

The CAROUSEL of HAPPINESS™



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

TO OUR SUPPORTERS...

What another wonderful year at the Carousel of Happiness! We continue to seek ways to inspire our visitors and community with our carousel’s story, and are excited to announce the launch of a new outreach program in 2025, the Carousel of Happiness Podcast! Stay tuned for weekly stories that will cause you to think, to reflect, and of course, remind you to never delay joy.

We are also glad to see our membership program steadily increasing, which helps provide a reliable monthly revenue stream. We have both family and individual membership options.

And of course, our Maintenance Manager Paul Andrews continues to work hard getting our carousel into tip-top shape! Your donations and memberships help us to purchase custom fabricated parts so this century-old machine can last another century of more. Thank you all for your support of this magical place!



Charles Wood
Current Board President



Melody Baumhover
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

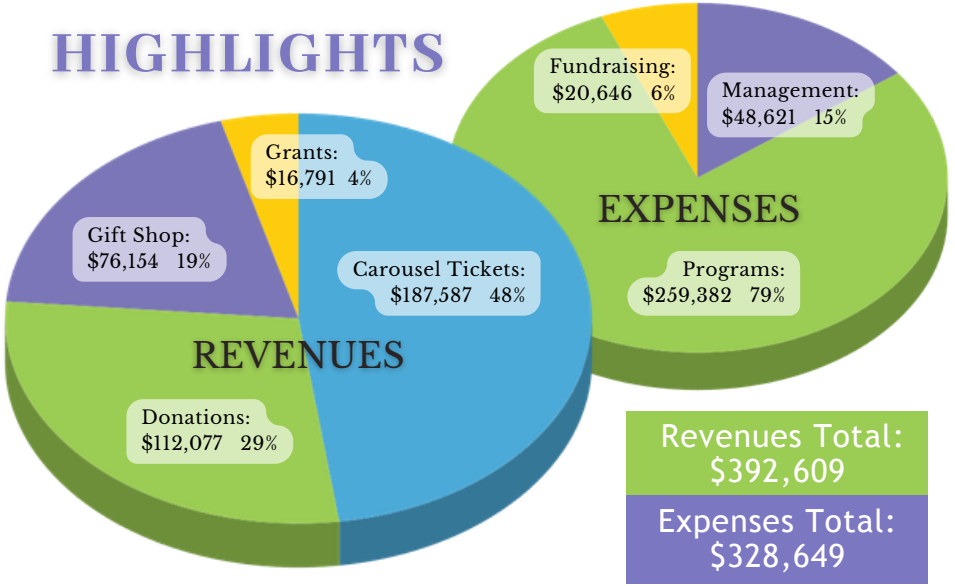
We are dedicated to inspiring happiness, well-being, and service to others through stories and experiences.

OUR VISION

We seek to be a welcoming and inclusive hub of positivity that supports, enhances and spreads well-being, happiness, and joy.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



"I came here for a different reason with my friends, but I definitely took with me an incredible experience..."
- Sharon S.

"This was magical for adults as well as children. The story behind the wood carver and creator hit home for us. Thank you."
- Lily-Rose L.

and our twice weekly free auricular acupuncture sessions, hosted by Operator and Painter, Rebecca Linn.



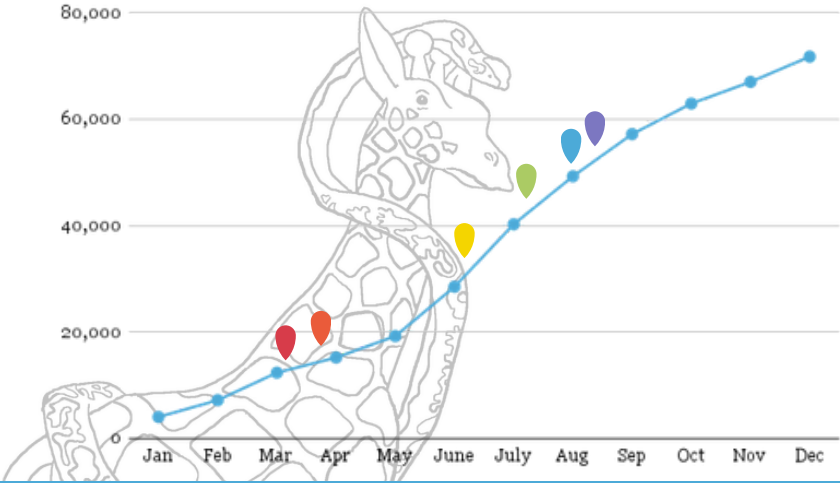
Acudetox Treatments
Given in 2024: 225

Each year we see an increasing number of visitors and riders, ensuring our regular business operations are financially sustainable. In the summer, we regularly see over 500 visitors each day! As such, we can spend more time and funding supporting our free events and programming, including holidays and special celebrations, Free Ride days

VISITORS & EVENTS

HIGHLIGHTS

Total Rides: 70,875
Free Rides Given: 1,607



"I just happen to love carousels .. so, maybe a tiny bit of bias here. The Carousel of Happiness lives up to all my expectations ... from the wonderfully hand carved animals ... both jumpers and standers ... to the great old tinney and thumping musical instruments. Nostalgia for adults and delightful new adventure for kids. Its salute to Veterans makes me incredibly proud."
- Judith H.

- March 23 - In Honor of Glenna & Tom Carline
- August 10 & 11 - In Honor of Mary Wingate
- "Nederdays - Thaw Out!" Celebration and Hot Cocoa Trail
- Town of Nederland celebrates 150 Years!
- 2nd Annual Summer Circus & Carnival
- "Nederdays - Day of Art!"



We welcomed several new carvings to our Menagerie this year. In January, Scott brought in this delightful tortoise, along with his smallest carving yet, a Ladybug! But since she is so small and delicate, our Ladybug is cozy and warm on a leaf, nestled inside our radiant heat display. Perched on his shell is a metal dragonfly, made by Robert Bellows of the Warrior Storyfield, so that Mr. Tortoise is never lonely.

A few months later, we welcomed the Wolf and the Owl, seated comfortably on the memorial bench as you enter to

ride the carousel. Scott carved the pair in memory of his sister Chauncey, who loved "the idea that two very different animals can find companionship, kindness and even love together."



"'But sir, the tortoise is my favorite animal,' a boy said to me. So, I decided to create one and then let it wander around at night. The only rule I have is that it is to be perfectly still during daylight hours." - Scott Harrison

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Volunteer Hours
Worked

72,016
Carousel Ride
Tickets Sold

2,568
Free Rides Given

32
Community
Groups Served

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