



Vesterheim  
The National  
Norwegian-American  
Museum & Heritage Center

## Annual Report

January 1-December 31, 2017

# The Year in Review

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers, we wish to extend our sincere gratitude to you for your partnership and generosity this past year. Vesterheim's mission is alive and strong because of the partnership of friends like you.

We are pleased to share with you our *Annual Report for 2017*. The following pages will highlight the exciting things that happened in 2017 and also recognize our many loyal and generous supporters and members. Each gift is special! It is because of the generosity of friends like you that Vesterheim is able to continue to offer high quality exhibitions, programs, and services. Thank you for being our partner in preserving our stories, and the stories of those who have gone before us, for future generations.

We do our best to check our lists for accuracy, but mistakes may be made. Your understanding is most appreciated. If you notice that you name has been misspelled or omitted, please accept our most sincere apology and contact us so that we can make the necessary correction.

Once again, *tusen takk*. You are helping Vesterheim remain a great place that remembers and honors the stories of an immigrant nation, leaving behind a beautiful legacy of Norwegian heritage for all of us to cherish.



Jeff and Marilyn Roverud, who sponsored *Syttende Mai* at Vesterheim, are pictured here during the celebration with President/CEO Chris Johnson and musician Edén Ehm.



Impact Coffee owners Jeff and Sean Brown served up their Vesterheim signature blend of coffee at *Takke Fest*.



Woodcarving students show their work from the class *Old Dragon Style Carving*, taught by Norwegian instructor Rolf Taraldset.



Red Bone Adornments, vendors at Nordic Celebration & Marketplace.





Vesterheim's *Pieces of Self: Identity and Norwegian-American Quilts* exhibit is on display at Livsreise in Stoughton, Wisconsin. Vesterheim and Livsreise have a partnership to provide exhibitions and projects to benefit the Center's visitors and beyond.



Representatives of 100+ Women Who Care present a check in support of Vesterheim's Pioneer Immersion Program for fourth graders. Left to right: Vesterheim's Youth Educator Jennifer Kovarik; Vesterheim's Gifts Officer Nicholas Klein; Kate Rattenborg; Alecia Bucksa; Kim Bonnet; Elizabeth Bucksa; Heidi Rockweiler; Jennifer Gipp and her son Ethan; and Vesterheim President/CEO Chris Johnson.



Zach Row-Heyveld, Exhibitions Manager, gave a gallery talk at the opening of the exhibit *Rock and Hard Places: Immigration through the Lens of Knud Knudsen*. The exhibit is sponsored by Gerald and Mary Jo Boman, The Broadway Group in memory of Eva Alsaker, David and Kirsten Heine, The Family Care Clinic, and The Perfect Edge. Additional sponsorship support provided by Curt and Dorothy Askelson, Janet Coe, Jon and Mary Hart, John and Kristie Lehman, Corey and Suzanne Mineck, Jeff and Marilyn Roverud, Kathleen Siedhoff, and Bill and Kathi Wild.



Having fun at *Barnetimen* (Children's Hour). Sponsored by David and Brenda Carlson, Keith and Amy Bruening, Black Hills Energy and Norwegian Mutal Insurance Association. *Barnetimen* participants shown with Vesterheim Youth Educator Jennifer Kovarik, President/CEO Chris Johnson, and Development Director Shawna Wagner; a representative from Black Hills Energy and Brenda Carlson, both *Barnetimen* sponsors; and teachers Jenni and Eric Petersen-Brant.

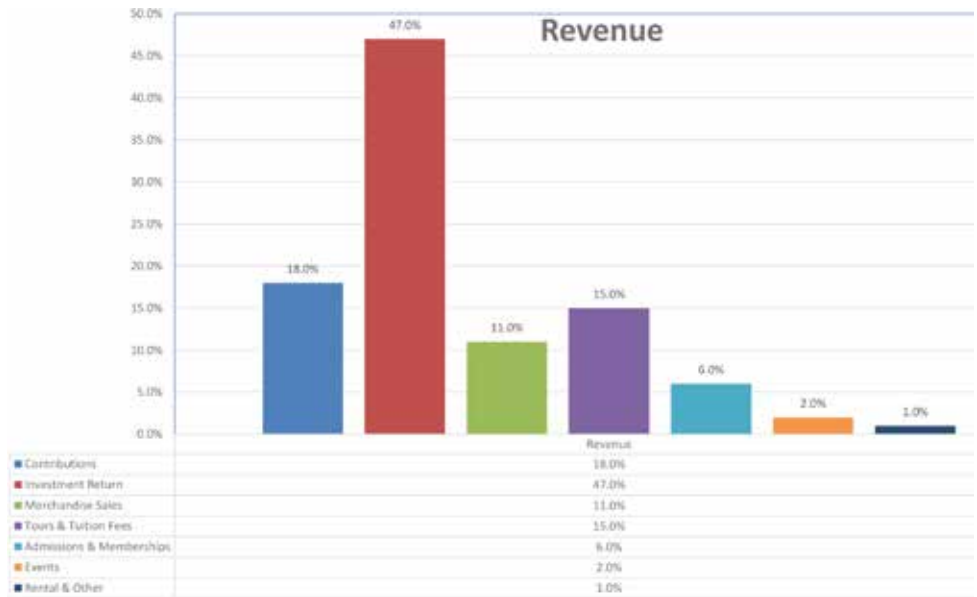
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## *Revenue and Expenses*

*Year Ended December 31, 2017*

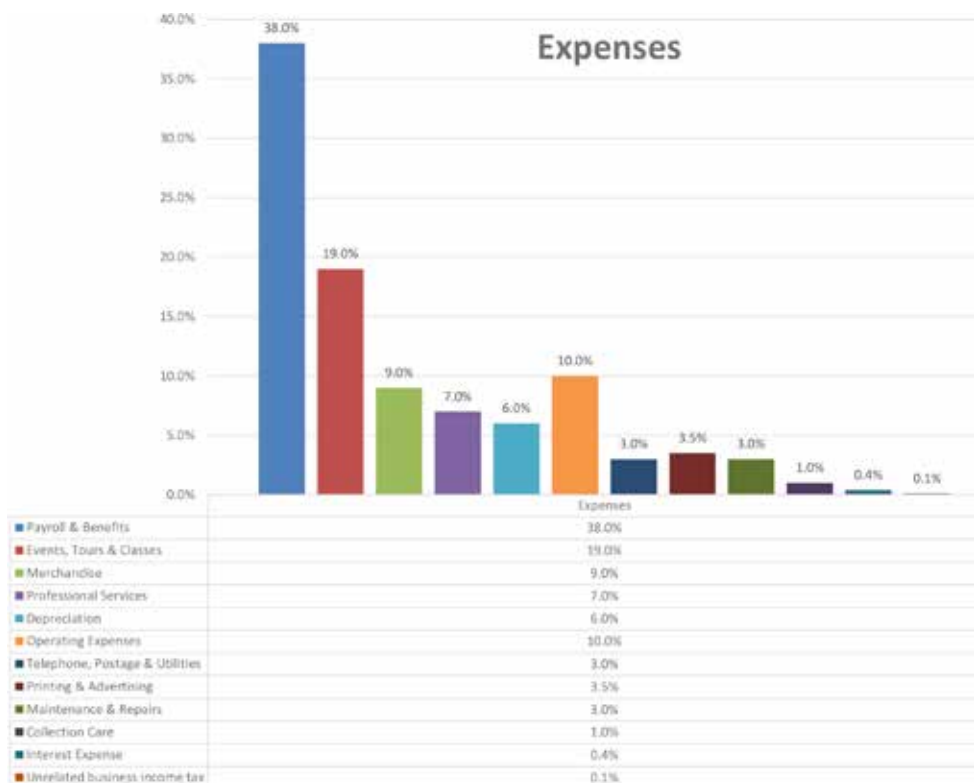
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Contributions	\$741,038
Investment Return	\$1,952,472
Merchandise	\$476,328
Tours & Tuitions	\$618,725
Admissions & Membership	\$269,578
Events	\$69,434
Rental & Other	\$27,377
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4,154,952</b>



### Expenses

Payroll & Benefits	\$1,108,181
Events, Tours, & Classes	\$560,473
Merchandise	\$262,873
Professional Services	\$218,206
Depreciation	\$173,972
Operating Expenses	\$292,902
Telephone, Postage, & Utilities	\$91,662
Printing & Advertising	\$102,340
Maintenance & Repairs	\$93,764
Collection Care	\$25,039
Interest Expense	\$11,962
Unrelated business income tax	\$2,956
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,944,330</b>



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