

### **Dear WLI Supporters and Friends-**

What a remarkable year it has been! I am grateful to be here today to convey the impact of World Language Initiative MT (WLI) during the past fiscal year. We celebrate the successful transition from a part-time to full-time executive director and the expansion of our outreach within the community, including Big Sky. As we celebrate these achievements, we look forward to the future, poised to implement the innovation and planning necessary to meet the language needs in our community and beyond.

The transformation of the Gallatin Valley is evident to anyone who resides here. Alongside this transformation comes the challenge of discovering our place in this new landscape.

### At WLI our mission remains to make language and culture education available to all Montanans.

With our community expanding, we find a higher demand for many of our courses, such as Spanish and English, with individuals seeking opportunities to explore new languages, practice unique linguistic skills, or continue nurturing and developing existing proficiencies. We pledge to continue looking for sustainable ways to provide and expand these programs today and in the years to come.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, language coaches, and board members for their unwavering commitment, hard work, and expertise, all of which have enabled us to provide high-quality education and have brought us to this moment. Ultimately, **the impact of our work is because of you!** As you read the details in this report and see the hundreds of adults and children who are enriching their language skills and broadening their horizons, remember that it is your support and involvement that have made this all possible.



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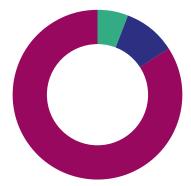
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#### REVENUE

Business and Individual Donations	11%	\$ 29,849
Events	3%	\$ 8,073
Grants	58%	\$ 163,5011
Fee for Service	17%	\$ 49,284
In-Kind	11%	\$ 32,242
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 282,949
EXPENSES		
Admin	6%	\$ 18,650
Fundraising	10%	\$ 29,016
Programs	84%	\$ 254,157
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 302,683





# **548** Language learners served



# 2023 Highlights

Languages taught: Spanish French • German • Mandarin Arabic • Japanese • English



Committed board members

Classes and summer camps



My daughter had such a fun time at camp this year. She couldn't stop talking about all the fun games and activities she did when we picked her up each day and was eager to get to camp again the next morning. She made me promise that she could go again next year. Thank you to everyone who made this such a great experience!

-Parent, Summer Camp 2023

Talented staff and language educators

721 Hours of language education provided

WLI is nothing like the boring memorization/conjugation exercises I remember from high school. It was fun/ funny and engaging for a bunch of adults who are uncomfortable sounding like toddlers. Despite only being an hour a week it gave me tools and confidence to continue learning outside the class. -Student, Adult Small Group Class



# Thank You, Donors.

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