



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the Executive Director

This past year was one of positive impact, growth, and deepened connections. We had our share of challenges too - a flood in our new education center the week of Nauti Nite, loss of funding sources, and increased costs of doing business. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers, WAVE Foundation continued to expand our reach across classrooms, communities, and waterways bringing hands-on environmental education to more than 30,000 eager learners and empowering individuals of all ages to make waves for a healthier Ohio River and oceans.

From inspiring curiosity in young students to mobilizing families and partners to become WAVE Water Warriors, our work continues to reflect a simple truth: **local actions matter**. What we do along the Ohio River directly affects the health of the ocean, and together, we are proving that education is one of the most powerful tools for change.

Thank you for being part of the WAVE Foundation community. Together, we are creating *Ripples of Change* that protect aquatic life and inspire a more sustainable future. I'd love to hear from you - How do you want to get involved? How is WAVE's work inspiring you?

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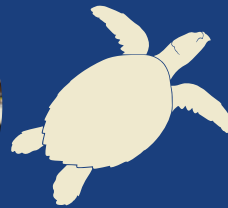
Educating the Community

396 Campers

Explored aquatic life and made life-long memories and friendships

23,646 Students

Reached through education programs



47 Camp Scholarships

Gave kids from low-income families the opportunity to learn and grow with friends

96%

of teachers were likely to recommend WAVE's programs to a colleague

WAVE on Wheels

398 Mobile Programs

Throughout Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati

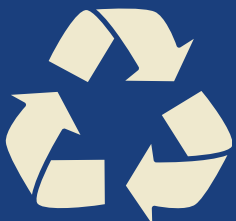


17 Community Events

Including festivals, fairs and public programs

94%

of participants became aware of actions related to conservation



205 Fully Funded Programs

Reached low-income populations with the Community Outreach Scholarship Fund

Conservation in Action

115 River Sweep Volunteers

Cleaned the banks of the Ohio River

1,300 WAVE Water Warriors

Pledged to reduce their water consumption

444 Pounds of Trash



33 Full Bags



1.3 Miles of Riverbank

In partnership with ORSANCO/F.O.R.E

25 Trees Planted in Newport

In partnership with ReNewport

Volunteer Engagement

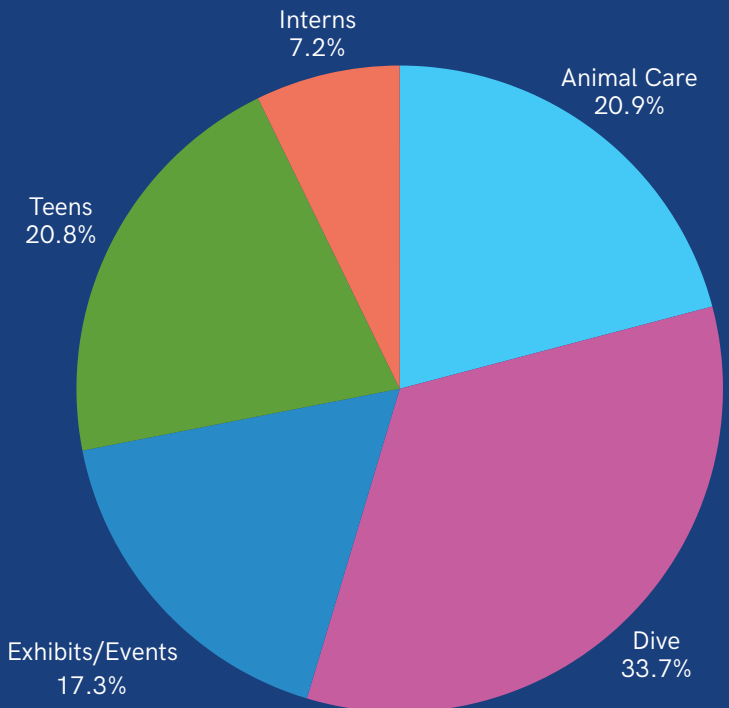
15,749 Hours

Donated by 310 volunteers

- 323 Exhibits/Events
- 94 Divers
- 75 Animal Care
- 48 Teens
- 8 Interns



Hour Distribution



19% Increase

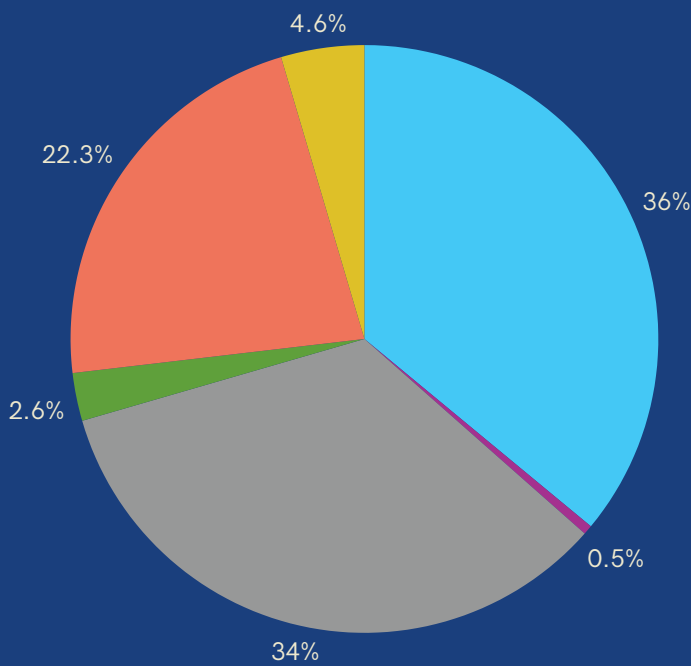
In Hours Served from 2024

Legend

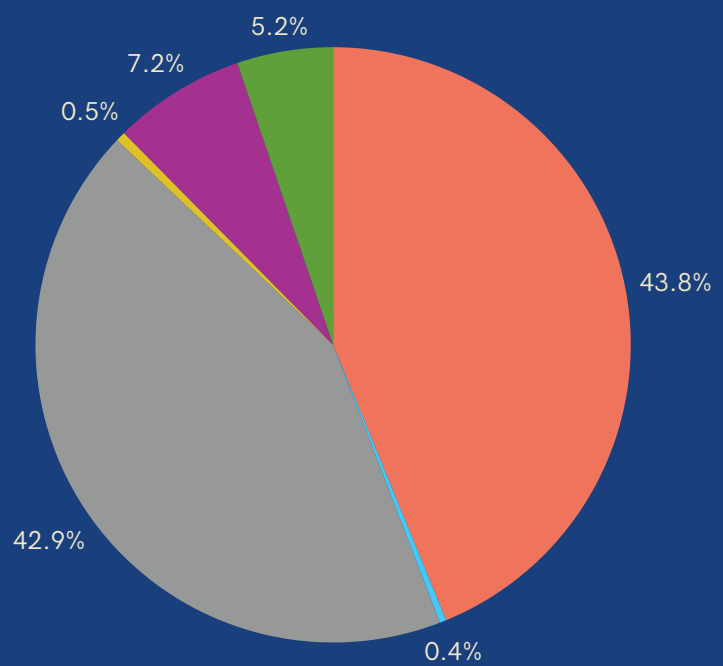
- Development ●
- Conservation & Community Engagement ●
- General ●
- Social Enterprise ●
- Education ●
- Volunteer ●



Revenue



Expenses



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