# Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center

*Out of the Ordinary, Into the Sacred*

2026 Annual Report to the
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In January of 2026, Tower Hill began operating as an independent non-profit organization. With the help of our dedicated Board of Trustees, we were able to set up payroll and accounting services, banking and investment accounts, obtained property/liability insurance and created an employee manual. We have been supported by Kennari Consulting who are working with us on Board Development, Succession Planning and Fundraising.

## A Year of Welcome at Tower Hill

In 2026, Tower Hill welcomed more than 3,000 people to step out of the ordinary and into the sacred.

Throughout the summer, 15 youth organizations held camps at Tower Hill, including HUG Camp and Godstock Camp. We also welcomed campus ministry groups from colleges, universities, and seminaries across Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

United Church of Christ (UCC) congregations gathered at Tower Hill 60 times throughout the year for men's retreats, women's retreats, family camps, Confirmation retreats, youth retreats, and youth mission trips.

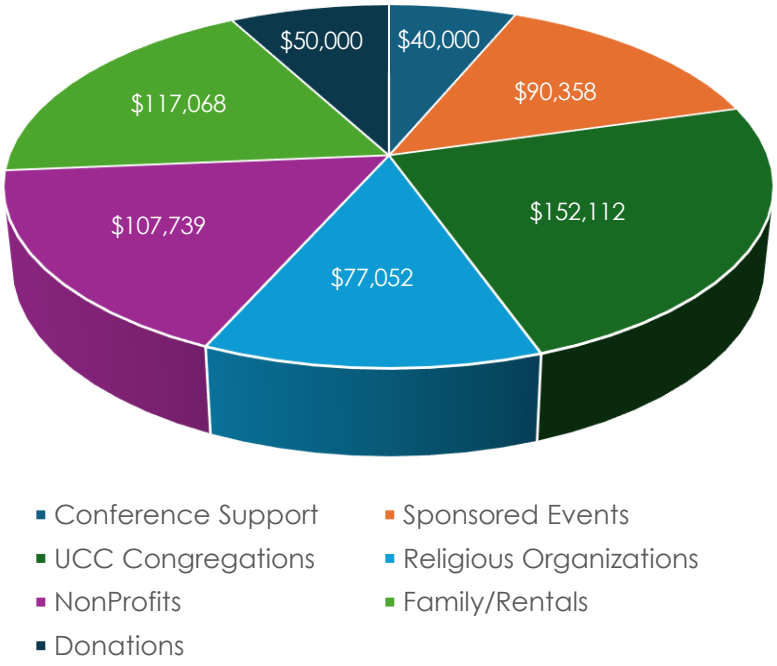
More than 1,000 people from a wide variety of nonprofit organizations found a place of welcome at Tower Hill, including members of 12-step groups, grief support groups, veterans' organizations, and community groups.

Our doors are open to faith communities from many traditions,

including mainline Protestant churches, Seventh-day Adventist congregations, and Jewish communities. Tower Hill is a place where people of diverse backgrounds can gather, connect, reflect, and renew their spirits.

And, of course, we welcomed families who return year after year for reunions, celebrations, and vacations. Some have been making Tower Hill part of their family traditions for generations!

**At Tower Hill, we are grateful to be a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can find community, deepen their connections, and experience the sacred.**




Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Tracy Heilman
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