

THE STILL PLACE

ANNUAL REPORT 2019





Message from the Founders...

Looking back over the past five years, Craig and I know The Still Place could have never come to be without the love, joy and support of our Still Place families, children, donors, volunteers, friends and community.

It astounds us daily how much love has been layered into the entire organization. When the kids first arrive into the house they often ask me, “whose house is this Dr. Dawn?” I say it’s yours and all you have to do is leave another layer of love. This idea of layers of love has now rippled throughout The Still Place community from our volunteers, donors, Board of Directors, staff and families.

As I reflect on the year and the organization, I truly believe 2019 was the year the organization transitioned from our kitchen table to the world truly becoming a sustainable organization layered and sustained by the hard work and love of what has become The Still Place community.

Let me take you on a little tour of the year, the accomplishments and changes that took place at The Still Place in 2019.

Dawn Grinenko and Craig Kitchens, Co-founders



LAYERS...

In 2019, we hosted 27 families, providing 28 free retreats. We served 141 individuals. The average family size was 5 and maximum 9. We are delighted when we are able to invite grandparents, family and friends who have supported our Still Place Families through their difficult times. Laughing Waterdog, LLC provided 168 nights of free lodging at both The Still House and The Cottage at Compass Meadows relying on support from Pay-It-Forward families who rent the houses throughout the year covering the cost of utilities. This year a team of volunteers provided most of the housekeeping substantially reducing costs. Family meals were also supported through donations of homemade food from volunteers for both family meals and picnics.



We performed the first formal post-visit evaluation of all previous guests. 100% reported renewal and a refreshing of spirit. 76% reported a sense of re-creation and empowerment, while 65% reported freedom from the daily burdens of illness. Favorite activities included gem-mining, hiking, Fires Creek excursions, arts and crafts and most importantly, quality family time. When asked to write a few words about the biggest impact, themes of love, peace and natural beauty emerged.



For the first time, year-long staff were welcomed. Kayla Tucker, an aspiring Child Life Specialist, joined us fresh from Young Harris College to become our Program Director providing hands-on support to the family retreat. Kelli Kirk joined us as Director of Operations, providing the desperately needed organizational structure. Coming from a background in ministry and volunteer coordination, she successfully recruited and organized a truly amazing team of over 50 very engaged volunteers. Chris Morhardt, President and CEO of Pharus Group joined late in 2019 to provide human resource, strategic planning and accounting support. A very small office now located in Hayesville provides space for our staff to work administratively in addition to easily meeting volunteers and staging family excursions and events.



AND MORE LAYERS...

Volunteers have become the heart and soul of The Still Place this year. Everyone seems to find their niche from making lunch and goodies for all the hungry hikers after a TSP Day Hike, to playful spirits and an amazingly talented arts and crafts team. We have excursion volunteers who are always ready to lend a hand whether it be fishing, tubing, rafting, horseback riding or zip-lining.

The Board of Directors has become transformed this year with high levels of engagement as we transitioned from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings freeing more time up for individuals to work on specific projects. An Americorp Team roughed in a new trail system on the property, Drake Industries provided a day of property clean up, turning the property into a more park-like setting. The Hinton Rural Life Center continues to support The Still Place with volunteer mission teams who help with trail development annually.

With increased numbers of families and staff more dedicated fundraising resulted in an incredibly successful #Giving Tuesday and End of Year Fundraising. We were also successful in securing our first external grant to support youth, focusing on ways to reduce social anxiety in seriously ill teens, their siblings and our teen volunteers. In addition our volunteers have developed fundraisers such as the 1st Annual Cinco de Mayo lunch, Team Gnorman hoping to build a team of 10 donors committed to donating \$100 per month and a Mommy and Daddy's Night Out Angel Donor.

As you see, layers and layers of love are now expanding the rest, renewal and re-creation offered at The Still Place for families with seriously ill children.

Love and thank you always for being a layer of love and supporting The Still Place, giving families with a seriously ill child a chance to make memories and connect as a family despite the daily burdens of serious illness.

Financial Statement 2019

Revenue

Individuals/Business	35%	\$105580
Foundations and Corporations	35%	\$103250
Gifts in Kind *	29%	\$88649
Fundraisers/Misc	1%	\$1404
Total		\$298883

*3486 Volunteer hours at \$25.43/hr(Independent Sector ref)

Operating Expenditures

Program Support	64%	\$50,658
Fundraising/Marketing	7%	\$5636
Administrative	18%	\$14574
Facilities/Insurance	9%	\$7036
Depreciation/Capital	2%	\$1500
Total	100%	\$79404



All because of our Amazing Angel Donors

THANK YOU FOR SO MANY MOMENTS OF JOY AND LOVE

Wanda and James Moran Foundation
Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation
John and Nellie Bastien Foundation
Dub and Murray Martin Trust



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your support
in our amazing
#GivingTuesday
campaign.

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Excursion Sites





Huge thanks and love to all of our **Donors** for bringing so much joy to the families, staff and volunteers of The Still Place!



The Still Place Mission

To provide rest, renewal and recreation to families with seriously ill children through nature, art, spirituality and Appalachian culture and adventure to enhance resiliency, self-determination, empowerment and hope.

The Still Place Vision

A world where all families affected by serious life-altering illnesses experience freedom from daily burdens of serious illness and enjoy time together as a family.

Core Values

Compassion
Empowerment
Inner Peace
Positive Attitude
Integrity

The Still Place is a 501(c)3 non-profit with solicitation licenses in the states of North Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

We welcome family referrals and donations through our website at www.thestillplace.org.

We are located in Hayesville, North Carolina and can be reached at 828-209-8021 or info@thestillplace.org