makes our work possible.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zakiyyah Boone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

ZAKIYYAH BOONE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR:

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As Chair of the Board of Directors at Wonderspring, I am honored to reflect on a year that has been both deeply rooted in legacy and boldly focused on the future. The 2024–2025 program year marked our 60th anniversary. Sixty years is a powerful milestone that not only celebrated where we've been, but also affirmed where we're going.

Throughout the past year, the board has had the privilege of supporting a dedicated and visionary leadership team. Under the guidance of CEO Zakiyyah Boone, Wonderspring has expanded its reach in meaningful ways including opening new locations, forging critical partnerships, and investing in our most valuable resource: our people. From the launch of the Leadership Training Institute to develop our staff to building the Kaboom Playground in the Powelton Village community, this year has shown what is possible when innovation, compassion, and strategy align.

As a board, we are particularly proud of Wonderspring's continued commitment to equity and excellence. The formation of a Board DEI Committee, robust staff retention efforts, and the inclusive conversations hosted through town hall meetings are all examples of the organization's dedication to shared leadership and continuous growth. We believe these efforts are not just initiatives, they are part of a long-term culture shift that will serve children, families, and staff for generations to come.

In my role, I have also seen firsthand how Wonderspring's impact extends beyond the classroom. We are creating environments where children can thrive physically, emotionally, and academically. These efforts matter now more than ever, especially in communities facing challenges related to income, opportunity, and access to high-quality care.

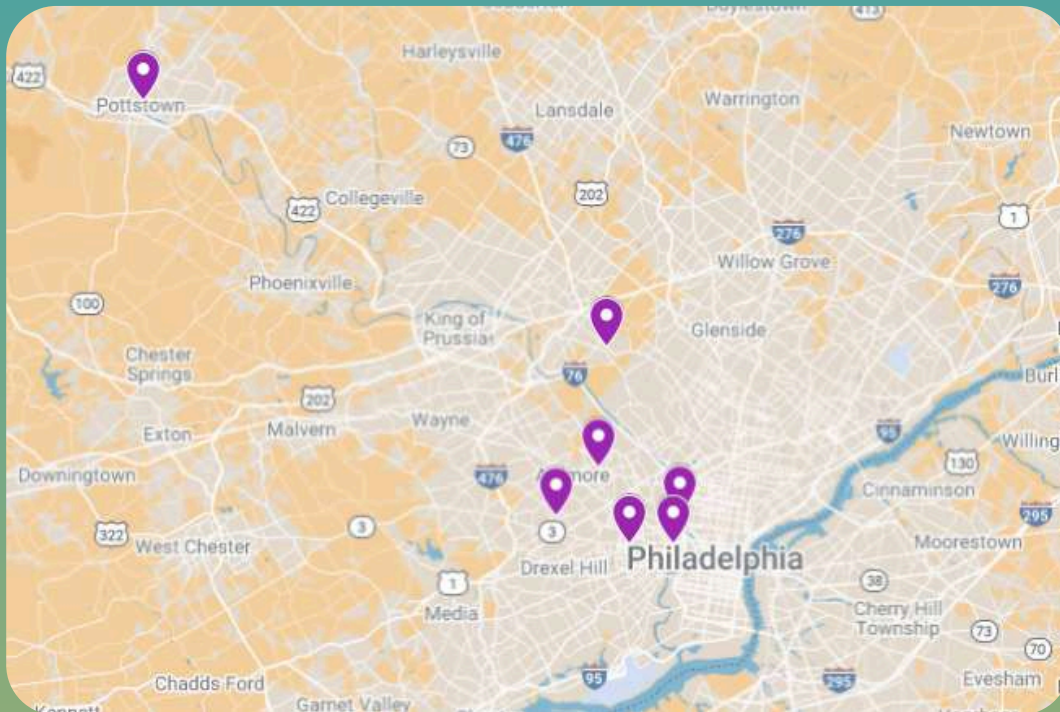
On behalf of the entire board, thank you for walking alongside us as funders, partners, educators, and advocates. Your support powers this work and amplifies our reach.

With sincere appreciation,

Nina Spizer
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CHAIRWOMAN



LOCATIONS



WONDERSPRING HAVERTOWN
1208 ALLSTON ROAD, HAVERTOWN, PA 19083



WONDERSPRING NARBERTH
201 SABINE AVENUE, NARBERTH, PA 19072



WONDERSPRING NEW MARKET WEST
5901 MARKET STREET, SUITE 101
PHILADELPHIA PA 19139



WONDERSPRING POTTSTOWN
150 N HANOVER ST, POTTSTOWN, PA 19464



WONDERSPRING POWELTON VILLAGE
3939 WARREN STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104



**WONDERSPRING AT SMITH
PLAYGROUND**
3500 RESERVOIR DRIVE, PHILADELPHIA, PA
19121



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WONDERSPRING BY THE NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR 2024-2025 IMPACT ACROSS OUR CENTERS AND COMMUNITIES:



Over 1,000 children & families served



83 IEPs + 10 IFSPs supported

Inclusive supports for children with diverse learning needs



75+ family engagement events

Hosted and attended at our centers and in our communities



30% staff with 7+ years at Wonderspring

And more than half with at least three years.



68 different ZIP codes reached

Serving a large geographical scope across Philadelphia, Montgomery and Delaware counties



AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR

At Wonderspring Early Education, our mission is to provide pathways to quality early learning for all children across the communities we serve. Guided by our 2023–2028 strategic plan, this year marked meaningful progress in strengthening programs, expanding access, and deepening family partnership.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2023-28:

1. RECRUIT, RETAIN & SUPPORT HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS
2. PREPARE MORE CHILDREN FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS
3. INCREASE ENGAGEMENT WITH FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
4. EMBRACE A DIVERSE, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL CHILDREN, STAFF AND FAMILIES BELONG

THIS YEARS PROGRESS:

- We **invested in staff development** through expanded training, mentoring, and the launch of our **Leadership Training Institute**.
- We **strengthened access** by opening a new early education center at **Smith Memorial Playground** and expanding programming through partnerships such as the Philadelphia Housing Authority.
- We **deepened family engagement** with events, celebrations, and classroom involvement across all centers.
- We **enhanced supports for children with special needs** through strong collaboration with evaluators, service providers, and families.



EXPANDING ACCESS WITH A BRAND NEW CENTER

We are thrilled to share that this past year, Wonderspring entered into an exciting new partnership with Smith Memorial Playground. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in our growth, as we prepare to open a brand-new early education center in the daycare space of the Playhouse in fall 2025.

This expansion not only deepens our roots in the Philadelphia community but also allows us to bring high-quality early learning to even more children in a space that celebrates play, imagination, and childhood.

Thanks to a transformational gift from PNC Foundation, we will also build a dedicated outdoor playspace exclusively for our new center to further enrich the daily experiences of our students.





A NEW PLAYSPACE BLOOMS IN POWELTON VILLAGE

This year, Wonderspring celebrated the successful completion of a vibrant new playground at our Powelton Village location. This was an inspiring project made possible through a powerful partnership with KABOOM! and Fannie Mae.

Together with our generous partners and the support of community volunteers, we transformed the existing and aging play space into a joyful, engaging playscape where children can learn, grow, and thrive through play. The new playground reflects our deep commitment to creating safe, enriching environments that support every aspect of a child's development.

We are incredibly grateful to KABOOM! and Fannie Mae for their investment in our children and families, and for helping us bring this space to life. This space will serve our community for years to come. Together, we proudly dedicated our new playground to Mr. Jeffery Hayward, who served as Fannie Mae's Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer until his retirement in December 2023. Mr. Hayward held numerous leadership roles during his remarkable 36-year tenure at Fannie Mae. As a native of South Philadelphia and an accomplished graduate of West Philadelphia's John Bartram High School, Wonderspring is honored to recognize his legacy and deep commitment to the community through the naming of our new play space.

Following the celebration of the new play space, Mr. Hayward and his wife, Ardelia, made a transformative gift which will directly benefit our staff and facility at Powelton Village.

All of us at Wonderspring are deeply grateful for the Hayward family's extraordinary generosity and investment in our mission. Their gift is not only a powerful affirmation of the vital work our staff do each day, but also a meaningful step toward creating a more supportive and sustainable environment for our educators and the children they serve. We are inspired by their commitment to our community and honored by their belief in our vision.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



On June 5, 2025, Wonderspring celebrated its 60th anniversary. Hosted at the beautiful Smith Memorial Playhouse and Playground in Fairmount Park, we had a wonderful evening bringing together supporters, staff, friends, and families of Wonderspring.

Wonderspring was originally founded in 1964 as the Day Care Association of Montgomery County, which began as one small site in Ambler, PA to address unmet needs for child care locally. Wonderspring has since evolved and developed into a regional leader in providing families throughout the Greater Philadelphia Area with affordable, high-quality educational environments. We remain committed to serving children and families across Montgomery, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties.

As we look toward the future, Wonderspring is proud to carry on the legacy of 60 years of giving back to the community by supporting our youth.

Our 60th anniversary event raised just over \$60,000 thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters listed on the following page. These funds will directly support our ongoing efforts to provide equitable access to quality education for all children in the Greater Philadelphia area by contributing to our scholarship fund and overall operational support.

We are deeply grateful for everyone who helped make this milestone possible—and excited for all that lies ahead as we continue to help children learn, grow, and thrive.



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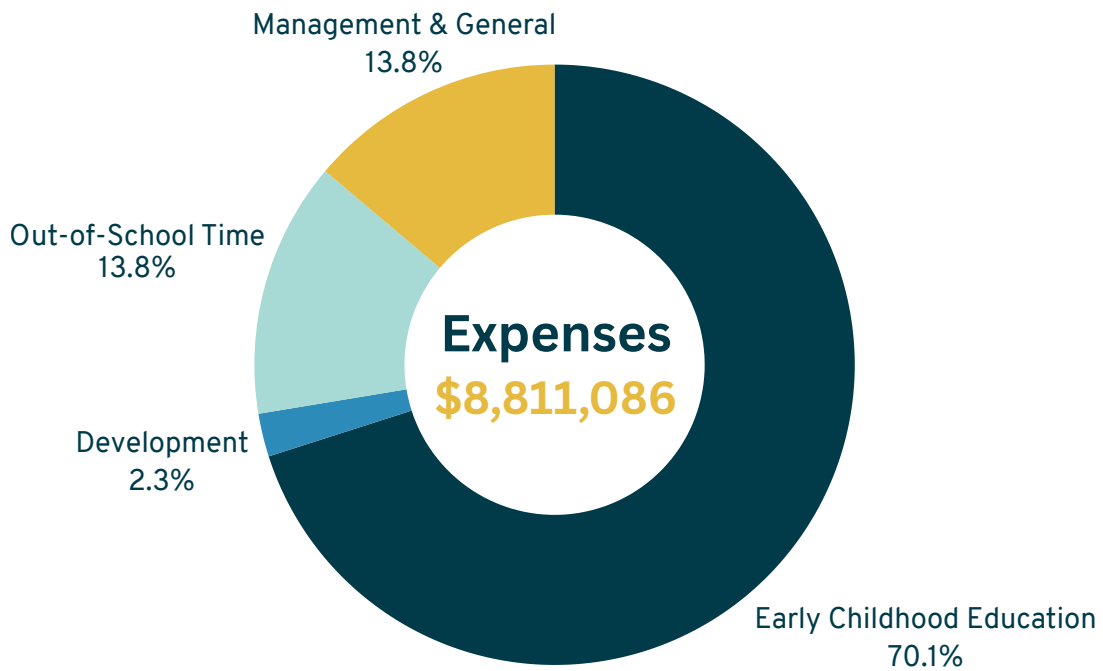
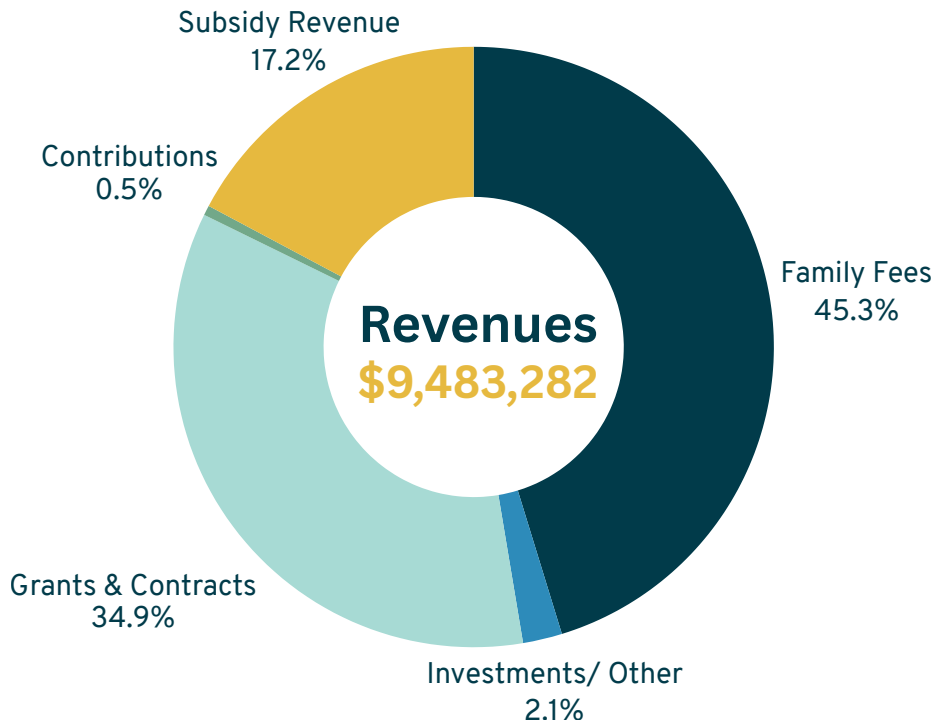


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FINANCIALS

This data was derived from Wonderspring's audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024.



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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

Thanks to our community, Wonderspring's mission continues to grow and thrive. We are deeply grateful for the families, caregivers, alumni, educators, neighbors, mentors, and generous individuals who support our work—not only through gifts, but through trust and partnership.

Every donation, whether made in celebration, in honor of a child, or in support of brighter futures, helps strengthen classrooms, expand play-filled learning, and ensure more children and teachers feel supported in places they belong.

To the foundations and institutional partners who invest in quality early education, thank you for making sustained impact possible. These investments support our scholarship fund, new outdoor learning spaces, staff leadership development, and community expansion.

And to the families and individuals who give out of love for our children and belief in our work, thank you. Your generosity reminds us that this mission lives not just in our programs, but in our community.

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