

# ANNUAL REPORT

Whaleback Mountain 160 Whaleback Mountain Road Enfield, NH 03748

www.whaleback.com









#### MORE THAN A MOUNTAIN. IT'S A COMMUNITY.

### OUR MISSION

Sustaining Whaleback Mountain as a community snow sports facility that welcomes everyone to discover the joy of snow sports and to become a lifelong snow enthusiast.

### OUR VISION

A vibrant, sustainable non-profit ski area that retains its unique character, is focused on skier development, and optimizes availability of existing terrain and facilities during the ski season and off-season.
Whaleback promotes participation in skiing and snowboarding without regard to ability to pay by maintaining a robust scholarship fund that supports children and families in financial need.

#### STRATEGIC GOALS





#### MAINTAIN WHALEBACK'S UNIQUE CHARACTER

MAXIMIZE Snowmaking Capacity





MAINTAIN OUR Chairlift ADD NEW Surface Lift



FOCUS ON Skier Development



GROW OFF-SEASON REVENUE

### **SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

#### 👛 SEASON PASSES UP

Season pass sales this season were an alltime high of 1,147, up 20% from last season (which was our previous best season!)

#### FINANCIAL AID UP

Financial aid granted was up 3-fold and 100% of requests were granted. We are making our mission and vision a reality!

#### **SUMMER CAMPS**

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Successfully launched the first Whaleback Summer Nature & Arts Camp.

#### **COMMUNITY SKI DAY**

Free skiing for Upper Valley residents was a huge hit that we will make an annual event. It didn't hurt that it was a bluebird day!

#### 👛 SURFACE LIFT

We are on track to install a new surface lift on Lower Spout this summer. This exciting addition will allow Whaleback to focus on skier development, one of our strategic goals.

# revenue \$1.27M

FUNDRAISING, 21%

LODGE RENTAL & EVENTS, 17%

FOOD & PUB, 10%

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, 15%

SKIER REVENUE, 33%

RENTAL & RETAIL, 4%

# expenses \$1.30M

CAPITAL PROJECTS, 15%

ENERGYS, 11%

PAYROLL, 42%



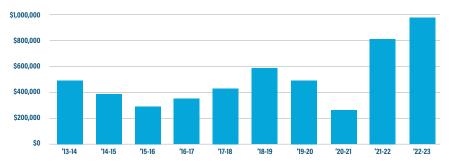
OPPERATIONS, 22%

As of April 1, 2023

## TRAILMAP FOR SUCCESS

Whaleback just finished its 10th year as a non-profit - and the non-profit model is working. Whaleback is in the best position it has been for a very long time. It has not been an easy journey for our beloved little mountain but it is now clear that Whaleback is in fact sustainable as a small, independent ski area. Ski It To Believe It!

It has always been a goal to get to the point where Whaleback can generate enough revenue to meet our operating expenses. We are proud that the operating revenue growth over 10 years has been strong.



While we are making great progress on operating revenue, Whaleback would not still be here were it not for philanthropic support. This has included community donors, large and small, as well as generous support from several foundations.

- Bob Beattie Ski Foundation
- Couch Family Foundation
- Claremont Savings Bank
- Dwinell Foundation
- Fisher Financial
- Golf & Ski Warehouse

- Hato Viejo Coffee
- Jack & Dorothy Byrne Foundation
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• Tecnica Group

• The Mountain Report

• Precision Osteopractic Physical Therapy

- Marker / Dalbello / Volkl Shire Digital
- Mascoma Savings Bank Ski Rex Media
- Mary W. Harriman Foundation
- MK Woodworks

- OUR TEAM
- Jon Hunt EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Gerd Riess director of mountain operations Alex Lahood director of business operations Max Harrison director of learning programs Dave Rancore ski patrol director Buddy Teavens IV terrain park manager Khara Hesselton Benoit Kitchen, camps & events manager Brant Flint pub manager

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Norm Berman
Graham Clarke
Greg Crowley
Nate Fisher
Julia Ford
Samantha House

Eric Janson Steve Kantor Kelly O'Brien Daniella Reichstetter John Schiffman Leah Todd Lin



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#### STRONG AND STEADY (OTHER THAN A LITTLE VIRUS THAT SLOWED US DOWN IN 2020-21!)