



# Funhouse Commons

Children's Discovery Foundation | Annual Report 2013



**“It is a staple this community is LUCKY to have, and should be PROUD of! Because it provides a service nothing else does, can, or will. It is where children go to be... children. As all kids deserve!”**

— Conrad Wrobel reflecting on his experience as a child growing up with The Funhouse as a resource at our 2013 Gala.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### AFTER SCHOOL SUCCESS!

During 2013, almost half of Orcas Island Elementary School students participated in our After School Program. Over the past three years, participation in our After School Program has increased by 85%, demonstrating the community need for quality after school programming.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

Every Friday night is Teen Night, where teens can participate in spirit nights in support of local high school sport teams, bonfires, and other activities that promote positive social development. In 2013, we had 788 visits during Teen Night, with average of 17 teens each Friday night.

### EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

The Funhouse Commons is all about learning. Thanks to the Henigson Public School Student Fund (HPSSF), we are able to offer numerous educational programs that support our local high school students in their efforts to succeed academically, graduate, and attend college. In 2013 the Funhouse provided:

38 online classes to 34 Orcas Public High School students

SAT Prep Classes for 5 students

Life After High School Evening for 15 parents

Class Sessions with expert college counselors for 32 students

Individual, personalized advice from our college experts for 18 students

We were proud to facilitate the HPSSF's \$32,000 college scholarship to an exceptional Orcas Island high school student, who is currently thriving at Sarah Lawrence College.

### MENTOR PROGRAM

In 2013, 15 kids participated in our Mentor Program. This proven program enables our young people to learn new skills and create positive relationships with caring adults.

### SCIENCE FAIR ROCKS!

Our 2013 Annual Science Fair, with more than 35 participants, included projects and demonstrations such as rocket launching, battery making, recycling ammonia-rich pond water to grow frog food, and many more interesting science experiments.

### FROM OUR 2013 BOARD PRESIDENT:

2013 was the fourteenth year for the Funhouse Commons (FHC). The FHC is a teenager now and is growing into 'adulthood' as an island institution that kids and parents alike have come to rely on.

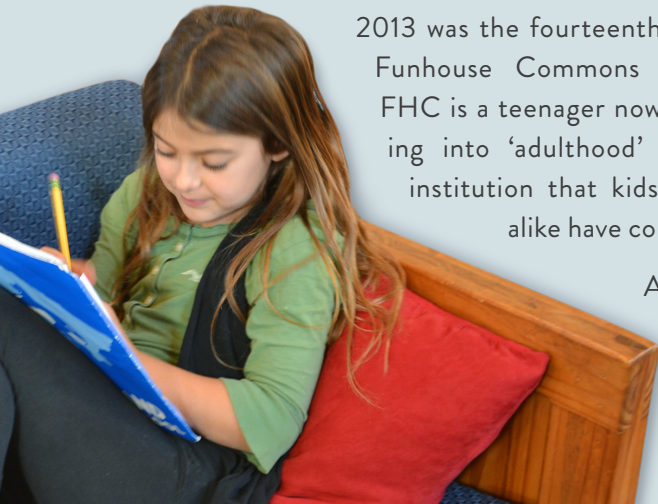
As an organization, we refined our programs and deepened

our mission. We remain committed to providing a safe and stimulating place for kids and teens to spend time and connect with each other and our community.

I have enjoyed being on the Board of Directors for the past six years, and serving as President for the past three. It's time for me to move on, however, so I'm handing the reins over to the new Funhouse Board President, Kyle Freeman.

Big thanks to all of our fabulous staff, dedicated volunteers, and incredibly generous donors who have made it all possible!

-Eric Youngren, 2013 Board President





# 2013 AT A GLANCE

\* During 2013, The Funhouse Commons continued to evolve from its original role as a children's science museum to a youth-focused community center. After conversations with the community and careful analysis, we felt this evolution met the critical needs of the Orcas Island community.

\* As a community center, we continue to strengthen and expand our core programs: After School, Teen, Mentor, and Education. Our programming serves the Orcas Island community by inspiring and empowering island youth.

\* By offering "out-of-school" time programming, we aim to minimize at-risk behavior in youth by providing them with a safe and positive environment.

\* We inspire island youth by providing innovative, educational programming in a

environment where they can discover, grow, be heard, and learn. Our programs also offer the community an opportunity for economic growth by providing a place for youth after school, enabling parents to work a full day. Healthy youth equals a healthy community.

\* Our collaborations with other community organizations continued to grow throughout the year. We worked closely with Orcas Island Park and Recreation District and provided them with contracted program support that will continue in 2014.

\* We also continued to collaborate closely with many other organizations, such as the Orcas Island School District and the Orcas Island Public Library, to make our programs more successful, to better meet the needs of the community,

and to prevent the duplication of services.

\* 2013 was also a year of transitions, including the resignation of Executive Director Pete Moe. With the appointment of new Director, Krista Bouchey, in early 2014, we are looking forward to an action-packed year focusing on best practices in youth programming, implementing appropriate measurements for our programs, and expanding community collaboration.



## FUNHOUSE COMMONS MISSION:

*"THE FUNHOUSE SERVES THE URGENT NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY BONDS BY PROVIDING A SAFE AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT WHERE ALL CAN LEARN, DISCOVER, CREATE, SOCIALIZE AND BE HEARD."*



## FINANCIALS 2013

The Funhouse Commons has successfully survived another post-recession operating year. Since the height of the recession, we have been working diligently to rebuild all of our funding sources while making cuts to our operating budget in areas that would not dramatically impact our programs. Our strategy has been successful; however, we recognize that this is thanks to the work of many. As a result, we would like to thank all of our employees and loyal supporters for all of their diligence, sacrifice, and valuable financial support. **We would not be here if it were not for your efforts and sacrifice!**

2014 appears to be a year with a bright outlook. Not only do we have a new management team led by the exceptionally capable Krista Bouchey, we also have several new board members who bring to the Funhouse a wealth of varied experience and enthusiasm. We have great events planned, we have streamlined programming, and we have re-tooled other programs for maximum benefit for the Island's kids. We still rely heavily on donor support, and our

annual gala (August 3, 2014 - **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**), is our most important source of funding. Nonetheless, we are committed to increasing the breadth of our funding, including growing our grant funding (if you have any leads or connections to grant funders, please contact Jen Vollmer at jen@thefunhouse.org).

After seven years, including the last four

as your treasurer, I stepped-down from the board in February 2014. It is very satisfying to know that great people are at the helm and that our programs have never been more powerful and beneficial. The kids can look forward to a great organization that is committed to their development and benefit.

*Thanks for your loyal support.*

*Tad Sommerville - your (former) treasurer.*

	- YEAR -		
INCOME	2011	2012	2013
Donations & Grants & Fundraising Events	\$166,632	\$187,443	\$183,066
Program/Other Income	\$31,420	\$59,504	\$65,433
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$198,052</b>	<b>\$246,947</b>	<b>\$248,499</b>
EXPENSE			
Staff Costs	\$198,861	\$224,526	\$188,077
Operating Expenses	\$133,759	\$141,122	\$113,715
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$332,620</b>	<b>\$365,648</b>	<b>\$301,792</b>
Endowment Distributions	\$12,728	\$15,955	\$11,276
Restricted Funds Released	\$81,079	\$88,477	\$51,265
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$(40,761)</b>	<b>\$(14,269)</b>	<b>\$9,248</b>
Endowment Balance	\$293,401	\$310,257	\$325,349
Cash on Hand (12-31)	\$151,227	\$119,332	\$107,469

\*Does not reflect annual depreciation

## 2013 BUSINESS MEMBERS:

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