




**Beaver Run
Foundation**
Supporting The Camphill School

Annual Report 2025



We are pleased to share this issue of the Beaver Run Foundation's Annual Report. The Beaver Run Foundation is an independent non-profit organization established for the benefit of The Camphill School with a mission to:

1. Encourage and motivate the making of gifts and donations for the advancement, promotion, and maintenance of The Camphill School
2. Conduct public fundraising activities
3. Invest the money it raises to establish funds to benefit the general purposes of The Camphill School
4. Hold title and manage property acquired for the benefit of The Camphill School

The Foundation has consistently grown over the years thanks to those who have chosen to remember it in their wills or estate plans. Additionally, growth as in increased through wise and prudent stewardship of the invested funds that include ethically and socially responsible investments and low-interest loans to the school for investment in property that help further the school's mission.

Within these pages you will learn more about the Foundation and how the generosity and commitment of those who have chosen to be part of the Pietzner Legacy Society support The Camphill School, ensuring that future generations of students and their families have access to our unique curriculum and life sharing homes. I also share my own journey of developing Raphael Village, which was supported in its fledgling stages by

a low-interest loan from Beaver Run Foundation.

Thank you for being part of our community and supporting our students.

Most sincerely,

Jackie Case

Jackie Case, *President*

**Beaver Run Foundation
Board of Directors**

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Kevin Slane

Claus Sproll, *Administrator*

Are you 70½ or older with an IRA? Then this article is for you!

When you start the process of taking your Qualified Minimum Distribution (QMD) from your individual retirement account (IRA) this year and realize the taxes you'll have to pay, maybe think "The Camphill School" or "Beaver Run Foundation" instead.

- The Camphill School or Beaver Run Foundation receives the funds directly from your IRA administrator and your name will not be relayed to us, so if you plan to make a QCD to the school, please let us know—we want to be able to thank you.
 - When you donate from your IRA, you will be welcomed into the Pietzner Legacy Society.
- Want to learn more or let us know you will send a QCD this year? Contact Courtney Coffman at 610.469.9236 x132 or ccoffman@camphillschool.org.

If you are at least 70½ years old, you can give up \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to The Camphill School or Beaver Run Foundation **without it counting as taxable income**. Qualified charitable distributions (QCD) are now a permanent addition to the tax code and can benefit both you and our students.

There are some rules and processes to keep in mind:

- You must be at least 70½ or older at the time of the transfer.
- You may transfer up to \$100,000 per year.
- Your distribution must come directly from a qualified IRA.
- The amount transferred is excluded from your adjusted gross income (AGI).
- Each financial institution that holds IRAs has their own paperwork and processes that you must complete.
- Always consult your financial advisor before making any charitable gift, including a QCD.



Building for a Lifetime Campaign a Success

The Camphill School recently announced that, thanks to our generous donors, the \$7 million Building for a Lifetime Campaign goal was successfully met. Beaver Run Foundation was thrilled to be part of the Campaign by granting \$100,000 to the vital projects. The Foundation's Administrator, Claus Sproll, presented a check at the school's 60th Anniversary Gala in May of 2024.

With funds raised by this Campaign, The Camphill School has and will address several buildings on the campus and will make improvements to the infrastructure on the 88-acre property.

In fall of 2023 a ribbon cutting was held to officially open the renovated and expanded Craft House. The renovation has improved building accessibility, functionality, and safety. The Craft House is dedicated to the memory of Bill and Betsy Herman, whose planned gifts provided significantly to the success of the Campaign. Their son Howard, granddaughter Phoebe, and daughter-in-law Vivian, who is also a member of the Beaver Run Foundation Board, helped cut the ribbon.



Renovations and additions to Woodledge and Ember, two of our more modest homes, built in 1970, will provide the space needed for the modern requirements of our students and school community. Notable features are:

- More personal space for both students and resident volunteers with a two-story addition providing single or double rooms for students and improved work-life balance for staff
- An apartment for the older generation of coworkers who choose to age in place as part of a house community
- ADA accessible living spaces, bathrooms, and entryways

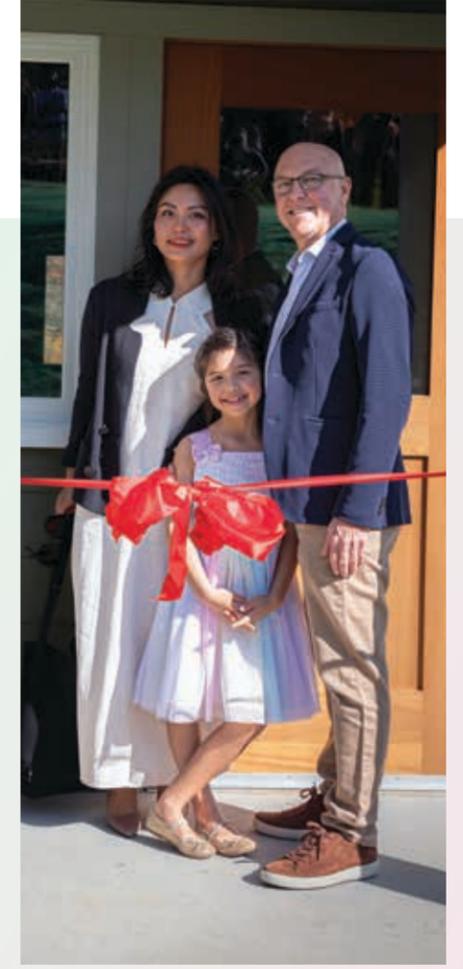


- A larger, more functional kitchen

Lastly, The Camphill School will be making infrastructure improvements to the upper part of campus that include:

- Fire and domestic water storage silos to allow for updated fire suppression systems to gradually be installed in all buildings and residences
- Utility upgrades in the upper part of campus

Beaver Run Foundation is proud to be among the valued donors that made these projects possible.



Raphael Village: From Vision to Community

By Jackie Case, Founder of Raphael Village and President of Beaver Run Foundation Board of Directors

Located in the historic Irish Channel neighborhood of New Orleans, Raphael Village supports differently-abled adults in becoming fully engaged in life through meaningful activity, employment opportunities, and healthy social relationships. What exists today as a vibrant and growing community began more than a decade ago with a much smaller, deeply personal search for belonging, purpose, and the right educational environment.

This article reflects on the origins and evolution of Raphael Village, the personal journey that inspired it, and the partnerships and people—such as the Beaver Run Foundation—that helped make its growth possible.

A Personal Beginning

My journey toward Raphael Village began not with a non profit plan, but with my search for the right school for my five-year-old son following his autism diagnosis in 2000. At the time, educational options for children with autism were limited, and few environments recognized or nurtured the unique gifts of children who learn differently.

My professional life began earlier, in 1992, in the field of architecture. After graduating from university, I moved to New Orleans to work for a firm specializing in historic renovations and—through mutual lifelong friends—met my future husband within my first week in the city. We married in 1995 and welcomed our son, Case, in 1997. He was a healthy, joyful child who met all typical early milestones; yet shortly after fifteen months, we began to sense that he experienced the world in his own distinct way.

Four years later, I found myself searching for an educational setting that would both challenge Case academically and honor his individuality. In the early 2000s, autism was far less understood or supported within school environments than it is today. By chance—or perhaps fate—I attended an open house at a newly emerging Waldorf® school.

Seeds of a New Vision

As Case joined the early childhood program, my interest in Rudolf Steiner's philosophy of childhood development and

education deepened. I became actively involved in the life of the school, serving as Treasurer for three years, Board Chair for two, and Administrator for one. During this time, I worked alongside dedicated educators and committed parent volunteers to guide the school through the early stages of accreditation with the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America.

Although Case attended the school for only five years, the experience planted a seed that would take root and grow several years later.



A Turning Point: Discovering Camphill

In the fall of 2010, I found myself asking an essential question: *What comes next for Case—and for other children like him?* Years earlier, during a chance conversation in the summer of 2004, I had learned about The Camphill School. As that memory resurfaced, my husband and I decided it was time to see this place for ourselves.

During our two-day visit to Camphill in Pennsylvania, we toured both the K–12 program and the Transition Program serving students from high school up to age twenty-two. What stood out most was the depth of care, compassion, and academic substance offered to students with a wide range of abilities. Every student was both expected and encouraged to participate to the best of their ability. Lessons were rich and hands-on, encompassing subjects such as astronomy, botany, farming, physics, and mathematics, and students were actively engaged in creating their own lesson books.

We also joined one of the residential households for lunch. The meal was blessed, and we sat together sharing highlights from the morning, experiencing a simple yet profound sense of community and belonging.

That visit clarified something I had been carrying quietly for years. What I witnessed was not simply an effective educational model, but a way of life rooted in dignity, contribution, and relationship. I returned home convinced that this kind of community was not only possible—but urgently needed—in New Orleans.



Raphael Village: From Vision to Community

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From Vision to Reality

Raphael Academy opened its doors in August 2012 as a one-room schoolhouse, with lead teacher Megan Riley at the helm. With twelve years of experience in special education, Megan committed herself to further training in curative education, completing a three-summer intensive certification program. Under her leadership, the school grew to include three combined classrooms: Early Grades, Middle Grades, and Transitions (high school).

As the community evolved, it became clear that education alone was not enough. In 2013, Raphael Village launched a young-adult program—now known as the Guild at Raphael Village—to support individuals transitioning out of academic settings and into adulthood. Today, the Guild serves more than sixty individuals and offers a wide range of artistic, horticultural, and culinary programming, along with supported employment through The Hive, onsite vocational training at the Dragonfly Café, and year-round community engagement activities that foster healthy social well-being.

A Pivotal Partnership at a Critical Moment

During Raphael Village's early years, I was introduced to the Beaver Run Foundation through Claus Sproll, Finance Director of The Camphill School, whom I had met during my 2010 visit. Over time, Claus became a trusted mentor as Raphael Academy was getting off the ground.

At a critical juncture—when we needed a small loan to bridge the gap between donor commitments and a bank loan for the purchase of our school building—the Beaver Run Foundation stepped forward. This timely support proved decisive. Without it, we would have missed a strategic opportunity to establish a permanent home and anchor the school within the community. Until then, we had been operating out of rented space in a nearby apartment building, with no possibility for expansion.

Today, I am honored to serve as Board President of the Beaver Run Foundation, continuing a relationship that has shaped the trajectory of Raphael Village from its earliest days.

Deepening Roots Within the Camphill Movement

It was also during this formative period that I continued to deepen relationships with The Camphill School and with other Camphill communities throughout the region. These connections reinforced the shared values that had first inspired

Raphael Village and helped ground our work within the North American region.

By joining the Camphill Association initially as a guest, Raphael Village began a gradual and intentional path toward formal membership, which was realized in 2017. This milestone affirmed both our philosophical alignment and our commitment to evolving the Camphill mission in a way that reflects the unique cultural and social context of the Deep South.

A Strategic Shift Toward Adulthood

For twelve years, Raphael Academy provided students and their families with a nurturing, Waldorf®-inspired learning environment that was unique in the southeastern United States. However, following significant enrollment and staffing challenges during and after the pandemic, the school was ultimately shuttered. This difficult decision allowed us to redirect our energy and resources toward the fastest-growing and most underserved need within our community: young adults transitioning into adulthood.

Today, our work centers on cultivating lifelong relationships with those we serve through the Guild. Our focus has shifted from time-limited education to long-term community, recognizing that belonging and purpose must extend across the lifespan.

Looking Ahead: A Shared Future

Raphael Village is working toward the creation of a life-sharing residential model within Louisiana's Medicaid

waiver program—one that allows adults with disabilities to live in stable, meaningful relationships with supportive companions rather than relying on rotating staff. Over the past year, we have worked closely with Brackin and Associates, a local Medicaid consultant, to navigate regulatory requirements and align them with our person-centered model of supportive independence. At the heart of this work is a commitment to dignity, relationship, beauty, and sustainable rhythms of home and community life—principles deeply rooted in the Camphill tradition.

Raphael Village would not exist without the support of countless individuals living and working at The Camphill School, the Beaver Run Foundation, and other Camphill communities around the world. Through relationship-building and collaboration, we continue to evolve the Camphill mission in New Orleans, ensuring it remains responsive to the needs of differently-abled individuals both now and into the future.

What began as a small seed of vision planted many years ago has blossomed into a vibrant community where individuals of diverse abilities find meaning, dignity, and purpose. Today, we stand at the threshold of the next chapter—the creation of our future residential community. Over the past three years, we have carefully planned and nurtured this dream, and in early 2026 we will take our first tangible step forward. While the final shape of what will emerge has yet to be written, we move ahead guided by our heads, our hearts, and a sense of divine inspiration.

This journey has opened the door to deeply meaningful relationships, and I am profoundly grateful for the wisdom, encouragement, and support shared by so many along the way. Every human being discovers their true worth through relationships with others. When we help one another find community and purpose, we strengthen the fabric of society itself—and, in doing so, open the possibility for a more compassionate and hopeful future.



Join the Pietzner Legacy Society

The Pietzner Legacy Society was established to recognize those who have chosen to include the Beaver Run Foundation in their wills or other estate plans or those who made gifts to the school through their IRA's Qualified Minimum Distribution (QMD). Named for our founders, Carlo and Ursel Pietzner whose legacy is being nurtured and maintained by our many donors and those listed who have made a deep commitment to the long-term health and vitality of The Camphill School.

You will be welcomed to the Pietzner Legacy Society by making one or more of the following gifts to the Beaver Run Foundation:

- Outright gift of cash or gift from a Donor Advised Fund
- Beneficiary designation on your retirement plan or through life insurance
- Bequest in your will:
To leave a gift in your will, simply share this sentence with your attorney or financial planner:
 - I bequeath \$_____ or _____% of my estate to Beaver Run Foundation (EIN 45-0548488), 1784 Fairview Road, Glenmoore, PA 19343
- Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA (see article on page 3)
- Charitable remainder unitrust
- Marketable securities such as stocks

Please contact Courtney Coffman at ccoffman@camphillschool.org if you are interested in learning more about leaving a legacy for our students through any of the above channels or if you already have.

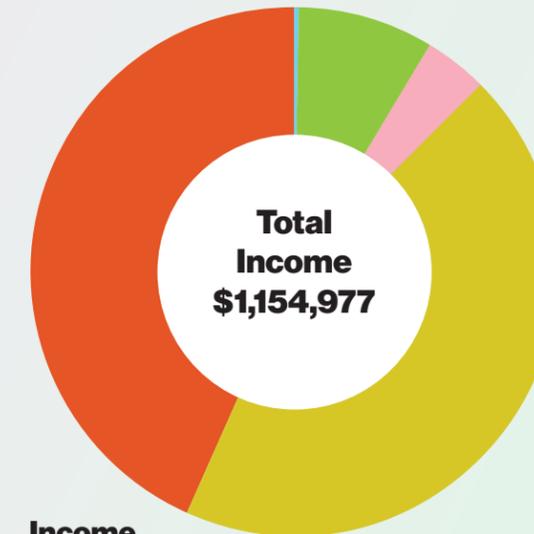
As with all charitable contributions, you should consult your attorney and/or financial planner before making a commitment.

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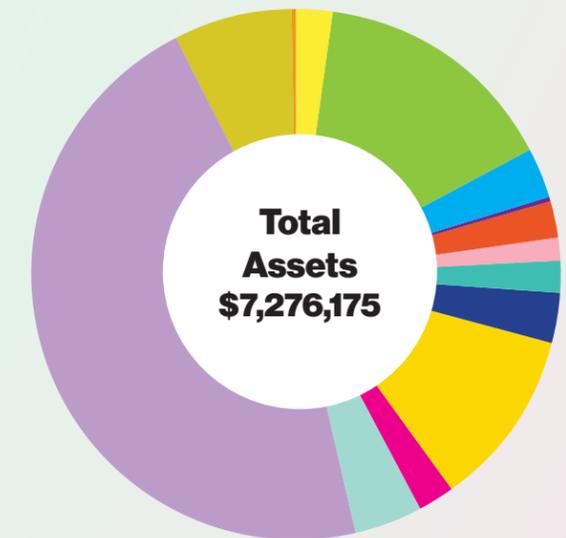
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As of June 30, 2025



Income

- Public Support: **\$5,872**
- Investment Income: **\$94,272**
- Interest Income: **\$44,499**
- Universal Life Value: **\$118**
- Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss): **\$510,216**
- Transfers from The Camphill School: **\$500,000**



Assets

- Staff and Children Education Fund: **\$304,327**
- BRF Reserve Fund: **\$2,033,676**
- Sarah Jane Fund: **\$419,194**
- Curative Education Fund: **\$6,000**
- Katherine Grandt Fund: **\$21,896**
- Insurance Reserve Fund: **\$300,000**
- Medical Reserve Fund: **\$200,000**
- Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Endowed Scholarship Fund: **\$249,935**
- Declan Metzger Scholarship Fund: **\$394,757**
- The Herman Endowment Fund: **\$1,485,035**
- Diversity Fund: **\$285,152**
- Enablement Fund (EF): **\$571,417**
- TOTAL Cash & Investments: **\$6,271,389**
- TOTAL Notes Receivable (EF): **\$1,002,307**

Expenses

- Transfer to The Camphill School: **\$200,000**
- Administration: **\$37,894.69**



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