

Golden Lotus, Inc. | 2015



Dear Ones,

We thank God and Gurus for the blessings of love, friendship and devotion that have sustained us through this past year. Your generous donations have allowed us to transform lives, build bridges, repair roofs and buildings, and grow our community.

As we move into the New Year, may we meet its challenges ever struck by the profound opportunities entwined within them: opportunities to strengthen and grow our community and to build an infrastructure that increases access and participation in this balanced yogic lifestyle and the pursuit of Truth that we all hold so dear.

We are a community of people from a diversity of backgrounds, but share a singular goal – to learn and practice the teachings of yoga and of Paramahansa Yogananda, not just as a spiritual path, but also a way of life. Toward that end, Song of the Morning provides opportunities for enterprise, for the sharing of teachings, and for devotion and connection to God, others and nature. This is such a powerful, amazing and needed work; may we come together with great energy and rejoice!

Again, thank you for everything you do on behalf of Golden Lotus and Song of the Morning.

Linda Gabby

on behalf of the Golden Lotus Board and everyone at Song of the Morning

Key Highlights in 2015

- Ongoing nightly Meditation, Sunday Services & Bhagavad Gita Study Group
- Overnight Guests: 660 (not including YogaFest)
- 55 Weekend Programs & Workshops, including very successful Yogananda Retreats, Yogacharya Birthday Weekend, GLYTA Teacher Training and Karma Yoga Friends & Members Weekends
- 5th Annual YogaFest: A deeply devotional and community building experience for 450 participants; highest ticket sales and sponsorship revenues to date
- The completion of dam removal and bridge replacement
- The replacement of roofs on our Wheelhouse and Mainhouse flat roof



Our Mission



Founded in the teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Golden Lotus, Inc. teaches the science of Yoga and its practical applications so that all

can achieve the highest levels of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being as they progress on their path toward Self-realization.



Our Board

Linda Gabby, Chair
Gary Saks, Vice Chair
Ian Wylie, Secretary
Carol Armour
Dorothy Stingley
Michael Krumpelt
Joshua Clark

Our Staff

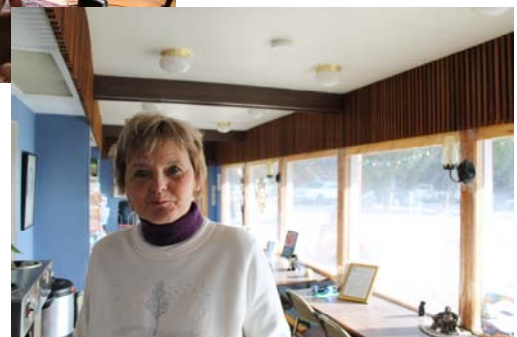
Jennifer Gray, Retreat Manager
Malvika Deshmukh
Jason Frost
Emma Jauw
Emily Johnston
Justine Markey

Our Vision



Golden Lotus, Inc. is a Michigan nonprofit organization founded in 1970 by Yogacharya Oliver Black at the request of his teacher,

Paramahansa Yogananda. Our vision is to serve our mission through three primary areas of operation: **a retreat center, a residential community and educational programs.**



Looking Ahead

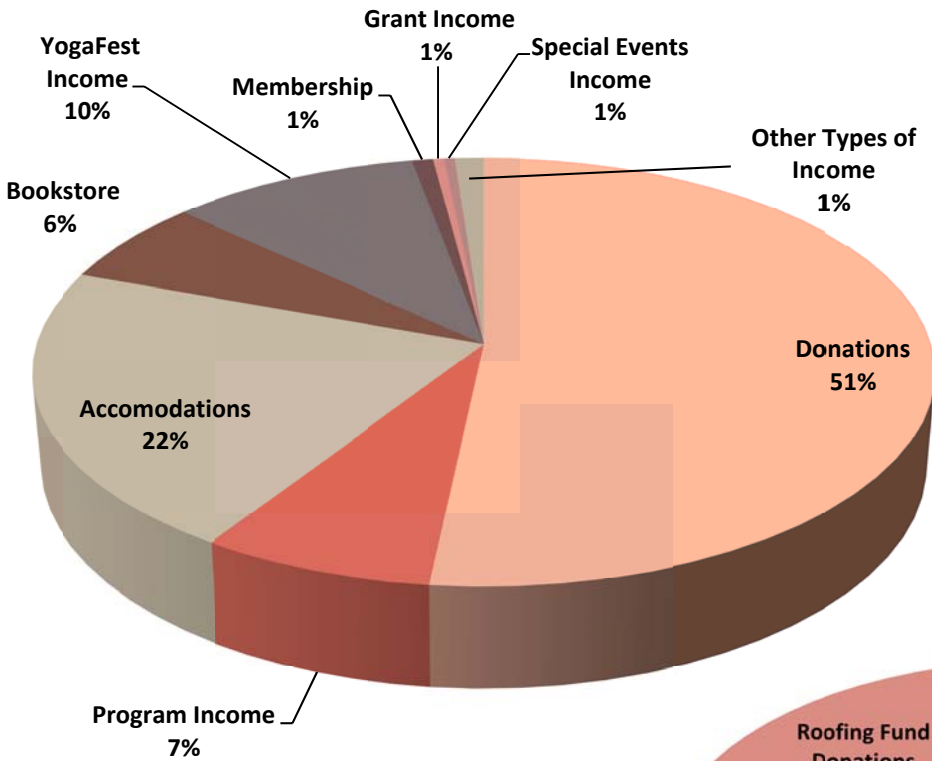
2016 will provide ample opportunity for our friends and members to join alongside us in this great work. Along with a calendar full of transformative and life-changing workshops, you can lend your hearts, hands and financial support to:

- the continuation of our roofing project, with plans to replace the roofs on the Domes scheduled for summer 2016
- mold abatement, furnace and ductwork replacement and renovation of our Boathouse, to eventually include construction of a Golden Lotus Chapel
- the Restoration Project on our former lake bed with three work groups: 1) wetlands, 2) meadows/trails, and 3) bridge area landscape
- input and participation on a “Next Steps Committee”, groups of board, staff and community members who will focus on three key areas for strategic forward movement: 1) the staff experience, 2) spiritual development, and 3) housing/community building. Stay tuned for updates!

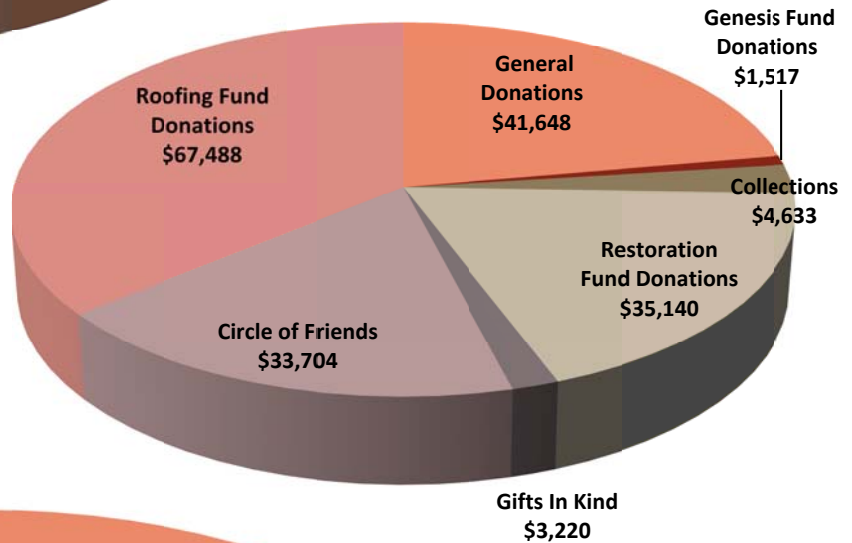


2015 Financial Snapshot

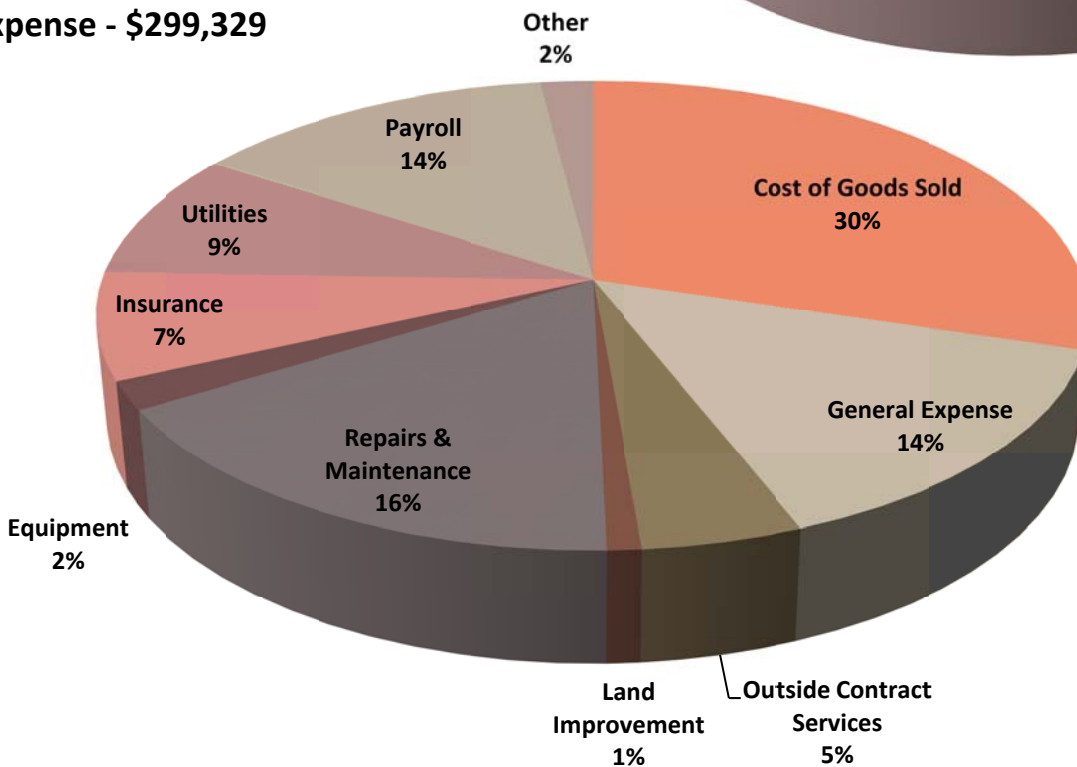
Income - \$362,509



Donations - \$187,351



Expense - \$299,329





2015 Yogananda Fall Retreat Participants

2016 Calendar Highlights

- March 19: **Golden Lotus Town Hall Meeting**
- April 8-10: **YogaFest Pre-Party**
- April 15-17: **Yogananda Spring Retreat**
- May 14: **GLYTA Banquet & Golden Lotus Town Hall Meeting**
- June 25: **Clear Light Community Day**
- July 1-4: **Friends & Members Karma Yoga Weekend**
- August 4-7: **6th Annual YogaFest**
- September 2-5: **Yogacharya Birthday Weekend**
- October 15: **Golden Lotus Town Hall Meeting**



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"It is within your power to choose how much purity, love, beauty, and spiritual joy you will express, not only through deeds, but in your thoughts, feelings and desires." ~ Paramahansa Yogananda