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**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2023**



# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

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NHEE is abuzz with greatness and momentum. The entire NHEE Board feels this energy and we are so appreciative of the strides we've made this past year.

We completed our Strategic Planning process and have been excited to implement some great things. We welcomed our first NHEE Administrator to the organization, which also meant a change in the Board leadership. I was happy to step into this role, as Leigh Ann Reynolds transitioned into hers. It's been an exciting transformation.

The NHEE'd To Get Outside Grant continues to be a success as we get more kids learning about the natural world and connecting with new grant donors to help make it happen.

Thank you all for being a part of the NHEE community. From conference sponsors, environmental educators, NHEE'd to Get Outside donors, and environmental education advocates, you've all helped make this year great!

*Lindsay Webb*  
**LINDSAY WEBB**  
Interim Board President

**FIGURE 1.**

*Leigh Ann Reynolds, former NHEE board president and as of November 2023 NHEE Administrator (on left) and Lindsay Webb, NHEE Interim Board President (on right) at a recent NHEE Member Outing Event!*

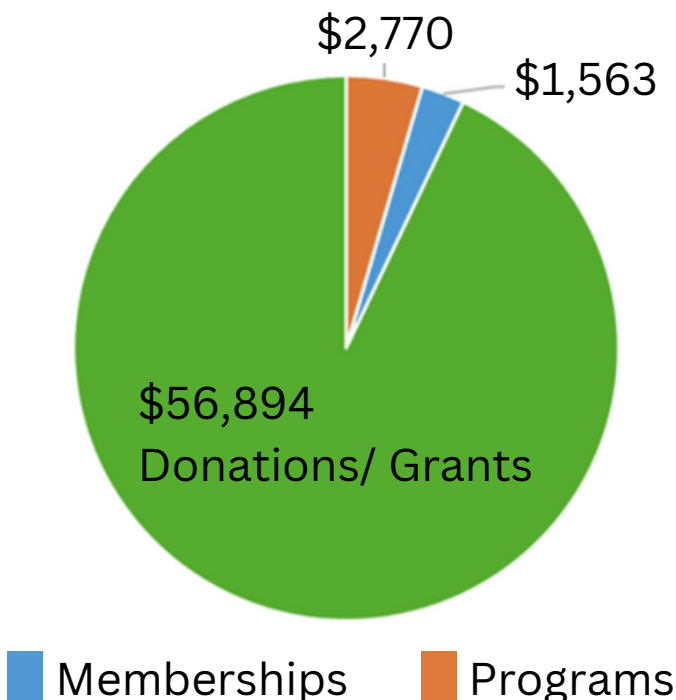


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2023 continued a trend of excellence in our organization's growth. Thanks to the leadership of Judy Silverberg, NHEE Development Chair, we have strategically identified, applied for, and received grants and other philanthropic giving that have allowed us to transform our operations and our ability to achieve our charitable mission at a new scale. We've dramatically increased our capacity to consistently provide more NHEE'd to Get Outside grants (just a few years ago we were granting \$2,000/year; in 2023 we provided over \$46,000 worth of grants) and are on a trajectory to sustain this new level of fundraising and communications thanks to increased capacity and philanthropy.

*Marc Nutter*  
**MARC NUTTER**  
Board Treasurer

## 2023 Income



## 2023 Expenses

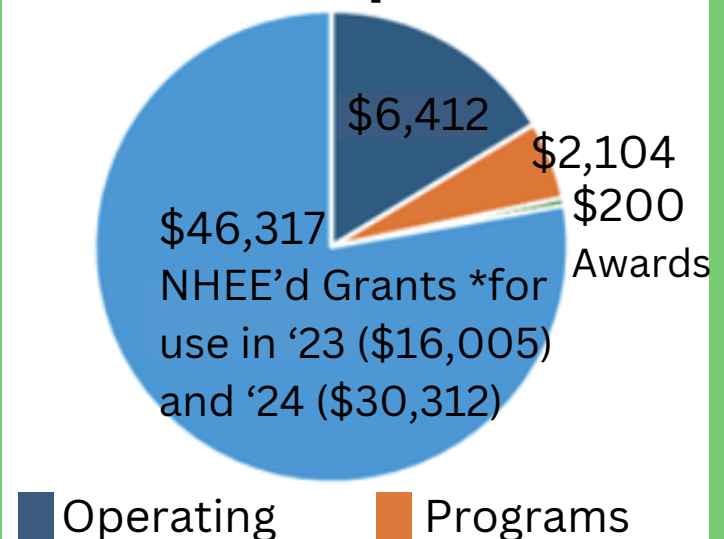


FIGURE 2.

These pie charts show NHEE's income and expense in 2023.



# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NHEE submitted a request and the Governor proclaimed April 17-23, 2023 as Outside for Five Week encouraging educators in NH to engage in outdoor learning for at least five minutes a day, five days a week, or any meaningful amount of time.

On May 3rd our Annual Conference & Meeting was held at Prescott Farm with 50 participants representing 23 organizations.

We partnered with NH Science Teachers Association (NHSTA) on a Fall Webinar Series to connect classroom teachers to environmental educators. Participants learned about in-classroom and field trip opportunities at Prescott Farm, The Caterpillar Lab, and NH Audubon.

We attended the Graniteer Festival on Sept 30th spreading the word about NHEE and how we are elevating EE in NH.

Many of you, 171 to be exact, participated in our Status & Needs Survey in 2022, which guided the creation of our Strategic Plan. One of the major action items was to hire a part time administrator which we did in November 2023.



*The State of New Hampshire  
By His Excellency  
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor*

### *A Proclamation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three

**OUTSIDE FOR FIVE WEEK  
APRIL 17-23, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire Environmental Educators have worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the many benefits of getting students outside during their learning day; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting students' mental health and well-being has a positive impact on their success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, spending even short amounts of time in nature can reduce stress and improve mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, learning outside can improve academic performance and help refuel students for learning in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, student learning which takes place in outdoor settings fosters systems thinking, and encourages students to become change-makers and choice-makers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **APRIL 17-23, 2023** as **OUTSIDE FOR FIVE WEEK** in the State of New Hampshire, and call this to the attention of all citizens.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



*Christopher T. Sununu*  
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Governor

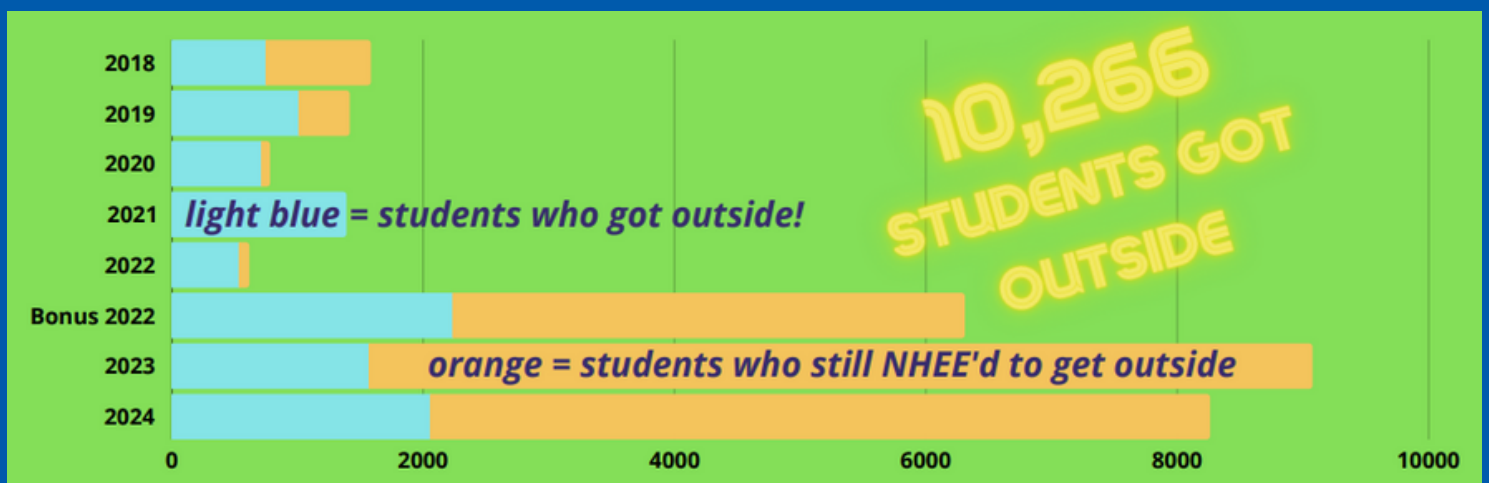
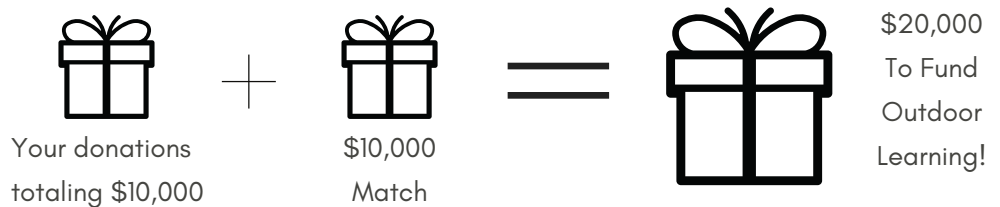
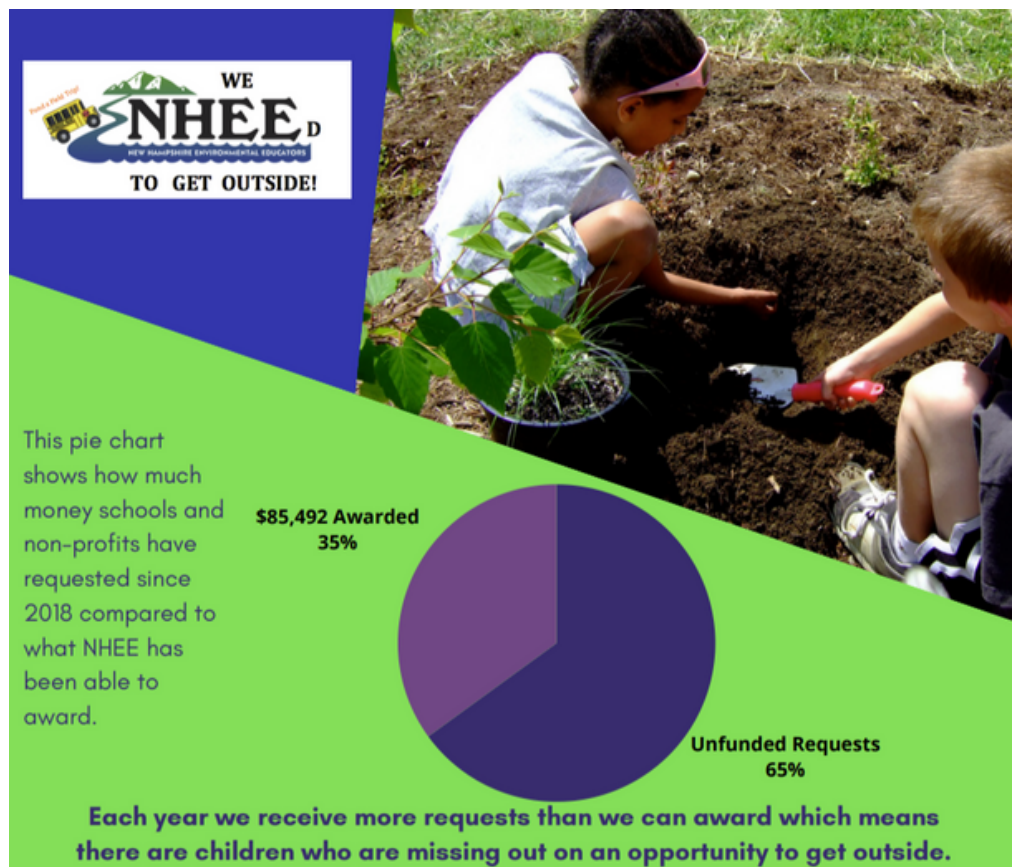


**FIGURE 3.**

NHEE Board Members (from left to right: Larry Davis, Lindsay Webb, and Leigh Ann Reynolds) at the Graniteer Festival sharing their passion for outdoor learning and environmental education with festival goers.

# MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED... NHEE'D TO GET OUTSIDE GRANT

In February 2023, thirteen different NH schools & non-profits received grants totaling \$16,005, that provided 1,575 students with hands-on, experiential, outdoor learning opportunities. In December 2023 we awarded \$30,312 in grants to 23 schools and organizations to use in 2024. To fund grants for 2025, in November 2023 we launched the NHEE'd to Get Outside Donation Drive to raise \$10,000 by May 31, 2024, as part of a challenge grant. All new donations (those who have not given to the NHEE'd grant within the last 5 years) will be matched dollar for dollar if we reach the \$10,000 goal. We have raised \$5,076 as of March 1, 2024! Let's keep the momentum going!



As you can see from the figure above there are many students in New Hampshire who are not getting outside each year due to lack of funding (represented in orange). Give today at [www.nhee.org](http://www.nhee.org) to get more students outside!



# SPONSORS & DONORS

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## 2023 Conference Sponsors & Partners

Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center; NH Audubon; Hollis Elementary; Squam Lakes Association; The Upper Room; Living Water Nature Programs LLC; Newfound Lake Region Association; VT & NH Energy Education Project; Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

## Individual Donors (in-kind included)

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**THANK YOU for supporting environmental education in NH!!!!**



*New Hampshire Environmental Educators is a network of individuals and organizations working to inspire connection to our natural world by supporting high quality environmental education and advancing environmental literacy.*

*We envision a NH where all people value and feel connected to our natural spaces, are environmentally literate, and act as social and environmental stewards in their communities.*



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