

VILLA MARIA EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTER 2019-2020 Annual Report



Dear Friend,

As I begin to write this letter, it is difficult to find the words to describe a year of such turmoil and struggle. Life has changed radically for all of us and so many are suffering due to loss, illness, economic struggles and isolation. We at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center continue to hold all of you and your loved ones in our hearts and prayers.

Fiscal year 2019-20 started out on very promising notes. Our sponsored programs in late summer and the fall were very well attended. These included retreats presented by Nancy Sylvester, IHM, Susan Schorsten, HM and Gay Rowzie, HM, Jan Phillips, Paulette Kirschensteiner, HM, Dena DeLuco and Maureen Lauer-Gatta, Cheryl Rose, HM, Margaret Marszal, HM, and Melanie Svoboda, SND. The number and diversity of our hosted groups had also increased. We were looking forward to an equally strong first half of 2020.

However, all of that changed in the first months of 2020 and VMESC was forced to cease its operations on March 13th due to the pandemic. We remained closed through August 1, 2020 when we began to welcome personal retreatants and later in September small groups to our center. And this is where we are today, waiting for the next step to more complete reopening.

Although these times have been difficult, there have been many bright spots. We are very grateful for the resilience of the VMESC staff who adapted and began offering virtual programs and developed new protocols for guaranteeing the safety of our guests once we were able to welcome them back to VMESC. We are also grateful for the strong stewardship of our resources by the VMESC Board of Directors whose oversight along with the generosity of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary allowed us to retain our entire staff throughout these fallow times. Another positive has been the sharing with other retreat centers throughout the country through the Retreat Center Collaboration which provides support as we face common experiences. And we are very excited about our new Assistant Executive Director, Natalie Terry, who joined our staff in July and has brought creative energy to our planning.

As we look to the future, we are encouraged by the number of people who have participated in our virtual programs and those who have begun to return to our center. We eagerly await the time when we will once again be able to share this sacred space with all who seek the beauty and tranquility of Villa Maria. We remain convinced that retreat centers, and VMESC, are precious resources and we are deeply grateful to all of you who support us in this special ministry.

Gratefully,

Sister Jane Marie Kudlacz, HM
President / CEO



*"This retreat rejuvenated my spirit
and helped me create new relationships.
This place is wonderful."*

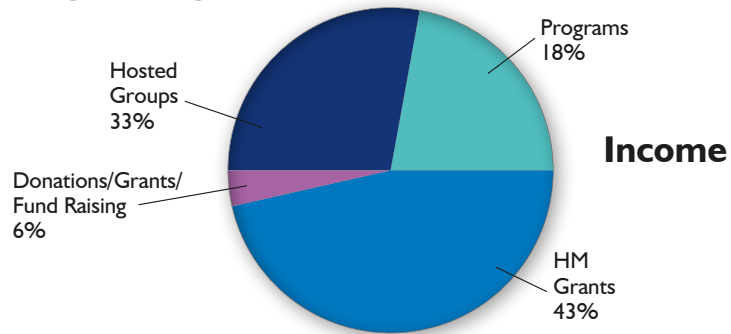
A Program Participant



VMESC Operating Budget 2019-2020

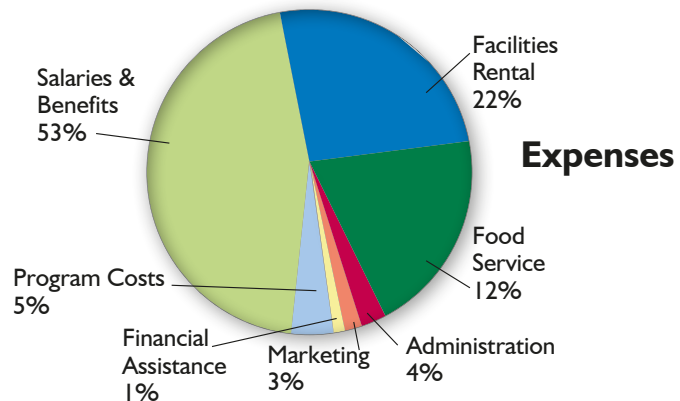
Income

Programs	\$120,332
Hosted Groups	\$213,157
HM Ministry Grants (Program & HM Salaries)	\$281,605
Donations, Grants, Fund Raising	\$37,107
Total Income	\$652,201



Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$361,423
Facilities Rental	\$143,861
Food Service	\$83,295
Program Costs	\$30,165
Marketing	\$19,648
Administration	\$26,582
Financial Assistance	\$3,724
Total Expense	\$668,698



Numbers Served

Adults

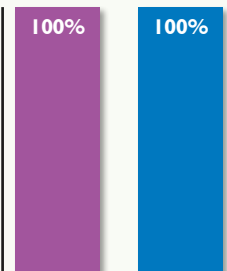
Number of Programs	329
Number of Participants	1,275
Number of Hosted Groups	132
Number of Participants	2,372
Total Adults Served	3,647

Youth

Number of Programs	16
Number of Participants	550
Number of Hosted Groups	20
Number of Participants	717
Total Youth Served	1,267

HOSTED GROUP SATISFACTION SURVEY

(Percentage in Agreement with Each Statement)



The overall atmosphere was welcoming and friendly.

Would you consider returning to VMESC?

VMESC STAFF

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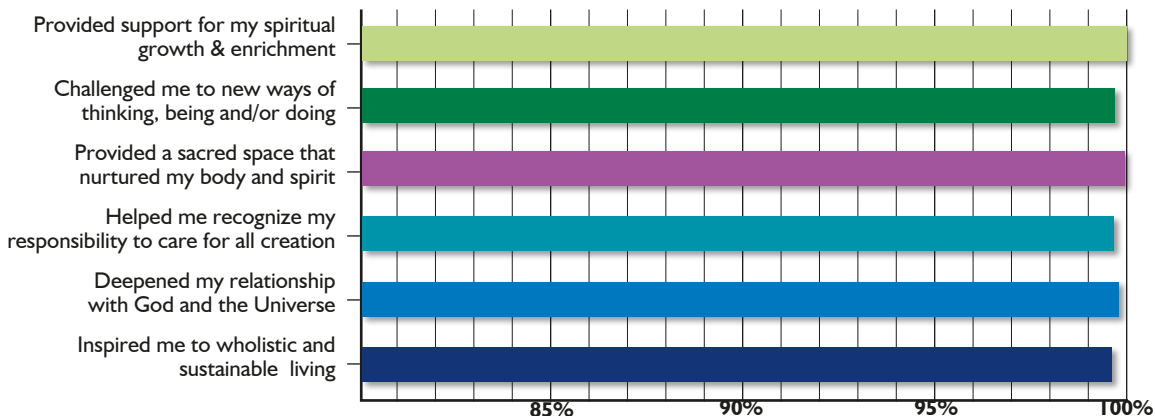
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"Quiet, beautiful, sacred land!"
 A Personal Retreatant

ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT

SUMMARY OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATIONS (Percentage in Agreement with Each Statement)



VISION STATEMENT

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center is a sacred setting where God's grace is nurtured and abundant life unfolds. We seek to inspire lifelong learning and growth through relationships with God, others, self and Earth.

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*"Loved every minute
at Villa Maria!"*
A Personal Retreatant

*"This experience has
been beyond amazing!"*
A Program Participant

*"This was the closest
to perfection that a facility
could possibly come.
The spirituality and
peace experienced are
greatly appreciated!"*
A Hosted Group Participant





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MISSION STATEMENT

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center provides and promotes educational and spiritual experiences in a unique setting for people of all ages, faiths, and economic status.

2021 Spring/Summer Programs

- March 20 Day Retreat with Dena DeLuco (Virtual)
- March 27 Day Retreat with Anne Kertz Kernion (Virtual)
- April 11 Day Retreat with Dena DeLuco & Maureen Lauer-Gatta (Virtual)
- April 16-18 Weekend IDR
- April 17 Day Retreat for Care-Givers (Virtual)
- April 24 Day Retreat with Dena DeLuco (Virtual)
- May 7-8 Women's Retreat (Virtual)
- June 5 Annual Villa Maria-thon**
- June 19 Day Retreat with Margaret Marszal, HM (Virtual)
- July 5-10 Spiritual Direction Formation Program (Virtual)

- July 5-9 Art Retreat
- August 28 Day Retreat with Maureen Wild (Virtual)

Coming in November

- Nov. 4-7 Conference Retreat with Diarmuid O'Murchu

Check our website for more details and additional programs: www.vmesec.org

