

# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2022

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who work to better themselves, their  
communities, and the world.*

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*I started to better understand different cultures by interacting with campers from diverse places in the world. I wish to continue my learnings after Camp, and I will apply what I have learned in my daily life and in my community—to live a better life for myself and others!*

**— Virtual CRS 2022 participant**



## OUR MISSION

To develop in promising young people from around the world a lifelong commitment to compassionate and responsible leadership for the betterment of their communities and the world.

# Letter from the Executive Director and Board President

At Camp Rising Sun, one of our hopes is that campers begin to develop confidence in their ability to rise to meet life's challenges. We believe that when young people are given the leadership tools to approach obstacles as opportunities to grow, they can change the world.

As the world evolves, it is essential for LAJF to rise to its own challenge of how we can best continue to meet the needs of future generations of young leaders. The pandemic came at a time when we had been working to strengthen the Camp Rising Sun program. It became a motivating catalyst that sprung our staff into further action to build new programs in response to the global circumstances.

**This year, we reopened our campgrounds and returned to in-person programming for the first time since 2019, and the season was a huge success because of supporters like you—thank you!** The in-person Camp session welcomed 54 young women and non-binary campers from across the globe. At the same time, we continued to offer two engaging virtual programs: **Virtual CRS or TELE** and the **Rise Up Virtual Intensives**, which served young people of all gender identities.

This year also marked the first year of our **five-year strategic plan**, which sets us up to move forward with sustainability in mind. As our global community is continually expanding, remaining accessible to young people from all over the world remains our priority. We believe that the future of programs like ours relies on our ability to meet our campers where they are. This means recognizing the benefits of both in-person and virtual programs, and continuing to be innovative on ethical leadership.

At Camp Rising Sun, campers learn how to lead from a place of self-reflection, compassion, and confidence; considering the diverse perspectives of others; with the goal of leaving a positive impact on the world. **The world needs this type of leadership, and we thank you for also believing wholeheartedly in its value.**

We look forward to continuing to do our part to imbue more compassion into the world. Together, we are helping to guide young people as they cultivate their unique leadership style and rise up as the change-makers of the future.

With gratitude,



**Helene Mattera**  
Executive Director



**Francisco Bonilla, MD**  
Board President



# OUR PROGRAMS



*The Louis August Jonas Foundation and Camp Rising Sun operate educational programs to support teenagers from all over the world develop compassionate and ethical leadership skills.*

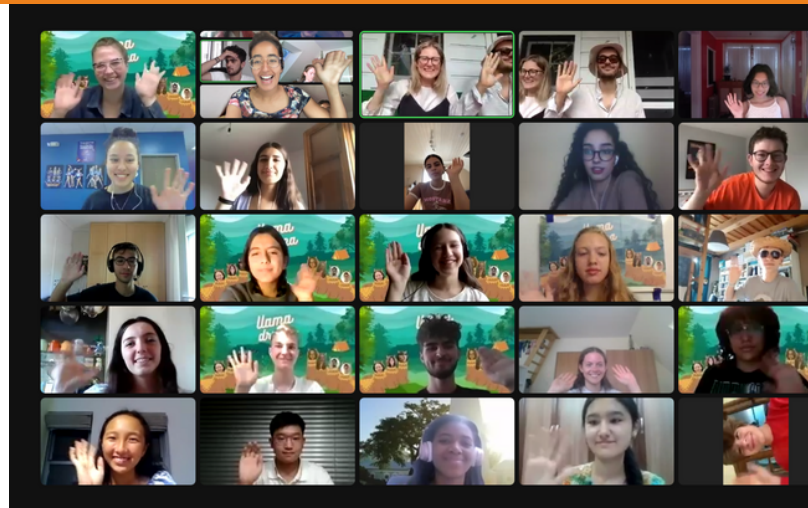
## CAMP RISING SUN

**Camp Rising Sun** is an in-person summer camp experience that brings together young people from countries across the globe for four weeks at our beautiful campus in Upstate New York. Campers practice leadership skills, build community, and are exposed to wide range of thoughts and ideas in a supportive community of peers and counselors.



## TELE AND VIRTUAL INTENSIVES

**TELE—The Ethical Leadership Experience**—is an intimate international cohort for a highly interactive exploration of leadership, identity, justice, action, and imagination. This virtual program connects young people from over 30 countries through an unforgettable, life-changing and community-building experience. During the program, participants take part in two three-day intensives led by experienced facilitators and driven by our pedagogy of experiential education, self-growth, reflection, and discussion.



During the **Virtual Intensives**, participants are challenged to engage directly with some of the most fascinating open problems outside of the standard curriculum. Participants can select workshops in the topics that interest them and meet other peers around the world who share an interest in learning too. In 2022 we offered 7 intensives, among them Organizing for Social Change, Philosophy & Science, Sustainability and Regeneration, and Art & Justice.

# OUR IMPACT IN 2022



## RETURN TO **IN-PERSON** PROGRAMMING FOR THE FIRST YEAR SINCE 2019

- One In-Person Camp Rising Sun Session
- Two Virtual Camp Rising Sun Sessions
- Virtual Intensives Program

**130** YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

## **27** DIFFERENT COUNTRIES THAT CRS CAMPERS CALL HOME:

*Australia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bulgaria, Cameroon, China, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Israel, Japan, Morocco, Korea, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, United States*



After Camp, campers expressed significant growth in **key leadership areas** such as:

**LEARNING FROM OTHERS**

**SEEKING OUT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

**TAKING ACTION TO SOLVE A PROBLEM**

**PERSISTENCE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE**

**EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION WITH PEERS**





# CAMP UPGRADES



## IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO BOTH CAMP RISING SUN CAMPUSES

Our goal is to ensure campers have a **beautiful, functional, and sustainable** home away from home during their time at our campgrounds in the Hudson Valley of New York State.

## CLINTON CAMPUS

Roof mounted solar paneling added to main building and solar canopy added to the hilltop

Ongoing replacement of windows

Pool resurfaced and new pumps installed

New Lean-Tos built accommodate campers



## RED HOOK CAMPUS

Preliminary work scoping and engineering work

Camp director house septic repair

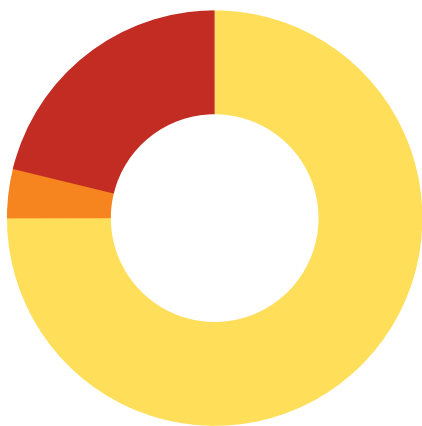
Well fracking/expansion to increase ease for pool filling; pool resurfaced and repaired; new pump system installed



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

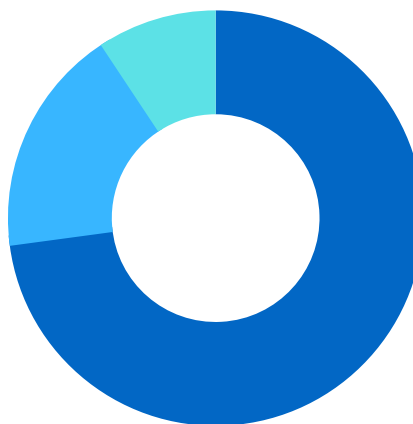
Fiscal Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

## OPERATING REVENUES



<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Fundraising - Unrestricted Donations	\$537,450.56
<span style="color: red;">■</span> Events, Programs, Facility Rentals	\$152,068.54
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> Fundraising - Restricted Donations	\$27,257.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$716,776.88</b>

## OPERATING EXPENSES



<span style="color: blue;">■</span> Program Services	\$1,012,410.00
<span style="color: lightblue;">■</span> Management and General	\$247,374.00
<span style="color: cyan;">■</span> Fundraising	\$216,513.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,476,297.00</b>
Depreciation	\$47,125.53

For a full copy of our Fiscal Year 2022 audited financials, please visit our website at [lajf.org/reports](http://lajf.org/reports). This information is also available upon request by contacting our office.







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*"CRS is a unique experience that I got a lot out of. I know that it makes a big difference for nonprofits to show how many regular donors they have so even giving a little every month makes an outsized difference. Being a CRS Sustainer is an easy way to pay forward a little bit of what I gained."*

**—Evan Schwartz ('05-'08)**

Go to [lajf.org/sustainer](http://lajf.org/sustainer) to make your gift monthly.

# WAY TO GO TIM!

LAJF Board President (April 2020 - April 2022)  
**Tim Wong**, completed his first **Ironman triathlon** on November 21, 2021 in Arizona! We are thankful for Tim, who took the opportunity to fundraise for LAJF and Camp Rising Sun.

More than **70 donors** gave in honor of Tim and his incredible feat, raising over **\$30,130** for CRS!

*"It feels good to be part of something bigger than myself—a lesson I learned during my time at Camp. I am reminded that we cannot walk alone. I am grateful to have a strong community of people who truly care about building a better world. Thank you for your thoughts and encouragement and supporting this worthy cause. I'm excited to see how this experience will add to my personal growth."*

—Tim C. Wong ('78, '79)

**YOU** can follow Tim's lead and fundraise for CRS by engaging your network, whether it's for a race, your birthday, a milestone, or special occasion. Reach out to us at [development@lajf.org](mailto:development@lajf.org).



## LAJF IRONMAN

# LOOKING AHEAD

## FULL RETURN TO CAMP SUMMER 2023

This summer, we will return to two full in-person Camp Rising Sun sessions for participants of all genders. CRS will welcome more than 127 young people in person, with campers coming from over 29 different regions and countries. Camp will be run concurrently with our virtual programs—TELE and Virtual Intensives. We're excited for all of our campers to experience the magic of Camp at our campus in Rhinebeck, New York.



## LAUNCHING NEW GAP-YEAR PROGRAM

LAFJ program staff team is developing a fee-based, in-person, and experiential ethical leadership program to be offered as a gap-year option. This four to eight week program is aimed at 18-25 year-olds and will strengthen the CRS programmatic ecosystem by offering further opportunities for development and broadening our reach. Expected program pilot launch will be in the Fall of 2024.



**We can't wait to welcome our campers this summer,  
and are grateful you are here alongside us as we grow!**

# WAYS TO GIVE

## DONATE ONLINE OR BY MAIL

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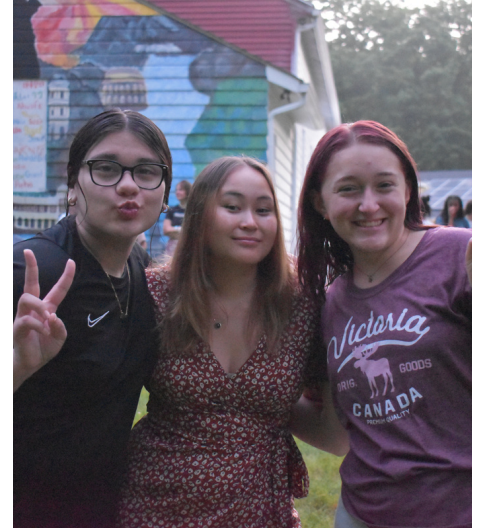
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