

SIENA RETREAT CENTER

Annual Report 2019-2020



Siena Retreat Center Provides Spiritual Nourishment Amid Pandemic

As the coronavirus came on our horizon, Siena Retreat Center continued to meet people's spiritual needs, acknowledging the need for connection and providing a safe forum to discuss life in the pandemic.

Our spiritual guides met with people virtually, offering important spiritual support. We brought many of our program offerings online, and created inspirational videos for people to remain connected, inspired, and hopeful.

Our Annual Spring Concert with the Choral Arts Society and Silent Auction went virtual in order to provide necessary income and to keep people safe.

The added cleaning and safety protocols have kept retreatants safe since reopening our doors in August. Check-in at the front desk now includes a health screening, but the welcome is just as warm.



Hospitality Director Jane Czarnecki organizes Siena Retreat Center's COVID-19 response.

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What people are saying:

Our group had a great week at a great place! Siena Retreat Center is as wonderful as always, hospitality, rooms, food, flexibility with meeting rooms, peaceful scenic location. Thank you for a great week!

The CDC needs to visit here to see how ULTIMATE SANITIZING is done! Your staff is quite amazing. Their teamwork is apparent.

Siena Retreat Center is one of the most spiritual places where anyone who is spiritual and good can gain so much. The Center is a second home that has helped heal my heart from many burdens I have meditated on with the guidance of several guides from different faith backgrounds.”

National Leaders Present on Spirituality, Justice, and Healing

Siena Retreat Center has been a hub for spiritual exploration since its founding in 1966. In 2019-2020, national presenters Matthew Fox, Mirabai Starr, Gail Worcelo, and Theodore Richards led dynamic retreats and programs at the Center, evoking thoughtful reflection and dialogue.



Scores of other local, regional, and national retreat leaders expanded the array of topics, leading participants into a deeper understanding of themselves and of spirituality, peace, and justice.

Siena Retreat Center Welcomes New Arrangements Coordinator

Racine native Nikki Madisen joined the staff in May of 2020 as Arrangements Coordinator, following in the footsteps of Dolores Catanach, OP.

Sr. Dolores continues to be involved, now as a volunteer, staffing the front desk and serving meals in the dining room.

Nikki is a St. Catherine's High School graduate, Montessori educator, and arts and crafts enthusiast. She welcomes your call or email to schedule a private or group retreat at arrangements@racinedominicans.org or (262) 898-2580.



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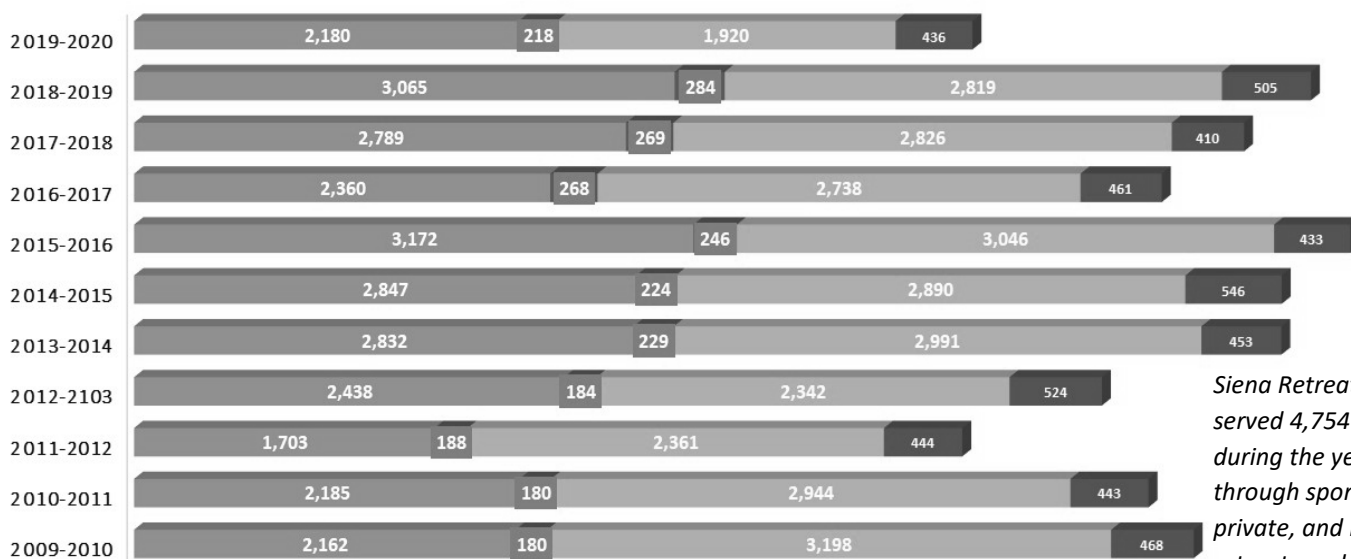
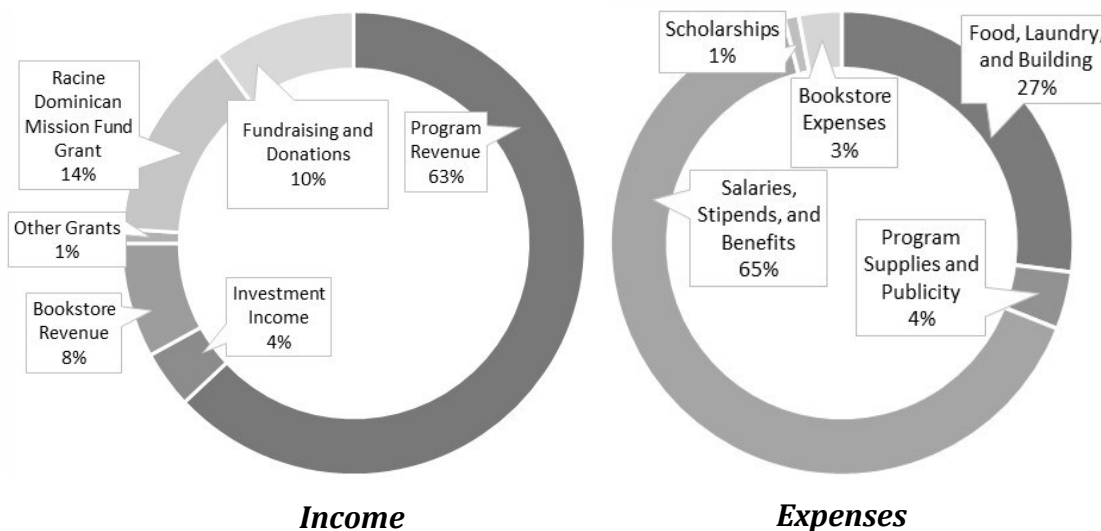
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Program revenue continued to be the organization's strongest revenue stream for the year, while donations, grants, and a Paycheck Protection Program loan from the CARES Act provided important income to cushion the financial impact of the pandemic.



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