

2024 IMPACT REPORT

The mission of the Northwest Railway Museum is to operate a nationally significant museum and heritage railway where the public experiences captivating exhibits and educational programs that confront the impactful and challenging history of railways in shaping the Pacific Northwest, actively engaging the community and inspiring future generations to preserve this transformative heritage.



Executive Director's Message

What a year!

Our 2024 has been a year of achievements and preparation for what's to come. We are honored to have served 218,576 community members with captivating exhibits and educational programs. Many came for train rides and travelled down our 5-mile track through the beautiful Snoqualmie Valley, stopping by each of the Depots.

Others visited our Railway History Campus and spent time in our Train Shed Exhibit Hall or participated in a class at our Railway Education Center. Regardless of each visitor's experiences, they learn about the impactful and challenging history of railways and how they shaped our Pacific Northwest.

Organizational highlights include:

- Record program attendance with a 6% growth in ridership.
- Record post-pandemic attendance with a 7% growth for all three signature experiences: Thomas the Tank Engine, Halloween Train, and Santa Train.
- More than 196 volunteers donated 15,361 hours this year to help the museum serve our communities.
- Significant progress on the restoration of the NPR locomotive 125.



In addition to these milestones, our professional staff welcomed several new faces, with Matt as our program and volunteer coordinator, Michael as education assistant, and Ty as a collection assistant. In addition to our staff, our collection and organization would not be where it is today without our volunteers. This is a remarkable community that has come together to preserve history.

We intentionally invested in organizational development for fundraising, preparing the Northwest Railway Museum for a capital campaign. The Museum has done a credible job attracting public funding for capital expenditures and collections care. For the Museum to build the Roundhouse Exhibit Gallery (a 2-story, 41,000 square foot building) and locomotive turntable, we must grow fundraising and communications by engaging more individuals like you in our vision and plans.

Our work is carried out in partnership and collaboration with individuals like you, and we appreciate your curiosity, engagement, and support. Thank you for being a believer and active participant. We look forward to seeing you on our campus soon.

The train is arriving!

Richard R. Anderson
Executive Director



Achievement 1: Captivating Educational Programs



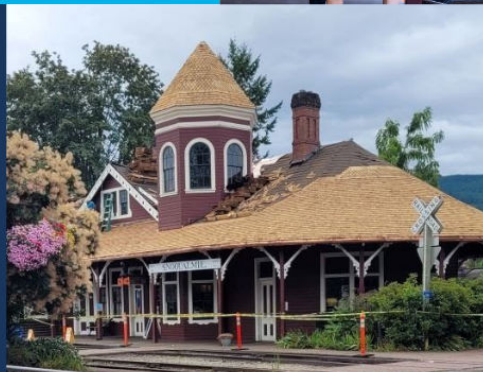
In 2024, the Museum served 1209 school participants. An increase of 39% over the previous year. The museum welcomed on average 27 children and their families for free story time every other week, more than tripling our participation over the previous year.

While preparing for expansion with a Roundhouse Exhibit Gallery and turntable the Museum engaged 15,555 volunteers, donors and visitors about their ideas for future expansion and programming plans.



Achievement 2: Engaging Community

Achievement 3: Preserving Transformative Heritage



The Museum replaced the Snoqualmie Depot roof. The roof and gutter work is one of the largest projects the Museum has undertaken in the last year, valued at nearly \$400,000. More than 16,000 western red cedar shingles were required reroof the Depot.

The Museum completed environmental permitting for the new Roundhouse and turntable, updating plans and policies for the future, and growing its human, fiscal, and organizational.



Achievement 4: Creating Sustainable Resources

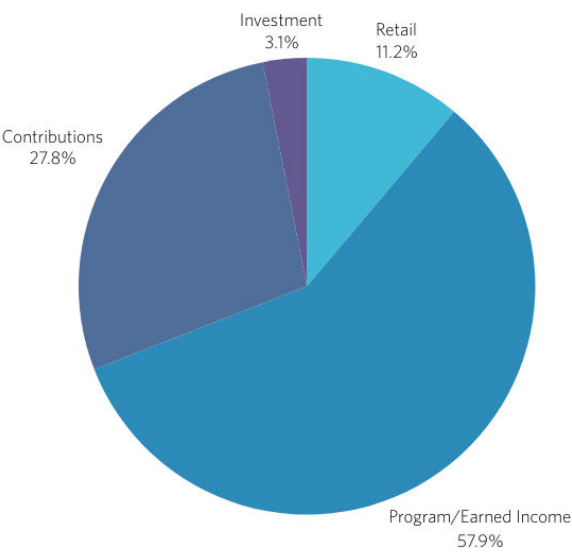
2024 Financials

Total Revenue \$2,662,242

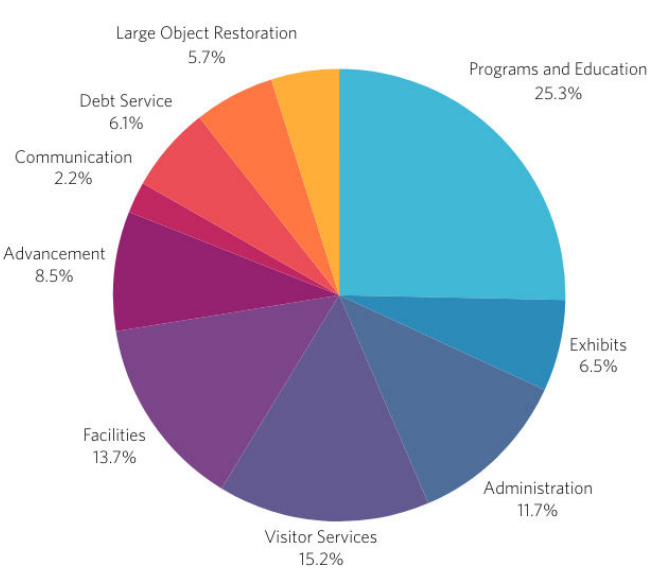
Total Expenses \$1,861,917

Restricted Funds for Roundhouse Gallery \$800,325

Income



Expenses



Thank You to the Museum's Volunteers

The Northwest Railway Museum runs on the passion, dedication, and hard work of its incredible volunteers. Whether restoring historic railcars, leading tours, supporting events, or keeping operations on track behind the scenes, your contributions make the mission possible. Every hour you give helps preserve and share the rich railway history of the Pacific Northwest. The Museum is deeply grateful for your time, talent, and commitment. Thank you for being an essential part of its journey.

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