Caldera’s mission is to be a catalyst for the transformation of youth through innovative, year-round art and environmental programs.

Focusing on youth and artists from historically underrepresented urban and rural communities, Caldera delivers programs that nurture creativity and ignite self-expression. Our goal is to reach students and artists from communities that often lack access to arts education and outdoor experiences in order to transform the way that youth and artists engage in their lives, families, and communities.

**CALDERA SUPPORTS YOUTH TO:**
- Build skills
- Strengthen identity
- Engage with their communities
- Find a creative voice

**CALDERA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT CREATIVITY THROUGH RESIDENCIES THAT:**
- Nurture a creative practice
- Create collaborative community
- Encourage intergenerational connections

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF CREATIVITY
In addition to our programs for middle school– and high school–aged youth, we support artists, creatives, and cultural workers to develop projects and build skills and relationships that inspire growth, abolish oppression, and activate change.

We offer three residency programs (Artists in Residence, Community Residency, and Golden Spot) at our Arts Center in the Cascade foothills near Sisters. Many of our teaching artists and youth program alumni have been able to take part in these residencies, opening up opportunities for collaboration, working with young people, and sharing their creative experiences with the community.

Founded in 1996 by the Wieden family, Caldera has worked with more than 15,000 young people throughout Portland and Central Oregon. What began as a summer camp has grown to a year-round, long-term, multigenerational program.

We serve youth in three phases, middle school, high school, and young adulthood, spanning over seven years. Working with world-class artists from diverse backgrounds, our young people discover the depths of their own creativity and become connected to a diverse group of people: rural and urban communities, BIPOC, varied gender identities, and a range of age groups. All of our programs are offered free of charge to the families that we serve and Caldera commits to providing high-quality arts and environmental programs.
THE CALDERA ARTS JOURNEY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Weekly In-School Mentor Classes
In-School Artist Residencies
Spring/Fall Weekend Arts and Environmental Intensives
Summer Camp at the Caldera Arts Center

POST HIGH SCHOOL

College Tours
Annual Arts Center overnight

HIGH SCHOOL

Spring/Fall Weekend Arts and Environmental Intensives
Weekend Arts and Environmental Workshops

RESUMÉ

Résumé Workshops
Career Mentorship
Caldera Scholarship Program
Employment Opportunities with Caldera
Residency Programs

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Residency Programs

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CALDERA BY NUMBERS

600+
partners and supporters make Caldera’s programs possible each year—thank you!

79% of our 2019 graduates are currently pursuing higher education

300 community members attended winter Open Studios at our Arts Center

161 middle school students participated in mentor classes

114 high school students participated in weekend workshops/intensives

47 artists, creatives, and cultural workers were supported during five residencies

24 alumni returned to work as camp staff (39% of 2018 camp staff)

On average, more than 90% of our students report that Caldera helped them learn to express their thoughts and feelings through art and that they understand how being creative will be helpful in their future careers.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH ARTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Caldera’s innovative youth program provides in-school mentoring classes, weekend workshops, and a life-changing summer camp to students at partner schools in Portland and central Oregon. Here are some exciting stories from our youth program this year:

Students at Warm Springs K-8 Academy worked with Bend’s Creative Laureate Jason Graham over the course of three months.

Portland high schoolers engaged in five weeks of a West African drumming workshop with Catón Lyles and performed at our Stories of Change event.

Caldera developed new partnerships with N M Bodecker Foundation and OSU-Cascades to host our weekend intensives.

Kicked off our environmental scan to more deeply understand our programs’ impact on the community to better meet evolving needs.

Portland Middle School Mentor Aasha Benton began new partnerships at Rosemary Anderson Middle School and Harriet Tubman Middle School.

Central Oregon high schoolers worked with Artist in Residence alum Carolyn Monastra and made postcards advocating for climate justice that were sent to politicians.

Hosted printmaking residencies at H.B. Lee Middle School and Harriet Tubman Middle School, taught by Artist in Residence alum Pati Vazquez.

“Caldera provides our students with really unique programming and access to art professionals. It goes further than just teaching art technique—students are able to make connections with creative, artistic adults and learn how their creativity could be channeled into fulfilling careers and personal projects.”

—Alyssa Hertel, Reynolds Middle School, School Counselor

“Caldera showed me what it is like to be an artist. Caldera showed me that art is so much deeper. Art is a feeling expressed through creativity.”

—Lil Miss Hollywood (Caldera Youth Program Alum)
Through our three residency programs (Artists in Residence, Community Residency, and Golden Spot), Caldera supports artists, creatives, and cultural workers to build skills, relationships, and projects that inspire growth, combat oppression, and activate change. Residents draw inspiration from the residency community and the natural world surrounding the Caldera Arts Center in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Caldera offers 2-week and 3½-week residencies December through April.
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2018–2019 FINANCIALS

Assets 2019  2018
Cash & Cash Equivalents $362,487  $528,781
Grants & Contributions Receivable $319,065  $84,220
Accounts Receivable $138,532  $31,585
Investments $13,743,251  $11,613,690
Capital Assets* $9,153,349  $9,253,907
Prepaid Expenses/Other Assets $17,742  $11,296
Total Assets $23,734,426  $21,523,479

Liabilities 2019  2018
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses $40,857  $76,124
Deferred Revenue $8,750  $7,750
Total Liabilities $49,107  $83,874

Net Assets 2019  2018
Board Designated* $1,297,156  $1,293,152
Net Investment in Capital Assets* $9,153,349  $9,253,907
Other* $435,897  $396,850
Temporarily Restricted $3,602,971  $1,995,696
Permanently Restricted $9,195,946  $8,500,000
Total Net Assets $23,685,319  $21,439,605

*Majority restricted endowment funds and Arts Center facilities

Contribution Sources
Individuals/Board: $1,946,238 (36%)
Organization**: $895,946 (16%)
Event Income (Net): $348,358 (7%)
Foundations: $235,685 (5%)
Gifts In-Kind: $165,184 (4%)
Earned Revenue: $107,845 (2%)
Government Grants: $79,953 (3%)
Corporate: $549,549* (12%)
Investment gains from endowments: $89,112 (16%)

Includes $500k contributions to endowments
**Organization gift from Marylhurst University established our Youth Program endowment

Operating Revenue
Unrestricted Contributions: $577,808 (27%)
Restricted Contributions: $235,520 (9%)
Event Income (Net): $348,408 (10%)
Gifts In-Kind: $165,184 (5%)
Program Service Fees: $3,220 (0%)
Facility Rentals: $104,625 (3%)
Other Revenues**: $6,308 (0%)
Total Revenue*: $3,597,019

*Includes $1,695,946 in Youth Program & facility endowment contributions
**Excludes facilities capital gains & investment gains

Expenses
Program Services: $1,291,260 (55%)
Management & General: $335,730 (14%)
Fundraising: $331,463 (14%)
Depreciation: $374,914 (16%)
Total Expenses: $2,333,367

Net Income: $1,638,566*

*Excludes costs for depreciation

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