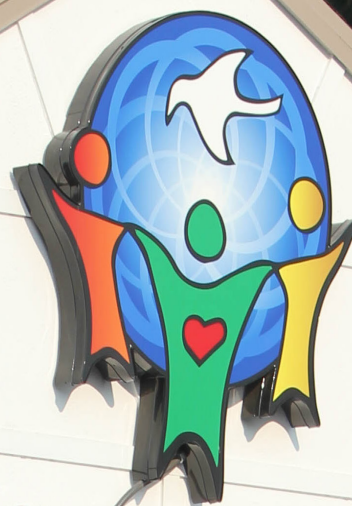


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Annual Report

**Building Peace by Creating
Peacemakers**



PEACE PAVILION





WHO WE ARE

The Peace Pavilion / PeacePathways nonprofit is focused on teaching peacemaking skills through an interactive children's museum, creating partnerships within the community and with other organizations, and through online and in person peace education.

VISION STATEMENT

The Peace Pavilion creates paths of justice and peace by promoting peaceful learning, living, and action.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Peace Pavilion will equip people of all ages to create peaceful environments and practices in their families, schools, and communities through interactive exploration, education, advocacy, and community collaboration.

GOALS

2024-2027 Strategic Goals

1. Program – Equip people of all ages with peacebuilding skills by providing educational opportunities in multiple formats.

2. Communications/Public Relations – Share the Pavilion information through online vehicles, community relationships, and program offerings.

3. Fundraising – Utilize effective methods to financially support the Pavilion and its initiatives.

4. Leadership – Provide Pavilion stability and successful operation through effective board and staff leadership.

5. Partnerships – Pursue relationships with organizations and other entities to work together for peace and justice through training, advocacy, and action.

2024 Goals Progress

Program –

- Upgraded the Languages of Peace Exhibit with touchscreens to hear pronunciations of the words
- Held first Art for Peace Contest for K-5 students

Communications/Public Relations –

- Increased visibility and visitors through social media posts, influencer posts, TV spots, and the POGO pass program
- Increased Facebook, Instagram and website followers
- Continued BOGO admissions each 2nd Saturday
- Began field trip program with Independence school system

Fundraising –

- In harmony with our reuse and recycle initiative, partnered with Savers for a FUNDrive
- Raised \$15,941 on Giving Tuesday

Leadership –

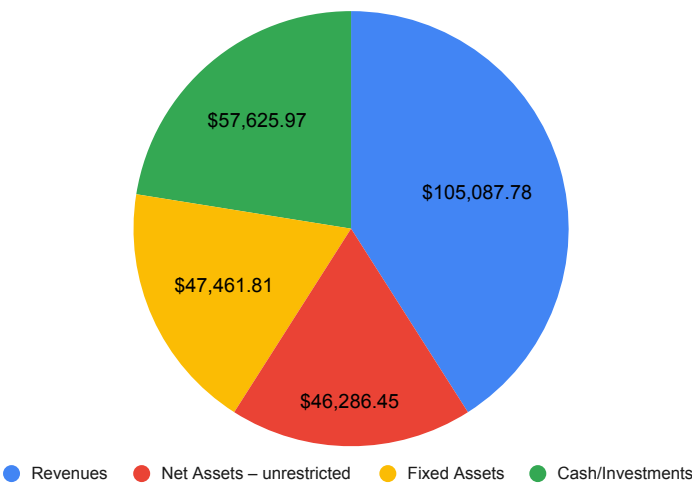
- Extended Board with new community members
- Committee of board, staff, and volunteers developed a 3-year strategic plan

Partnerships –

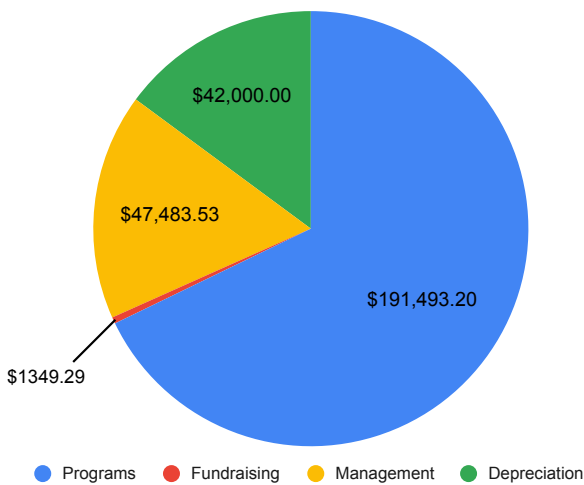
- Developed relationships with six organizations to partner with our Earth Day Festival
- Contacted five like-minded organizations for future partnership opportunities

2024 Financial Overview

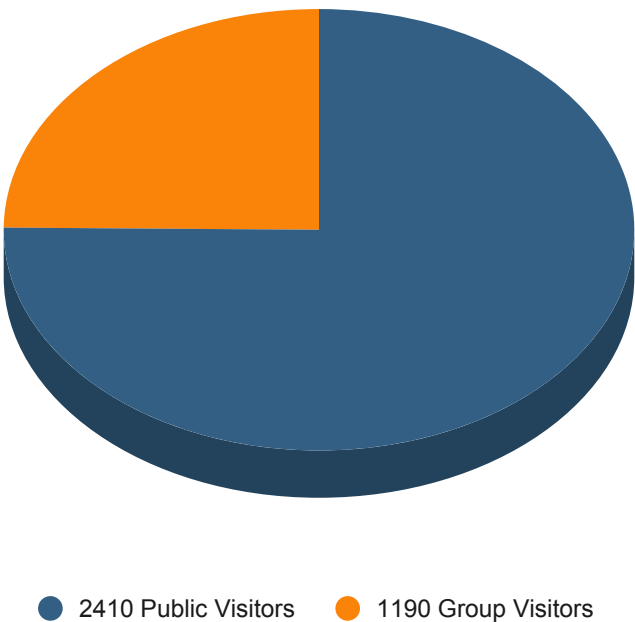
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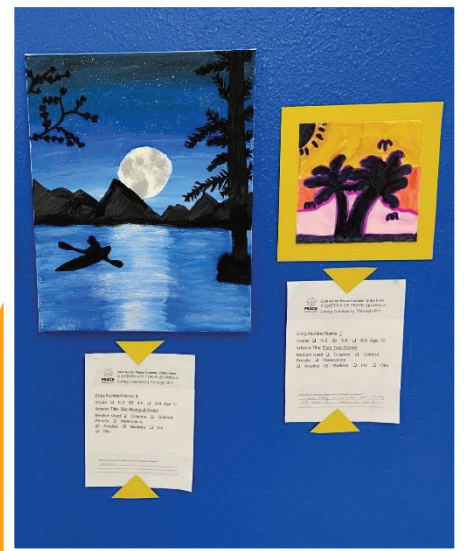
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I am proud to be a part of this excellent not-for-profit which is essential to learning both interpersonal relations and the care-taking of our planet. – Peace Pavilion Supporter

Activities, Events & New Exhibits in 2024

Following are just a few of the things that engaged children, adults, and the community.

- **Earth Day Celebration** – partnered with six organizations
- **FUNdrive** – partnered with Savers and the community to reuse and recycle soft goods and household items.
- **Touchscreens** – added to the Languages of Peace Exhibit to hear pronunciations of peace in different languages.
- **Updated Exhibits** – replaced well for drawing water, and the computer for the laser maze.
- **Nonprofit Connect Shadow Day** – hosted a KSU student interested in nonprofit leadership and marketing.
- **Art for Peace Contest** – for K-5 elementary students in Independence, MO, awarding eight entrants with prizes.
- **Great Pumpkin Party** – yearly community fall event.
- **Kwanzaa Cultural Connection** – celebration of the African American heritage and holiday.



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A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2024 was a remarkable year for the Peace Pavilion. We are thrilled to have welcomed an increasing number of general admission visitors and tour groups through our doors. The energy and enthusiasm of our guests continue to inspire us every day.

This year also marked the beginning of new partnerships with local organizations and the deepening of our connections within the community. These relationships are vital to our mission and help us broaden our reach and impact. As always, we are committed to enhancing the experience for everyone who visits. Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce new exhibits and expand our programming to further engage and inspire.

We are deeply grateful for our incredible advocates—supporters like you—who help us carry our mission forward: “Engaging the pursuit of peace by promoting peaceful learning, living, and action.” Thank you for being part of our journey.

Andy Kroesen
Executive Director



VISIT THE PEACE PAVILION!

Tuesday-Wednesday: Prescheduled group tours

Thursday-Saturday: Open 10 am-4 pm; general admission
(\$7 per person age 3 and above)

I highly recommend the Peace Pavilion as a place that children, and even adults, can learn about other cultures and the importance of peacemaking for self, others, and the environment. – Teacher of 42 years

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