



# STONINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# 2022 AT A GLANCE

There is deep gratitude to our donors, partners, members, and families who played a key role in the COMO's successes in 2022. The year highlighted the juxtaposition of celebrating our traditions, and creating new innovative ways to fundraise, serve, and connect—all while ensuring the community and the COMO's standard of excellence is at the center of all that we do together.

## JANUARY - MARCH



STEAM Director Victoria Witte competed on the national stage at the Wichita Make48 maker competition. COMO expanded STEAM program offerings in 2022 to include fine arts, homeschool, and prek pottery classes aimed at bringing art to youth in a fun and experiential way.

The COMO was chosen as one of the hometown recipients of Subaru's Share the Love event. Thanks to the generosity of the community and Valenti Subaru, the program brought in \$11,000 in support of the COMO mission!



## APRIL - JUNE



7 amazing Mighty Moms took on the challenge and raised over \$10,000 on behalf of the COMO! Each mom partnered with a local business sponsor and fundraised to help provide affordable, accessible programs for all.

In addition to fundraising efforts, funding through the American Rescue Plan Act helped COMO install a new playground! The playground includes sensory activities and equipment for prek-age children, while keeping elements of play for all ages.



A partnership with the Stonington Historical Society brought Chief Dave Erskine to the COMO for a presentation on the History of the COMO dating from the 1940s. Chief Erskine highlighted location changes, popular programs, and the history of how the COMO came to be today.



# 16,957

estimated lbs  
of clothing  
repurposed &  
reused at  
COMO Thrift



## JULY - SEPTEMBER

2022 marked the 70th Annual Stonington Village Fair! Since 1952, volunteers, artists, businesses, nonprofits, and community members have come together every August for a day of games, music, food and fundraising!

# 150

average program  
registrations  
per month

Our young makers had the opportunity to help laser engrave 40 promotional cutting boards for local business CHABASO as part of a COMOmade STEAM retail project! The makerspace aims to teach youth about technology using real world examples.



# \$32,950

in college  
scholarships  
awarded  
from 6  
funds

## OCTOBER - DECEMBER



Doris Muller Preschool achieved re-accreditation, ensuring the community has access to the highest quality childcare. As a National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited facility, the team goes through rigorous reporting and self-study to meet NAEYC's 10 Early Learning Program Standards.

# 5,600

lbs of clay  
thrown in  
the COMO  
Pottery Studio

Little Dribblers and Little Kickers took to the courts & fields! These new adult-accompanied athletics programs are a fun-filled way of introducing kids to basketball and soccer while increasing body movement, coordination, and confidence.



# \$5,699

raised through  
Pennies for  
Programs

*Better Together since 1945.*

# HONOR ROLL

## WHITMAN AWARDEE: JACOB DELMONACO

Jacob is a Junior Leader with a long history at the COMO, starting with being a part of COMO preschool! He has taken part in the Junior Leadership Program for multiple years, with his favorite service projects being those that bring the full community together. Jacob's commitment to community is evident through his meaningful community service, and he is already planning to continue volunteering in his college years at Eastern CT State University where he plans to major in Mathematics.



## COACH OF THE YEAR: KEN NADEAU

In 2022, Ken was a dedicated coach, volunteering his time for both our youth soccer and basketball programs, coaching in over 10 sessions. Ken began volunteering at the COMO as a way to be actively involved and spend quality time with his three children while meeting other families in the community. Beyond giving his time, Ken went the extra mile to input his volunteer hours at his workplace, which will make a donation on his behalf of his generosity! Ken hasn't stopped volunteer coaching and as we enter the new seasons of athletics, his energy and commitment each practice continue to make COMO athletics programs stronger.



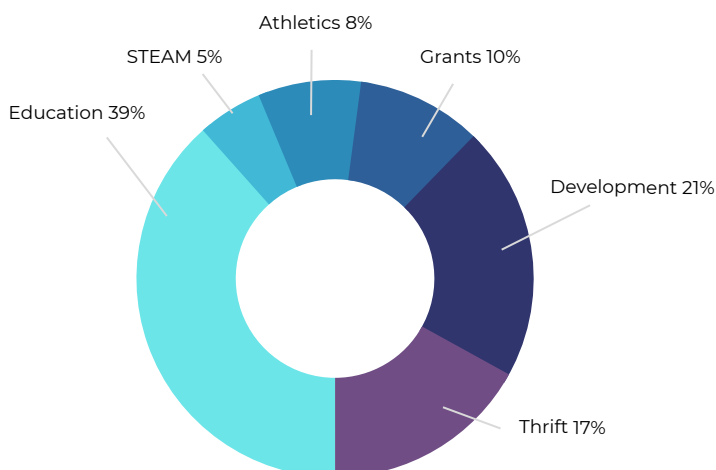
## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: NICOLE JONES

Nicole is no stranger to volunteer work, offering her time and talents in support of many initiatives throughout our community including Stonington Feeds Stonington during the pandemic. She joined the COMO as part of a basketball committee tasked at reviving programs post COVID. In addition to attending committee meetings, leading practices, and helping to secure sponsorships, she also served as a team manager for COMO travel basketball and helped to bring Her Time to Play to Stonington Middle School. Through it all, Nicole brought her enthusiasm, new ideas, and dedication to youth athletics. Nicole loves seeing the direct impact that her volunteer work has on the community and sharing her spirit of volunteerism with her daughter Peyton who has launched initiatives of her own like Crafts for a Cause: Ukraine. We are so grateful to have her as part of our COMO-unity.



# FINANCIALS

Income: \$2,014,257



Expenses: \$2,014,257

Capital expenses include preschool classroom furniture, updated building security system, paddle hut remodel and court resurfacing, and an HVAC fund for the COMO main building.

