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A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

As we reflect on the past year, we do so with deep gratitude and pride—not only for what we accomplished, but for how we accomplished it. 2025 was a challenging year for our agency, marked by instability at the federal level affecting key programs and a prolonged Pennsylvania state budget impasse that negatively impacted funding resources for more than six months. Despite these obstacles, the Lancaster Recreation Commission remained steadfast in its mission: to enrich the lives of individuals and families in our community through accessible recreational programs, childcare, senior support, and inclusive community events.

Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and community champions, we did more than endure—we grew. Even in the face of uncertainty, we increased both the number of programs we offered and the number of residents we served. Families continued to rely on our childcare and youth programs, seniors found connection and care through our centers and special programs, and community members of all ages came together through recreation, programs and special events that foster belonging and well-being.

We are especially proud that this impact was achieved through strong, revenue-generating programs, with less than 10% of our funding coming from our municipal partners—the City, Township, and School District. This financial model allowed us to remain both sustainable and responsive during a year when flexibility and resilience were essential.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our Commission and Foundation Board of Directors, the generosity of our donors and sponsors, and the passion and perseverance of our staff and volunteers. Your commitment ensured that, even during a period of financial and operational uncertainty, our community continued to have access to vital services and welcoming spaces.

As you read through the following pages, we invite you to explore the many accomplishments made possible by your support—each one a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together, even in challenging times.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are energized by what's to come. The year ahead will mark the beginning of our next strategic planning process—a comprehensive seven-year plan that will guide Lancaster Rec from 2027 through 2034. This plan will position us for long-term sustainability, innovation, and impact, culminating in the celebration of our 125th anniversary in 2034—a remarkable milestone honoring more than a century of service to our community.

As we prepare for this next chapter, we remain committed to listening, learning, and leading with purpose—building a healthier, more connected, and more vibrant Lancaster for generations to come. Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and continuing this journey as partners and champions of recreation, care, and community.

With gratitude,



Heather Dighe
Executive Director



Jack Bingeman
Associate Executive Director



Shane Howell Selected as Community School Director



“This isn’t a new relationship, it’s a deeper one,” said Heather Dighe, Executive Director of Lancaster Rec.

Lancaster Rec was selected as the lead agency to oversee the Community School Director position at Carter & MacRae Elementary School. With a long history of partnership with the School District of Lancaster and a deep presence in neighborhoods across the city, Lancaster Rec was well positioned to support the community school model and its focus on student and family success.

Shane Howell, a long-time Lancaster Rec employee, was chosen for the role based on his extensive experience working with elementary students and his strong relationships throughout the district and broader community. Prior to becoming Community School Director, Shane served in before- and after-school programs across the School District of Lancaster, including site director roles and oversight of programming at multiple elementary schools. This background prepared him well to lead the work at Carter & MacRae.

In his role, Shane focuses on connecting students and families to community resources and building partnerships that address essential needs such as food access, clothing, and healthcare. He works closely with school staff and community partners to coordinate in-school and after-school programming while strengthening family engagement through outreach, communication, and resource sharing.

Through Lancaster Rec’s leadership and Shane’s relationship-driven approach, Carter & MacRae Elementary continues to grow as a hub of support, opportunity, and connection for students and families.



Building the Road to McCaskey

Lancaster Rec and the School District of Lancaster are strengthening programs and creating a path from youth recreation to varsity athletics.

The appointment of Teasia Myers Peña as Athletic Director at McCaskey created an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between Lancaster Rec and the School District of Lancaster, with a shared focus on developing high-quality feeder programs for student-athletes. A former Lancaster Rec intern, Teasia understands the impact of community-based youth programming and shares common professional roots with Rec staff through Millersville University’s sport management program.

Together, the organizations are aligning youth recreation and varsity athletics around a student-first philosophy that emphasizes strong fundamentals, healthy participation, and long-term development. Varsity coaches are now more actively involved in youth programs, and leadership teams meet regularly to ensure consistent communication and growth across sports.

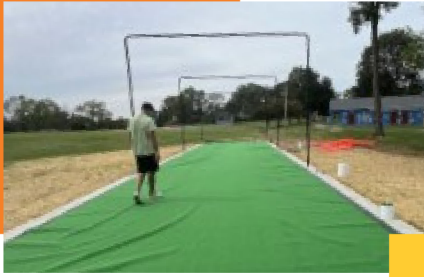
Early results are already visible, with strong middle school and freshman teams – many including former Jr. Tornados players and coached by former Lancaster Rec staff – demonstrating how coordinated coaching and feeder programs can support success at the high school level.



Teasia Myers Peña and Associate Executive Director, Jack Bingeman

A Place to Practice. A Place to Grow.

With support from community partners, Lancaster Rec installed a new batting cage at Community Park, giving Jr. Tornado athletes the training space they've long needed.



“For several years, the Junior Tornadoes were one of the only teams in Lancaster County without access to a dedicated batting cage. Thanks to generous donations and support from Lancaster Township, the new season will offer new resources for children in Lancaster.”
Chris Haer - Recreation Technician

In June, with the help of Lancaster Township, Lancaster Rec began planning for the installation of a new batting cage at Lancaster Community Park, located near the baseball fields. Lancaster Rec team members met with Lancaster Township Public Works Superintendent, Devin Groff to review the scope of the project, discuss logistics, and outline associated costs.

In mid-July, Lancaster Rec received a generous donation from Hush Money Bikes that covered the portion of the batting cage originally designated for Lancaster Rec funding. With financial support secured, the project moved forward quickly. By October, Lancaster Township poured the concrete foundation, installed the pole fixtures, and laid the turf, bringing the new batting cage to completion.

With the 2026 season approaching, the new installation represents a significant upgrade for players and coaches alike. After years of planning and conversation, the completed batting cage will provide youth athletes with consistent access to skill development and practice opportunities, generating excitement and long-term benefit for the program and the broader community.

Headed to the Big Leagues National Sports Partnership with RCX Sports Give Kids in Lancaster Pro Level Practice

RCX Sports provides children across the country with opportunities to represent their favorite professional teams through structured, recreational programming. As the home of nationally recognized leagues such as NFL FLAG, Jr. NBA, MLS GO, and NHL STREET, RCX Sports emphasizes youth development, fun, and access to high-quality sports experiences.

For decades, Lancaster Rec has partnered with RCX Sports to offer NFL FLAG football to the Lancaster community. This long-standing partnership has allowed local youth to participate in a nationally branded program that prioritizes skill development, sportsmanship, and engagement while connecting participants to the excitement of professional sports.



In late 2025, Lancaster Rec expanded this partnership by launching an official Jr. NBA basketball league. As a Philadelphia 76ers affiliate program, all boys' teams represent the 76ers, reflecting Lancaster's proximity to Philadelphia and strengthening regional connections. Girls' teams were given the opportunity to choose and represent any WNBA team of their choice, promoting inclusivity and personal connection to the sport.

Building on this momentum, Lancaster Rec will continue to grow its RCX Sports offerings with the addition of MLS GO. This introductory soccer program will serve U6 and U8 divisions, providing children ages 4–7 with the opportunity to represent Major League Soccer teams while learning the fundamentals of the game in a fun, age-appropriate environment.

Through these national partnerships, Lancaster Rec continues to expand accessible, high-quality youth sports programming while increasing engagement and excitement across the community.

Community Partners: Strengthening Health, Connection, and Play in Lancaster

In 2025, Lancaster Rec's mission to foster a healthier, more connected community was bolstered by extraordinary support from our partners. Their investments in recreation, wellness, and inclusive programming helped bring our mission to life across neighborhoods, fields, streets, pools, and community spaces.



AmeriHealth Caritas PA's partnership exemplifies the alignment of health care with community well-being—making safe, inclusive recreation possible beyond traditional healthcare settings. Their support helped power Open Streets Lancaster, the Lancaster Unity Cup, RECToberfest, and Winter Carnival, bringing free, family-friendly activities that promote wellness, connection, and active living throughout the city.



The John Apple Swim Fund played a vital role in expanding aquatic access and safety for Lancaster Rec summer campers. Their sponsorship of Lancaster Rec's summer camp swimming lessons ensured hundreds of children learned essential water skills in a supportive environment at Conestoga Pines Pool. Their sponsorship also helped power the JP McCaskey Junior Tornado Swim Team for the 2025 season.



PA Health and Wellness sponsored programming at the Lancaster Rec Senior Center, enhancing the quality of life for older adults in our community. Their support contributed to a vibrant calendar of activities—educational presentations to social events and community celebrations—that help seniors stay active, connected, and healthy.



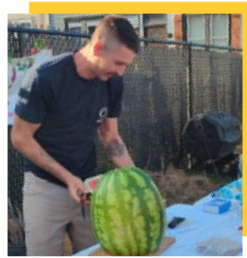
Patient First was a key supporter of Lancaster Rec's youth and family programs in 2025, broadening access to sports, play, and community engagement. Their sponsorship helped fuel youth sports leagues, including basketball and baseball, and contributed to major events like Open Streets Lancaster, the Unity Cup, and RECToberfest.



PNC Foundation Grant - Esports Upgrades & New Location Support

The Jr. Tornado Study Club Initiative

Lancaster Rec was awarded \$23,469 from the PNC Foundation to expand and update our esports and technology programs. This funding source will provide for upgrades at our Rodney Park Esports Center, new equipment to bring esports interactive experiences to the Lancaster Rec Center, and expanding into McCaskey High School's new esports lab.



Bay Street Community Garden Growing Food and Community

The inaugural year of the Bay Street Community Garden exceeded expectations and quickly became something much bigger than originally envisioned. What began as a simple goal to connect with neighbors at West Lancaster Jewels and establish a productive garden soon grew into a shared commitment to caring for others across the neighborhood.

Residents stepped up not only to beautify their community, but to address food insecurity among neighbors they knew were in need. By the end of the growing season, the garden produced more than 1,000 pounds of fresh food, helping to feed over 200 families and individuals. The impact was tangible, local, and deeply rooted in relationships.

As word of the garden spread, partners from across the city joined the effort, transforming the space into a hub for learning and service. Collaborations with Penn State Health, Lancaster West Jewels, McCaskey High School's Agriculture and Environment program and its FFA chapter, along with other community organizations, brought volunteers together to grow food, share knowledge, and build valuable life skills while supporting others.

The success of the Bay Street Community Garden is now extending beyond its original footprint. The program has begun supporting and guiding additional garden efforts across the city, including SoWe's Cabbage Patch Garden located next to Culliton Park. Together, these growing spaces demonstrate the power of community-led solutions to strengthen neighborhoods and improve access to healthy food.



Outdoors for All Day Celebrating Outdoor Recreation at Culliton Park



On July 19, Lancaster Rec was proud to support the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) as a local partner for Outdoors for All Day, a statewide initiative focused on making outdoor recreation accessible and welcoming for all Pennsylvanians.

Lancaster Rec served as a liaison to help DCNR access Culliton Park, providing coordination and on-the-ground support to bring the event into the heart of the community. One of the day's highlights came through collaboration to secure access to the park's wading pool, allowing the Conestoga River Club to offer kayak demonstrations. The activity was a major draw and gave many residents a chance to experience paddling for the first time in a safe, approachable setting.

In addition to kayaking, the event featured a wide range of free, hands-on activities led by numerous local organizations committed to expanding access to parks, nature, and recreation. Together, partners created a welcoming environment where families could explore outdoor opportunities, connect with resources, and see their neighborhood park as a place for discovery and fun.

Outdoors for All Day was a meaningful example of how strong partnerships can bring positive, inclusive events to local parks, reinforcing Culliton Park as a valued community asset and demonstrating the power of collaboration in expanding access to the outdoors.

Lancaster Rec Esports Program Gives Hands-On Experience For Makers, Players and Producers



A Workforce 2030 grant is expanding Lancaster Rec's esports and makers programming, giving youth hands-on experience with modern technology and career pathways.



Lancaster Rec partnered with the Lancaster Science Factory and make717's Innovation Center to pilot a funded summer camp focused on hands-on manufacturing and technology skills. Together, the organizations created a project-based curriculum introducing youth to real-world STEM and advanced manufacturing applications.

The pilot, Made By Me, delivered a wide range of technical experiences in five days. Campers explored CNC machining, 3D printing, laser cutting, electronics assembly, coding, and sublimation printing. The program met budget expectations and served 20 campers, including six full scholarship participants supported through Lancaster Science Factory funding. Its success demonstrated strong demand for accessible, workforce-aligned STEM programming.

Lancaster Rec expanded the concept through the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board and STEM Alliance's Workforce 2030 Idea Incubator. Led by Director of Esports and System Administrator Sean Kennedy, the team developed a technology-sharing collaborative to reduce barriers and expand reach. Proposed funding would lower camp costs by \$400 per camper while supporting shared equipment and year-round programming for the broader community.

From Players to Producers

The Black Rose Rumble esports event gave Lancaster youth hands-on experience in live event production, broadcasting, and competitive gaming through a partnership with Rose City Rushdown and the Academy of Live Technology.



On November 16, Lancaster Rec co-hosted a livestream esports event with Rose City Rushdown, a local community gaming group that regularly uses the Rodney Park Esports Center. Held at the Academy of Live Technology (ALT) at Rock Lititz, the event blended esports competition, professional production, and hands-on learning.

Students and instructors from Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (PCA&D) and ALT collaborated to design and manage the full technical setup, including audio, lighting, staging, and livestream production. The eight-hour tournament marked Lancaster Rec's first experience operating equipment at this professional scale.

More than 50 competitors participated in this epic event. Members of Lancaster Rec's Esports attended and gained firsthand exposure to behind-the-scenes production processes typically seen only in professional broadcasts, expanding their understanding of career pathways beyond gameplay.

The success of Black Rose Rumble has already resulted in an invitation to return to ALT. Future plans include expanding the event to feature an art market and student showcase, highlighting creativity, technical skills, and talent across disciplines.

Celebrating the People Behind the Play- New Volunteer Recognition Program

Youth sports thrive because of the people who show up every day for our kids. At Lancaster Rec, all youth sports coaches serve as volunteers, generously giving their time and energy to teach not only sport fundamentals but also teamwork, confidence, and lifelong skills beyond the field or court.

In 2025, Lancaster Rec launched the Volunteer and Coach of the Month initiative to formally recognize these dedicated individuals. Beginning in May, one outstanding coach was honored each month, selected from parent nominations that often included heartfelt testimonials about their impact on athletes and families.

Honorees were recognized by the department and invited to the annual staff celebration, with all recipients eligible for Volunteer of the Year. The 2025 award was presented to Nick Sikking, who coaches soccer, basketball, and flag football year-round. His commitment, passion, and leadership reflect the spirit of community recreation.

The program celebrates the volunteers who form the backbone of Lancaster Rec's youth sports and ensures their dedication is seen, valued, and appreciated.



Launching Travel Basketball at Lancaster Rec

For the first time, Lancaster Rec fielded travel basketball teams, giving local players the chance to compete across the county and develop skills for the high school level.

Across Lancaster County, many youth sports programs compete in travel-style leagues, allowing athletes to face neighboring districts and grow their skills. While Lancaster Rec has long offered travel opportunities in baseball, football, and soccer, basketball had not previously been part of that pathway.

In 2025, Lancaster Rec launched its first travel basketball program. The new offering complements existing recreational leagues, expanding opportunities while keeping programs accessible for players of all skill levels. Developed in close collaboration with the School District of Lancaster Athletics Department, the initiative strengthens the feeder system for McCaskey High School basketball.

Support from the Athletics Department and McCaskey varsity boys and girls coaches was key. Their participation in player evaluations helped form balanced, competitive teams and created a positive experience for athletes and families.

Though the inaugural season is still underway, the program already represents meaningful progress in expanding youth sports opportunities while continuing to serve players at every stage of development.

Special Events



Lancaster Beer Gardens Return for Celebrate Lancaster



On August 15, 2025, Lancaster Rec partnered with the City of Lancaster to host the Lancaster Beer Garden at Celebrate Lancaster in Binns Park, creating a welcoming space for neighbors, families, and visitors to gather downtown. Surrounded by local music, food, and community energy, the Beer Garden became a central hub for connection throughout the day, welcoming more than 1,000 attendees.

The event highlighted how the Beer Garden series brings people together, supports local businesses, and activates Lancaster’s public spaces through shared community experiences.



10th Annual Open Streets - A community-wide celebration



In 2025, Lancaster Rec celebrated the 10th anniversary of Open Streets Lancaster, transforming city streets into vibrant, people-centered spaces and marking the unofficial start of summer. The event was kicked off by then-mayoral candidate Jamie Arroyo, now Mayor, highlighting the City’s commitment to public spaces.

Partnerships with the School District of Lancaster and the City introduced school enrollment support and a new Traffic Garden teaching bike safety. The Pennsylvania State Police also issued “bicycle licenses” to children, making learning fun while strengthening community connections.



Unity Cup: Building Community Through the World’s Game



From June 21 through August 16, 2025, Lancaster Rec hosted the third annual Lancaster Unity Cup, an eight-week soccer series uniting residents through competition and cultural pride. Fourteen teams represented countries including Ecuador, Mexico, Somalia, Peru, Thailand, Bosnia, Myanmar, DR Congo, Nepal, and Guatemala. Each Saturday, players competed while building friendships and sharing traditions. The championship match saw One Unmah face defending champions Myanmar, with the game decided in double overtime when One Unmah scored the winning goal to claim their first Unity Cup title.



Celebrating Community and Wellness: Lancaster Senior Games



The Lancaster Senior Games continue to be a cherished annual tradition, bringing together older adults from across the county to celebrate fitness, friendly competition, and social connection. Through a wide range of athletic events and activities, the Games promote active living while fostering community among participants ages 55 and over.

The Senior Games were founded by Pat Fellenbaum, a former Lancaster Rec employee, whose vision and commitment to recreation helped establish an event that has grown, celebrating 35 years in 2025.

New and Expanding Partnerships Bring Community Resources to Lancaster

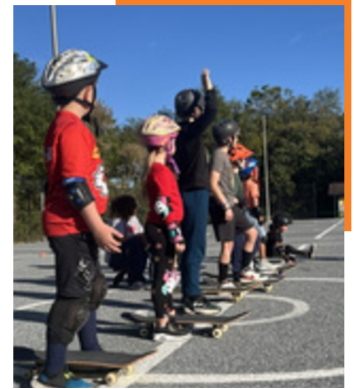
The Ramp Up Skateboarding Experience: New Pathways to Play

In 2025, the Lancaster Recreation Commission introduced skateboarding as a new program through a partnership with Ramp Up. Designed to empower youth through resilience, confidence, and creative expression, the program delivers high-quality instruction directly in neighborhoods through a mobile format led by certified instructors. By providing equipment and a safe, supportive setting, the program removes much of the intimidation often associated with traditional skate park environments.

The partnership launched with three free fall sessions, all of which filled quickly, demonstrating strong interest in non-traditional recreation. For many participants, it was their first time on a skateboard, learning foundational skills and building confidence in a welcoming environment.

Beyond skill development, youth supported one another and celebrated progress while instructors emphasized persistence and goal setting.

Building on this success, Lancaster Rec plans to continue the partnership in 2026 with additional free sessions and more structured programming, expanding access and encouraging lifelong participation in recreation.



Lancaster Rec and SOWE- Uniquely Supporting Residents in Lancaster



Lancaster Rec and SOWE's growing partnership supports neighborhood events, shared spaces, and lasting connections for Southwest Lancaster residents.

In 2025, the partnership between Lancaster Rec and SOWE continued to grow, grounded in trust, shared goals, and a commitment to Southwest Lancaster. Through regular collaboration, the organizations created welcoming spaces, supported neighborhood events, and strengthened community connections.

This year marked a transition as SOWE turned leadership of the annual Trick or Treat event over to Lancaster Rec. Staff worked closely to ensure a smooth handoff, and nearly 1,000 residents attended the safe, family-friendly celebration.



Lancaster Rec also supported the Culliton Park Cabbage Patch Community Garden and partnered on events including Fall Earth Day, the Summer Block Party, Brandon Park Movie Night, and Duckpin Bowling.

The partnership demonstrates how collaboration and communication can expand opportunities, support neighborhood pride, and create inclusive experiences for residents across the community.

Celebrating Families at McCaskey Family Fall Fest

At the start of the school year, Lancaster Rec’s Early Childhood Development Center at McCaskey welcomed children and families with an outdoor Family Fall Fest celebration. The event created an inviting, community-centered space where families could connect with staff and one another while beginning the new school year.

Children and caregivers enjoyed hands-on activities that encouraged creativity and sensory exploration. Sensory play stations, fall-themed crafts, and pumpkin decorating introduced seasonal traditions while helping children explore textures, colors, and fine motor skills in an age-appropriate way.

Additional activities, including temporary tattoos and a trail mix station, added to the fun while supporting early learning. The trail mix station encouraged choice-making and independence, reinforcing everyday developmental milestones through play and interaction.

The outdoor celebration provided a joyful start to the year, helping families feel welcomed and comfortable while strengthening relationships between caregivers, children, and staff at the McCaskey center.



Advocacy for State Leaders and Legislators for Pre-K

On March 6, Executive Director Heather Dighe, testified at a policy hearing held by Rep. Nikki Rivera about the impact pre-kindergarten education has on a student’s learning experience.

The panel of listeners included Rivera as well as other state representatives, Deputy Secretary Shante’ Brown from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning and Commissioner Alice Yoder.



“It’s on us – legislators, educational and municipal leaders – to work together so that all kids have a chance to get the educational foundation that will set them on the path to personal and academic achievement,” state Rep. Ismail Smith-Wade-El, D-Lancaster said. “Thanks to today’s presenters, we’ve got the information to help us draw a map to help us make pre-K education a reality for Pennsylvania’s kids.”

Lancaster Rec Administrative Staff Update



The Lancaster Rec administrative team includes 20 dedicated professionals who operate across three primary departments—Administration, Child and Family Services, and Recreation. Together, they support and serve thousands of residents each year by delivering high-quality programs, essential community resources, and impactful services that strengthen and enrich the community.



Jack Bingeman Promoted to Associate Executive Director

In 2025, Lancaster Recreation Commission promoted Jack Bingeman to Associate Executive Director. In this role, Bingeman oversees the organization’s daily operations, including programs and services, while continuing to lead the Recreation Department. He reports directly to the Executive Director and supports Lancaster Rec’s mission of providing quality, accessible recreation, education, and community programs for residents of all ages.



“I’m equally grateful and excited to step into this role, supporting our staff while helping Lancaster Rec continue to build strong connections and meaningful programs that serve families and neighborhoods across our community,” said Bingeman.

With 20 years of experience in the recreation field and more than 13 years at Lancaster Rec, Bingeman has advanced through multiple leadership roles, most recently serving as Director of Recreation. A Penn State University graduate with a degree in Recreation, he brings a strong focus on inclusive programming, staff development, and community impact.



Kisha Pinkney Named Director of Child and Family Services



Lancaster Recreation Commission welcomed Kisha Pinkney as Director of Child and Family Services, overseeing both the School Age Care and Early Childhood Education departments. These programs were unified under one department to improve efficiency, strengthen staffing support, and create a more seamless experience for families.

Pinkney brings more than 20 years of experience working with children and families and is passionate about creating supportive, inclusive environments where youth can thrive. A graduate of Penn State University with a master’s degree from Liberty University, she is known for her empathetic leadership style and strong connection to the families she serves.

Her approach is guided by her favorite quote: “If you’re walking down the right path and you’re willing to keep walking, eventually you’ll make progress.”



A Fresh Step Forward for the Lancaster Rec Dance Program

In fall 2024, the Lancaster Rec Dance Program began a new chapter under the leadership of Lydia Beam, who brought renewed energy and a vision centered on recreation, accessibility, and joy. Parents quickly noticed the difference, sharing how Lydia creates welcoming environments where children feel safe, confident, and excited to move, especially in her youngest classes.

Over the past year, the program expanded with new classes and the hiring of a second instructor, Katie Taylor, a former adult participant who returned as a teacher. Families describe Lydia’s balance of structure and fun, helping children build foundational skills while enjoying the experience.

Participation has grown across youth and adult classes. Parents report increased confidence and coordination, while adult dancers explore multiple styles, with many enrolling in more than one class.

The revitalized program reflects Lancaster Rec’s commitment to inclusive, engaging recreation and continues to grow as a trusted space for dancers of all ages.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 2025

REVENUE	\$ AMOUNT
State & Federal Funds	\$ 1,611,693
Program Fees	\$ 2,236,976
Local Public Funds	\$ 470,756
<i>City of Lancaster</i>	\$ 305,656
<i>Lancaster Township</i>	\$ 75,000
<i>School District of Lancaster</i>	\$ 90,100
Grants	\$ 247,036
Sponsorships and Fundraising	\$ 215,975
Admission & Concession Fees	\$ 62,329
Lancaster County Office of Aging	\$ 97,849
Rental Fees	\$ 61,002
Services & Programs	\$ 37,436
Food Programs	\$ 297,562
TOTAL	\$5,338,614

EXPENSES	\$ AMOUNT
Workforce Expenses	\$ 3,782,002
Marketing and Advertising	\$ 63,473
Facility and Utilities	\$ 72,537
Food Program Expenses	\$ 304,545
Program Expenses	\$ 931,727
Hiring and Continuing Education	\$ 79,651
Scholarships	\$ 24,345
TOTAL	\$ 5,258,280



OUR MISSION

TO PROVIDE QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE RECREATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO LANCASTER RESIDENTS.

2025 PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

FUTURE RED TORNADO CLINICS	PARTICIPANTS
Baseball Clinic	59
Cheer Clinic	52
Field Hockey Clinic	18
Flag Football Clinic	13
Girls Basketball Clinic	13
Soccer Camp	62
Swim Clinic	25
Tennis Camp	15
Volleyball Clinic	43

YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Dance	190
Dance Camp	21
Elementary Run for Fitness	105
Esports	87
Gymnastics	94
Iddy Biddy Sports	45
Jr. Tornado Cheerleading	87
Jr. Tornado Tackle Football	94
Jr. Tornado Track Club	37
Karate	70
Lancaster Baseball	133
Lancaster Soccer	305
Little Hoopers	85
NFL Flag Football	281
Running Club	12
Skateboarding	38
Tennis Lessons	85
Youth Basketball Leagues	112

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Early Childhood Education	192
Before & After School	404
Summer Camps	436

RECREATION PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Adult Coed Softball	35
Adult Fitness & Dance Classes	28
Archery	16
Conestoga Pines Pool Daily Average	126
Conestoga Pines Pool Party Rentals	25
Dance Recital	320
Lancaster Beer Gardens	4,700+
Movies in the Park	167
Once Upon a Party	11
Open Streets Lancaster	8,000+
Pooches in the Pool	33
Pool Memberships	70
REOctober Fest	450-500
Summer Playgrounds	3,000
Unity Cup	168
Winter Carnival	400+
Zumbini	34

SENIOR PROGRAMS	PARTICIPANTS
Arts and Crafts	190
Fitness & Recreation Programs	205
Field/Day Trips	88
Lancaster Rec Senior Center	198
Meals (Eat-in & Take Home)	6,312 total meals
Musical Activities	159
Red Rose Transportation	2,519 total rides

2025 SCHOLARSHIP DATA

Throughout 2025, Lancaster Recreation Center has awarded 597 scholarships totaling \$24,345 to children aged two to eighteen.

86%
Parent says child gets along better with others

86%
Parents say that child feels more confident about their abilities

70%
Percentage of children from a single family home

91%
Percentage of parents that said child feels better about themselves participating in activities

96%
Because of this scholarship, my child is able to participate with this program

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	% OF TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION
Football	17%
Cheer	16%
Basketball	14%
Flag Football	13%
Soccer	13%
Baseball	9%
Gymnastics	6%
Dance	4%
Karate	3%
Track	2%
Swimming	2%
Tennis	1%

SUPPORTERS

We are grateful for the many individuals, businesses and community organizations that provide support for our organization throughout the year. Your commitment to our mission helps strengthen our community through recreation.

AARP	Early Learning Resource	La Acadamia	Optimist Club
Active Social & Beneficial Association	Center (ELRC)	Lancaster Behavioral Health Hospital	PA Health and Wellness
Adam Aurand	Elizabeth Fluck	Lancaster BIKES!	Patient First
Adam Szilagyi	Emily Alvarez	Lancaster City Alliance	Paula Smith
Adobe Acrobat	Emily Eckert	Lancaster County Chooses Love	Penn Medicine
Al Fayadh Family	Erica J. Lehman	Lancaster County Community Foundation	Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
Allan Eustis	Eurofins	Lancaster County STEM Alliance	PNC Foundation
Allison Carr	Excentia Human Services	Lancaster Family YMCA	PowerPacks
Allstate - Bernieri Associates	Finanta Credit Union	Lancaster Lodge 134 Order of the Elks	Pre-K Counts
Amanda & Joe Burns	Fox Pest Control	Lancaster Parking Authority	Randall Grossman
Amanda Bakay	Franklin & Marhsall College	Lancaster Public Art	Rebeca Santos
Amanda Pearson	Franklin and Marshall Women's Volleyball	Lancaster School of Cosmetology	Rebecca Musselman
American Cornerstone Group Insurance & Financial Services	Fraternal Order of Eagles #84	Lancaster Stormers at Penn Medicine Park	Riverside Camping Association
AmeriHealth Caritas PA	FrontStream	Lancaster Township	Runway 9
Amos Stolfus	Fulton Theater	Lanco Federal Credit Union	Rutter's Children's Charities
Amy & Mark Mitchell	Gary Leauby	Landis Communities	Ryan & Allyson Davis
Amy Good	Geisinger	Laura Furst	Saint Joseph Catholic Athletic Club
Auntie Anne's	Giles Family	Laura Schanz Consulting Associates, LLC	SALSA Baseball
Barbara Swords-Wang	Grace Toner	Lindsay Sessions	School District of Lancaster
Beat the Streets	Guzman Electrical	Lisa Stillwell	Sean Kennedy
Benjamin Snell	Heather Dighe	Little League International Baseball & Softball	Sean Post
Beth Ann Bradshaw	Hilary Grant	Logan Thorwaldson	Sechan Electronics Inc
BloomBox / Second Chance Plants	Hogan Mortgage	Lupton Law	Shayna Landis Bell
Boys and Girls Club	Hush Money Bikes	Make717	Shelby Nauman
Brad Snyder	Iolanthe Good	Margaret Folk	Sheryl Stewart
Carmen Epstein	Ivy Rehab	McCaskey Alumni Association	Stacey Mazzacco
Carole Kirchner	J. Eric Albrecht	McCaskey Athletics	Steve Deck & Family
CarolLee Pyfer	James Dougherty	Meghan Oakley-Henning	Tara Ruby
CCRES	Jean Weglars	Melissa Bruns Taylor & Family	Tellus360
Chad Houck	Jennifer Gurdock	Melissa Ressler	Tennis Central
Charles Rohrer	Jimmy Reichenbach	Members 1 st Federal Credit Union	Terminex
Chris Kennedy & Robert Bowman	Joanne Swords-Wang	Michael and Darlene Hamlin	The Corner at Musser
Cindy McCormick	John Apple Swim Fund	Michael Bingeman	The GIANT Company
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