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TO SERVE COMMUNITIES



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We are so excited to celebrate with you Newbreak highlights from 2023! Whether you are at Tierrasanta, Scripps Ranch, Ocean Beach or watching online, you are one of many who call Newbreak Church home!

As you read through these pages, let them be a testimony to the incredible work God has done through Newbreak in 2023! Each number represents a person and a story of life change.

Newbreak has seen remarkable growth and ministry happen in the midst of some tremendous challenges. The replanting of the Ocean Beach campus, the logistics of the Scripps Ranch campus meeting outside, and the departure of the lead pastor, have impacted the organization, our pastoral staff, our families, and even Newbreak's finances. Nevertheless, you and the staff have remained faithful and strong.

There is so much hope for Newbreak's future, and we know many of you feel the same. God is doing something amazing and powerful, and He will show us all more as this year unfolds.

Our mission is the same as it has been the last 10 years: Connecting people with God, through authentic relationships to serve communities. Let's continue to partner together to further that mission and to change the world!

Blessings,



Pastor Mike Quinn
Interim Lead Pastor



Pastor JoAnn Johnson
Executive Pastor

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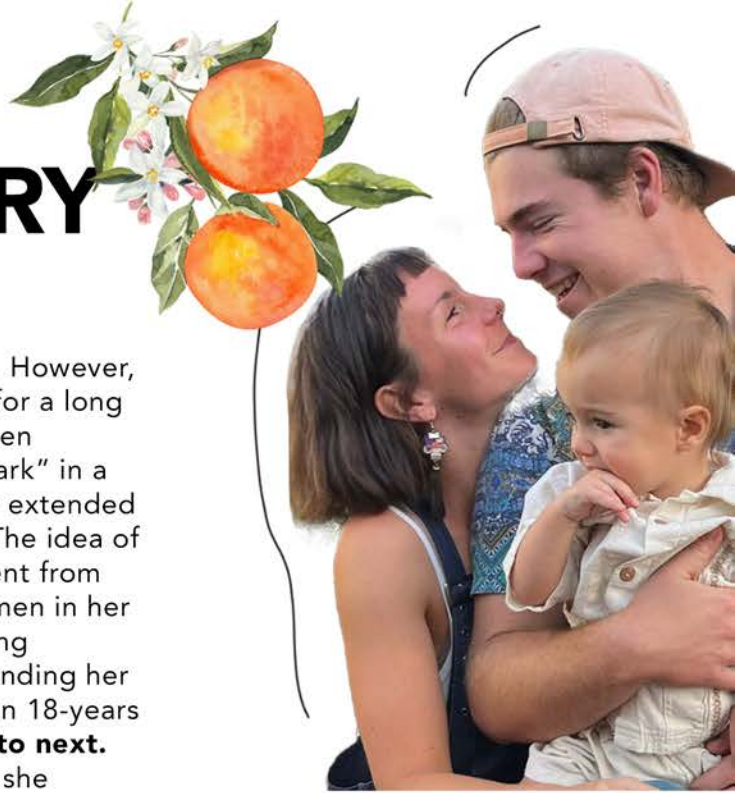


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NINA'S GOD STORY



Nina was born in Germany and given the name Christina. However, she was never called by her given name, even resenting it for a long time since it has the word “Christ” in it...she has always been referred to as “Nina.” Her upbringing was described as “dark” in a plethora of ways. Her immediate family and virtually all her extended families were broken homes and self-proclaimed atheists. The idea of belief in a loving Creator seemed foolish logically and absent from her experience. Nina was treated with contempt by many men in her life. The nature of abuse was traumatizing and led to seeking professional help. Her mental health spiraled downward, landing her in a psych hospital for a six-month stint before she was even 18-years old. **Nina fought on, but she didn’t know where to turn to next.** Nina could not ignore the universal search for meaning, so she sought meaning and found only unimaginable darkness.

Not believing in God, she pursued every “self-help” path she could access. These paths helped relinquish a victim’s mentality and gave her a sense of personal responsibility over her life but it lacked the power to truly change. Eventually, she came into New Age spirituality and psychedelics. At first, this provided relief! The experiences were blissful—even imparting healing from her past! With hindsight, though, Nina sees these things as Satan alluring her in and twisting it as a gateway to darkness without even realizing it. The highs were never enough, and the letdowns left her emptier than before. What she thought was the solution ended up being a never-ending search for more. As a result, her self-worth was at an all-time low. She realized that new age spirituality was not all she hoped it would be and even sensed she was in a community who was dabbling with darkness. But **even in these depressing times, Nina looks back and sees the ways God was reaching out to her.** Even through her psychedelic trips she sensed God wanted more for her than what her life settled for. She couldn’t understand it yet, but God had come to battle for her soul even in the midst of the Devil’s playground.

It wasn’t until she found the love of her life (Tyler) and had a child on the way (Artemis) that she knew she wanted to break the patterns of darkness she was born into and sought for herself.

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Wanting to find light, she began her journey by researching what makes a family “whole” and was drawn to the way a biblical worldview provides a vision for family life that she never had but yearned for. This desire for a healthy and whole family gave her a fresh impression of Christianity and the Bible. So, she started attending Church and found herself at Newbreak Ocean Beach.

She was fascinated with God’s Word and the practical instruction that comes from it. She felt like she was taking a fresh step in her journey, one she never anticipated! However, there was something that bothered her about Christianity...the emphasis on Christ. “Why do they say ‘Jesus’ so much?” Nina was fine grappling with God, but the deity of Jesus did not make sense to her. This became a conversation point for her and Pastor Brayden as they met. Time went on, and slowly but subtly her view of Jesus changed. She reached a point where and now she can say, **“I am falling in love with Jesus.”** Hearing her own heart-felt confession makes her emotional. Nina’s story surprises even herself: “I am a Christian. If you would have told me ten years ago that I would become a Christian...Wow!” It is certainly still a journey, and she has many more questions, but she knows that Jesus is the truth and will continue to reveal Himself to her. **“When you find God and it clicks, the search is over.** Now I am just studying God’s word and learning so much, and my mind has changed on so much!”

Her self-worth has been transformed by seeing herself through the eyes of God. She feels liberated by the honest realization that she is a sinner, and yet, God loves her so much. God’s grace gives her the motivation to heal from her past and change into the person she wants to be, especially as a mom. Newbreak Church has provided a space to connect with God as she continues to grow in her understanding of His word and His will. She gives Jesus the credit for the overwhelming peace she now experiences in her daily life.

What’s next for Nina? Two things stand out for her. First, she wants to continue to learn what it means to cultivate a Christ-centered family. Second, she wants to share her testimony with as many people as possible. “I used to create a safe space for people to explore their darkness.” But now Nina wants to help people have a safe space to encounter the light of Christ!

Nina’s encounter has been so profound that she is making a drastic change: “I am really excited to have a whole new starting point embracing my name: Christina Leni Neuenswander.” **She embraces her name “Christina,” which bears the name of Christ her Savior.** She truly is an example of someone who has turned “from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God” (Acts 26:18).





96

baptisms

362

salvations

1079

first-time guests

1271

average Sunday attendees

371

weekly volunteers





OCEAN BEACH CAMPUS UPDATE

This last year was monumental for Newbreak OB! Back in October of 2022 the OB campus hit the reset button, to say the least. Pastors Mike and Teresa Quinn stepped in to revive the campus and then I was hired to lead the campus.

In September we moved to two services and now have about 160 people who call NB OB their home church! But the numbers are just the beginning.



We have seen God change lives in the ways that only He does. People from all walks of life have been encountering Jesus and giving him their lives. I have had coffee with many of the people here and it has been a joy to watch those who have never grown up knowing the love of God fall in love with the person of Jesus.

Launching the monthly “Doubter’s Club” meeting at OB Beans has been a highlight. I’ll never forget one of the baristas working the event leaning in and engaging the discussion! In a personal conversation with him he went as far to say that he doesn’t know anything about Jesus but



these conversations get him excited to learn more about Jesus," especially as we get to compare worldviews.

The skies are bright in OB, not just because of the stellar weather, but because we have an awesome congregation who are not just attenders, but contenders as God continues to spark something profound in this community!



Pastor Brayden Brookshier



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DAN'S GOD STORY

It was a typical day at the gym for Dan DeVito—stacking weights on the bar, blaring music in his headphones, and working through his reps—until there was a tap on his shoulder. He turned around and looked down at a woman waiting for him. As he took out his headphones she said, “I need someone to help spot me and you don’t look creepy.” And thus began a story about life change and community.

Nikki usually works out at the gym with her boyfriend, Shawn, but this was a day he couldn’t be there, so she asked Dan for help. As he walked over to help spot her, she asked what he was listening to.

“She probably expected me to say something like Metallica, ACDC or similar; I think she was surprised when I told her worship music,” Dan said when describing the moment.

As they began talking about worship music, Nikki invited him to join her and Shawn at Newbreak Church on Sunday. While Nikki seemed super nice, Dan wasn’t really interested in church. In fact, he couldn’t really explain why he was listening to worship music because he wasn’t really a “church” or “God” guy at the time.

“I believed in God when I was listening to the music but wasn't practicing any religion at the time. Basically I didn’t feel worthy of God and I definitely couldn’t call myself a Christian. I was just drawn to the music.” said Dan.

After three or four months of seeing Nikki and Shawn in the gym and being invited to join them on a Sunday at Newbreak, Dan and his friend Ruben decided to go. They didn’t even tell Nikki and Shawn they were coming. They pulled up on their motorcycles, met Ron who so graciously gave them special parking for their bikes, walked into church, and have been coming ever since!

It took some time, but after about six months of coming to Newbreak (while bringing along his fiancée Shala), Dan decided to sign up for the Men’s Life Group. It was in this life group that things really began to change for Dan. When describing what it was like in the group at first, Dan answered, **“Life Group was so good for me because I’ve never really read or connected to the Bible, but in that group, we went over it in so much detail. We asked questions and unpacked what verses really meant. Pastor Brooks helped to lead us in a way that made the stories feel alive.”**



Shala and I began to pray more together. We've been able to encourage each other and find this new life with God together!

- Dan

As time went on, this life group became a community for Dan. The men challenged each other to grow spiritually, went on hikes together, and showed up for each other in times of need. Dan helped install a family's washing machine with some of the other guys late at night after life group, fixed a life group member's vehicle after group, and helped find a group member's missing iPhone, going all around town to track it down. While they may not seem like anything much in Dan's eyes, **these small moments have helped impact the lives of those Dan has encountered.**



Finding this men's life group brought community to Dan and started to change something in him...and it wasn't just while he was in the group! This change began to show up in his friendships, at work, and in his relationship with his fiancée!

"Shala and I began to pray more together. We've been able to encourage each other and find this new life with God together!" In fact, **the morning after their wedding Dan and Shala showed up to Newbreak and were baptized, surrounded by family and friends!!** When asked why being baptized, especially the day after their wedding, was so important, they gave inspiring answers:

"For me, I wanted a fresh start. This was a moment for me to say 'Okay, let's do this, let's really commit to God,'" said Dan. "I wanted to make this decision for myself and do it with everyone around me."

"I wish I had done this a long time ago," said Shala. "I wish I had known that I could have had God and the people that surround me now when I was raising my kids and figuring out life. **I want everyone around me to know that they don't have to do it alone!** I want them to experience that!"

That's exactly what Dan and Shala are doing and living out! Each Sunday you'll see a row of people that they've invited to join them at church. They're inviting them to experience God and the authentic community that they've found, so that, in Shala's words, "they don't have to do it alone."



LIFE GROUPS

Life groups exist to create authentic communities where people can grow in their faith and live life together. Check out these stats for 2023!

71
GROUPS

111
LEADERS

692
ATTENDEES



STUDENT MINISTRY

Student ministry exists so that students in 6th-12th grade can find an authentic community to belong in and grow their OWN faith (rather than a borrowed faith from their parents, friends, etc). Check out these stats for 2023!

71
AVG.
MIDWEEK

50
AVG.
SUNDAY

101
STUDENTS
@ CAMP

KIDS MINISTRY

Kid's ministry is a fun Bible-centered program designed with hands-on learning, music, crafts, story time and games for kids 3 months through 5th grade.

235

AVG.
SUNDAY

85

AVG.
MIDWEEK

283

KIDS
@ VBS



CHAMPIONS CLUB

Champions Club specializes in ministering to kids ages 4-11 with special needs and the medically fragile by creating a safe space for them to learn about the Bible and just how much God loves them!

13

VOLUNTEERS

13

KIDS



TIERRASANTA CAMPUS UPDATE

The word Tierrasanta means Holy Ground, and we have seen God move in powerful ways here at the Tierrasanta Campus. We have grown numerically and spiritually this past year as we saw 105 people make decisions for Christ, 65 baptisms, over 1,000 hours of service to our community, over 40 Life Groups, Bible Clubs at our local middle schools and high school, and ministry happening every day on our campus and in our community.

We have seen marriages restored, miraculous healing, and powerful weekly worship services. One of the greatest moments of 2023 was the launch of our Champion's Club ministry.

Champion's Club is a special needs ministry serving kids, teens and adults with special needs and the medically fragile.

We offer a safe space for kids and families to experience the Gospel in unique and creative ways. Our student ministry has opened up a safe space during the week for the local teens to study together, eat together, and learn about Jesus together.

As we look at 2024, I am excited for more in 2024. As I was praying about my word for the year, I felt that word "more" continually enter my mind. I asked God, "Why more?" and I felt God speak, "This year will take more than you thought you had, and you will experience more than you could ever dream of." That is my prayer for our Tierrasanta campus for 2024, more commitment, consecration, and courage in 2024 to experience all that God has for us.



Pastor Markus Witherspoon



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SCOTT'S GOD STORY

In July 2022, my world turned upside down with the dreaded news that I had cancer. At 44 years old, with a wonderful wife, two kids, and what seemed like an incredible life, a trap door opened under me. I was in a freefall. I didn't realize it then, but in those early disorienting moments, the Newbreak community – friends, my life group, and people I had never met would play vital roles in my journey.



Pastor Mike, a guiding force in my life for 20 years, initiated a cascade of support from the Newbreak community—a dispatch to prayer, medical experts, and a medical coach named Chris – a friend of his in Idaho that I can only describe as a Godsend.

I had stage 2 rectal cancer. My tumor was particularly complicated, and while I navigated every possible treatment and outcome with various doctors, surviving unscathed seemed pretty unlikely. My medical coach, Chris, would remind me my full-time job was to fight for survival. Under his relentless encouragement, I found myself at a world-renowned cancer clinic in New York City to qualify for a groundbreaking immunotherapy clinical trial. Their biopsy discovered a rare mutation, something they had only seen one other time. It meant I qualified for immunotherapy but not their clinical trial. It also meant I had to undergo traditional chemo and radiation treatment—a mixed bag of hope and good news.



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difficult things.’*
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- Scott Kaufmann



Selflessly, the clinic in New York advised getting treatment locally in San Diego at UCSD's Moores Cancer Center. I learned UCSD referred to me as their "unicorn patient" due to my situation. Embracing the title, my family bought me a hideous bright pink unicorn-covered polyester button-up shirt and challenged me to wear it to every treatment. And I did.



May 2023 brought official news of my victory, ringing the bell in celebration of a journey that sometimes felt impossible. The support from the Newbreak community was not just a lifeline—it was the reason the unlikely scenario of surviving unscathed happened. Our Newbreak community not only prayed for us, they brought meals, watched our kids, and a UCSD nurse in our life group even made arrangements to personally be my infusion nurse!



God lets us endure difficult things. I'm not entirely sure why. But **I know the process allows a community to come together and for faith to grow.** Everyone, myself included, is stronger as a result.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Whether you've been at Newbreak for years or just joined, I encourage you to recognize the incredible strength we have as a collective. After two decades in this community, I never anticipated needing or getting help like I did. If you're in doubt, consider this: **If someone nearby required assistance, and you had the skills to help, wouldn't you lend a hand?** Absolutely, and that makes the Newbreak community a source of faith, compassion, and support, surpassing what we think is humanly possible.

by Scott Kaufmann



Communities

63

units of blood

900+

pairs of shoes

182

O.C.C. boxes

400+

reams of paper



People Served

600+

gift cards

1085.5

hours volunteered

\$1000+

school supplies

3

homes built



SCRIPPS RANCH CAMPUS UPDATE

God has continued to show his goodness and faithfulness, even in a season where the Scripps Ranch campus has held services outside all year due to some complications in our building. Our campus has grown this year in so many ways, including numerically and spiritually. This year we have seen 97 people make a decision to follow Jesus, 29 people get baptized, and countless prayers answered.

We have seen babies born to families after years of miscarriages.

We have seen people healed from cancer.

We have watched people take a steps of faith in their generosity to fuel God's mission.

We have seen God restore relationships and marriages.

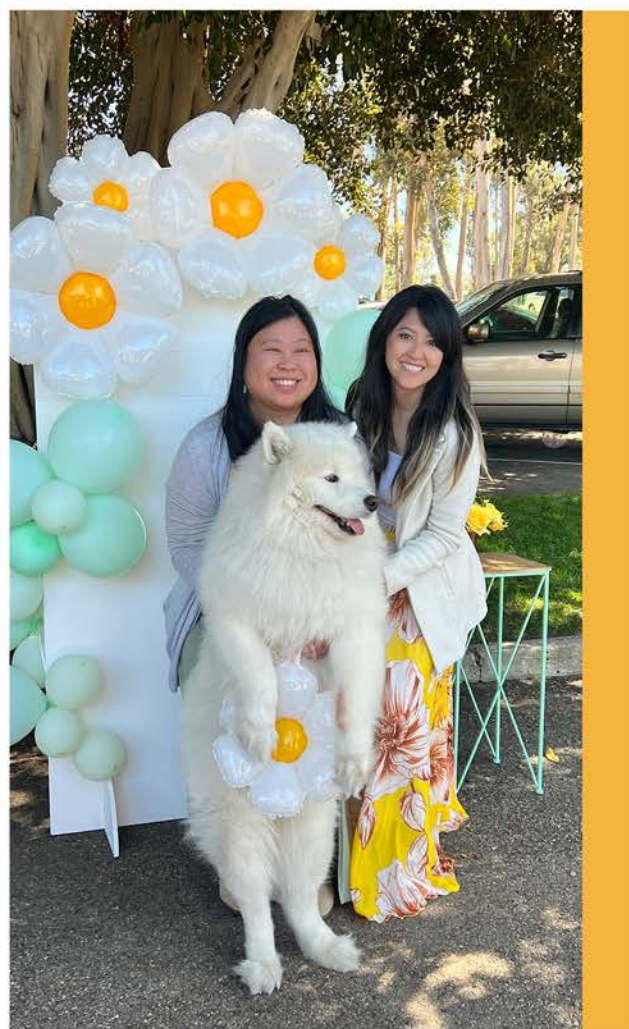
We have seen kids develop deep habits of prayer.

We have seen students live out their faith on their school campuses through FCA clubs and events.

We are prayerfully expecting God to continue to show up in the life of our church and community in 2024. As we seek out the next steps for our church building, we invite you to be praying alongside us as we seek clarity and wisdom for what is next. It's in times like these where we are learning to trust that God is in control and in charge. He has a good plan and we can't wait to see how He comes through!



Pastor Jared Johnson







KINGDOM BUILDERS

Through Kingdom Builders, Newbreak had an incredible Local and Global impact in 2023! Newbreak supports 100 missionaries all over the world.

Over the last decade Newbreak has partnered with missionaries in Papua New Guinea to translate the Bible in Enga!

In 2023, the team completed and delivered the New Testament! We also support organizations right here in San Diego, like the local nonprofit that provides support and care for 150 Afghan refugees, and continues to reach more. Many of you saw first-hand the work of our partners, as 67 Newbreaker's participated in a mission trip in 2023, with more expected in 2024. We also continued our partnership with Give Clean Water and Sawyer Water Filters to deliver over 2000 water filters to provide clean water in Fiji and Egypt. Whether it's rescuing and restoring people who have been trafficked in San Diego, church planting in Las Vegas, or serving impoverished children in Bolivia, when you give to Kingdom Builders, you are funding all the people and projects that have an impact locally and globally.





100

missionaries supported

140

chicas/chicos enrolled

150

families served

2000+

water filters distributed

2023 PARTNER MINISTRIES

Bridge Builders (BBN)

Give Clean Water (GCW)

GRACE

ChildHope

The Alley

Teen Challenge SD

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Convoy of Hope

Global Family/Daughter Project

100 missionaries

Vanguard University

Social Network Project/Egypt

Frontier Partners

San Diego Rescue Mission (SDRM)

San Diego Youth Service (SDYS)

Local schools

Feeding San Diego

Amor

Church Multiplication Network



2023 FINANCIALS

\$4,129,133.28

total contributions

tithe _____ **\$2,487,977.32**

kingdom builders _____ **\$832,755.83**

other net income _____ **\$808,400.13**

The other net income is from properties, investments and the Newbreak playschool

cash reserves _____ **\$1,735,750.36**

Newbreak's income did not come in as budgeted for 2023. We had to draw on our reserves to close out last year. Adjustments are being made for the 2024 budget to ensure we close this new year with as close to a balanced budget as possible.



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

ministry operations _____ **\$792,208.86** **16%**
Weekend Worship, Kids, Students, Life Groups, Online Resources, Etc.

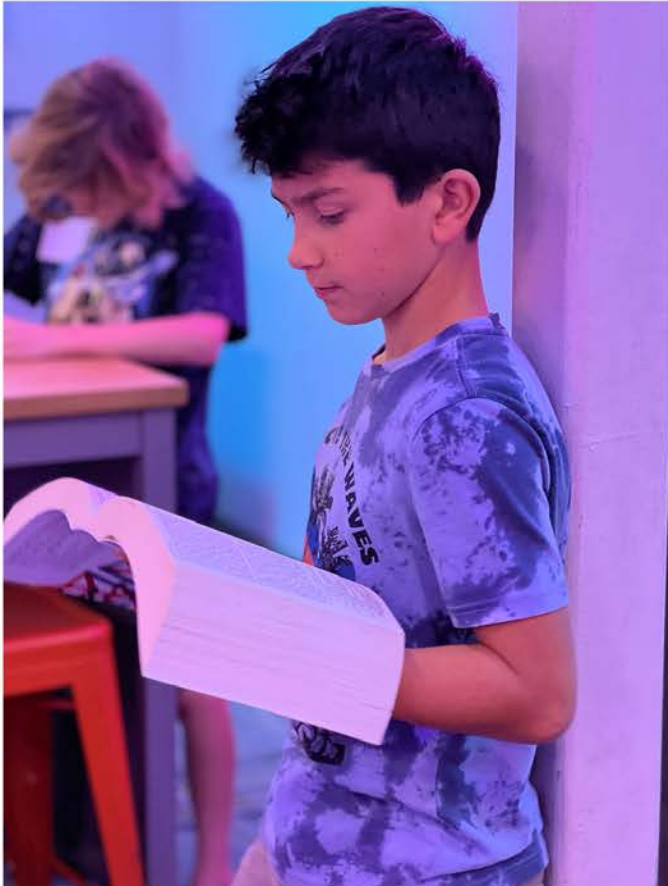
staffing & benefits _____ **\$1,934,259.16** **38%**
*Annual average for churches is 40%-50%

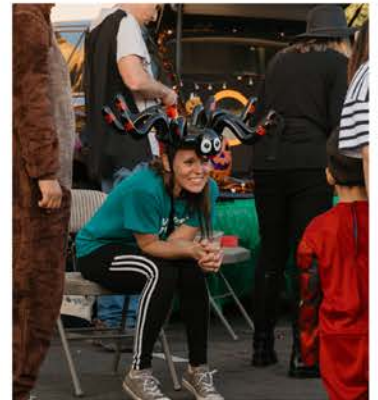
kingdom builders _____ **\$1,055,900.13** **21%**
*150,420 of expenses were restricted funds received in 2022

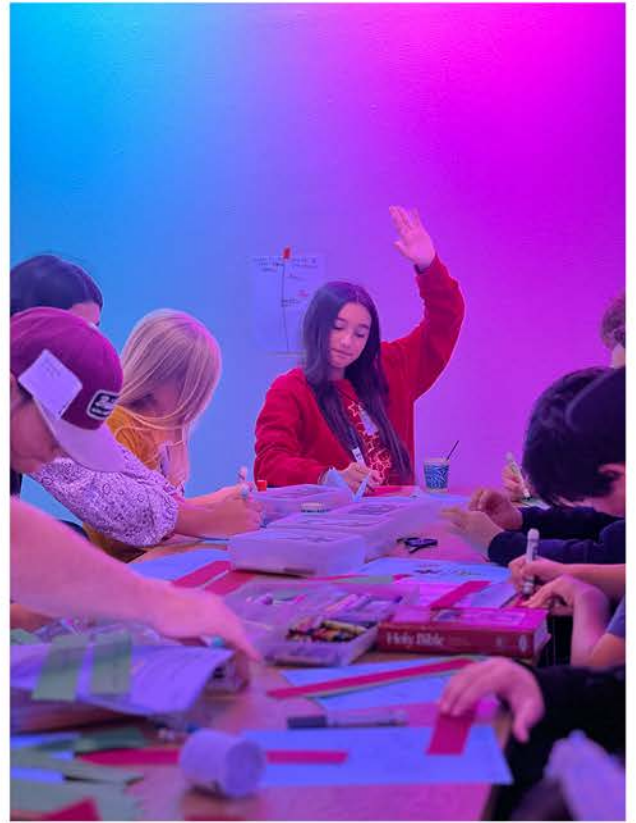
facilities _____ **\$1,083,218.70** **22%**
Includes mortgage, repairs and utilities

Scripps Ranch building _____ **\$158,501.77** **3%**

TOTAL _____ **\$5,024,088.62**









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