

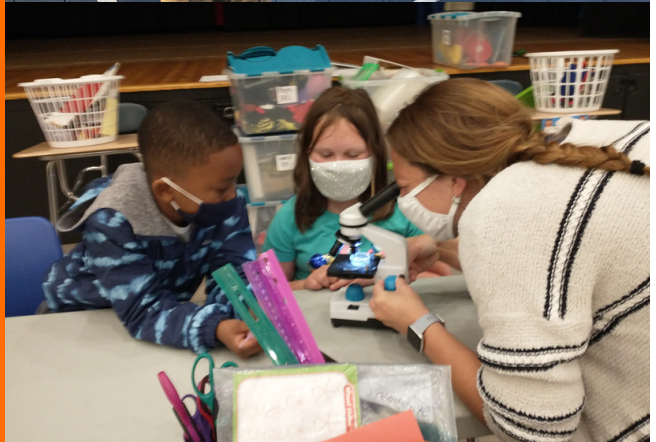


STONINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Better Together Since 1945

"Like no other organization in Stonington, the COMO serves as the nucleus of the community in so many ways - touching virtually everyone in one way or another...." - Jill Corr, Volunteer of the Year



BETTER TOGETHER

2020 showed just how critical our families, members, donors, and organizational partners are to the COMO mission of strengthening families and community. Here's a snapshot of what we were able to accomplish with your help.

A Community PPE Project for Essential Personnel

During our 75 day closure, the COMO Makerspace launched a community personal protective equipment (PPE) project. Your donations of supplies and funding helped the COMO Makerspace (and our young makers helping at home!), 3D print over **330 face shields for essential workers**. This PPE was distributed to L&M Hospital, Stonington Ambulance, and Stonington Police Department—a true testament to the power of community.

A COVID-19 Appeal that Helped Keep our Doors Open and Programs Safe for our Community.

After closing our doors in March, we reached out to our community, and the response was astounding. Donors and partners helped us to secure supplies like hand sanitizer, masks and PPE, hand soap, and donations for our emergency COVID appeal. Your support was critical in helping us reopen our courts, camps, and childcare safely, welcoming the community back to the COMO campus in May. We are especially grateful that we were able to keep our paddle and tennis courts available as a small respite for our community during a difficult time. Overall, **COMO membership increased by 12% in 2020**.



Full Day Distance Learning Childcare in Partnership with Stonington Schools

In response to an identified need, the COMO, in partnership with the Stonington School District, established full-day COMO Kids care for elementary and middle school youth for the fall of 2020.

We were able to provide **68 families** with full-day distance learning assistance for those that required childcare during virtual learning, with a **focus on health and safety**. The auditorium was converted into two classrooms, and our new normal included temperature checks, sanitizing, social distancing, masks, new COVID drop-off and pick-up procedures. In 2020, COMO staff completed **6,974 health screenings at the COMO building!**

When everything felt like it was shutting down, you safely kept your doors open to us. Thank you for keeping our kids safe and making them feel so special - COMO Distance Learning Parent



A Successful Virtual 75-Year Celebration!

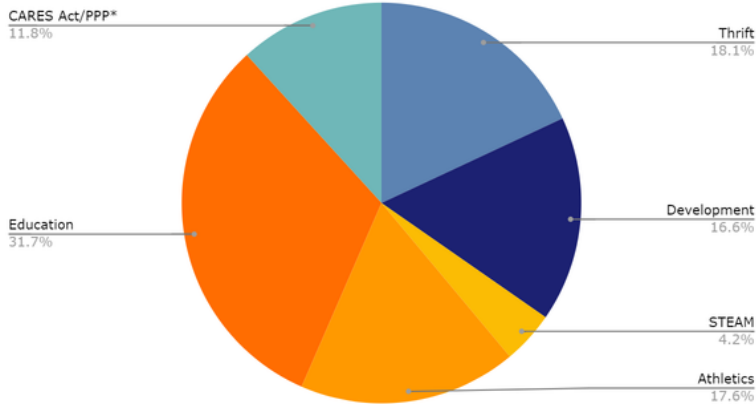
2020 marked 75 years for the COMO! Although we could not gather together in person, our donors, including 22 awesome volunteer committee members, plus sponsors and organizations, donated their time, skills, experiences, and more for our first-ever No Go Gala that raised critical funds for COMO youth programming.



BY THE NUMBERS:

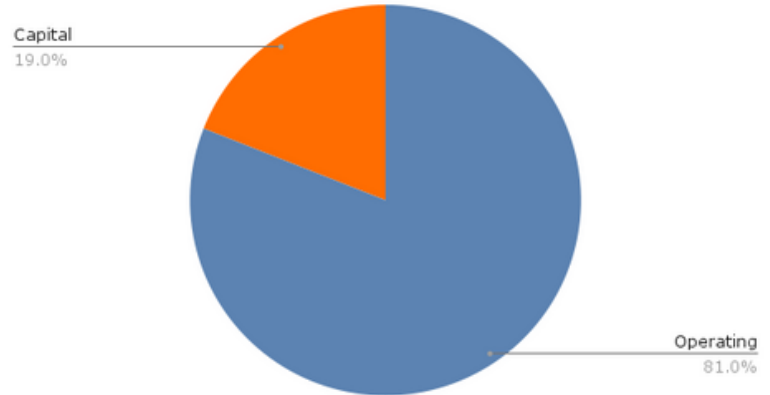
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2020 Income: \$1,381,625



*Paycheck Protection Program

2020 Expenses: \$1,381,625

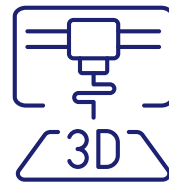


\$37,100

Scholarships awarded to

49

Stonington students



374

3D designs made in the COMO makerspace

95

Hours of COMO Thrift Live Selling Events!

48

Families accessing online Pre-k curriculum during closure

75

Years of Serving the Stonington Community

PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: JILL CORR



Jill is a longtime COMO advocate, volunteer, and member. She currently sits on the COMO Board of Directors as Vice President, stating that "working alongside area leaders has allowed me to appreciate the dedication and hard work that goes into the operations and management of the COMO." Jill first became involved with the COMO almost 20 years ago while playing in a league on the COMO tennis courts. Since then, she has served on the annual gala committee, both as a committee member and as a co-chair, proudly joined the Board of Directors, and has donated countless hours of her time and talents as an amateur photographer to assist with events and fundraising. An avid tennis and paddle player herself, Jill also served on the tennis committee and has stayed involved in the development of COMO tennis and paddle programs.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: SCALA STUDIOS



Artist Susan Pfeifer-Scala of Scala Studios has been a beloved friend of the COMO since she moved to the Stonington Borough 30 years ago. Susan frequently donates her work through Scala Studios to local nonprofits, offering her services in the spirit of community. In the past, she has taught youth and adult lessons for the Mystic Art Association, continuing art education for adults, and loves being involved in "anything with art." Throughout the years, she has generously donated her time, art, auction experiences, and more in support of the COMO and our mission. Susan has also created the Stonington Village Fair posters and billboard art for the past six years. When asked what the COMO means to her, she exclaimed "the COMO is community. And community encompasses everyone. There are all age groups involved, it's just community."

WHITMAN AWARDEES

JONATHAN CLARK

Jonathan was a COMO Kid and then stayed involved with the COMO through his middle school and high school years as a Junior Leader. His favorite part of the COMO is the people (kids and staff alike!). When asked about his experience at the COMO, he said "It's a special place where I've forged lifelong bonds and connections. It teaches you how to be the best version of yourself through teamwork, hard work, and above all, fun." Jonathan will be attending the University of Rhode Island in the fall where he plans to major in Business Administration.



TAYLOR DONOVAN

Taylor has been a part of the COMO community since attending COMO preschool. In 8th grade, she became a Junior Leader and now works at the COMO Thrift Shop! Taylor says that, to her, the COMO is a "really great place for connection." She values the opportunities she had to work with her peers and community members in new and exciting ways at the COMO. Taylor is Valedictorian at SHS and will be attending Duke University in the fall. An avid ballet dancer, she is leaning towards majoring in English with a minor in Dance.

