## THE AWAKEN PROJECT: **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

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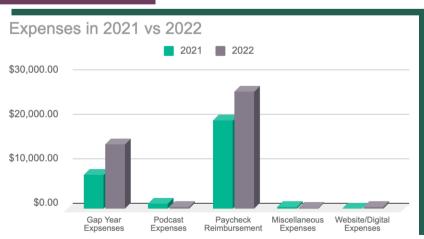


# FINANCIAL STATE OF THE AWAKEN PROJECT

December 31st, 2022, compared to December 31st, 2021

	2021	2022
General Donations Tuition Donations Mutual Fund/Charitable Giving Fund Donations Miscellaneous Income	\$20,185.48 \$6,000.00 \$4,700.00 \$586.41	\$30,634.30 \$10,500.00 \$5,790.00 \$12.80
Total	\$31,471.89	\$46,937.10
	2021	2022
Gap Year Expenses Podcast Expenses Paycheck Reimbursement Miscellaneous Expenses Website/Digital Expenses	\$7,595.76 \$1,099.47 \$19,817.49 \$393.33 \$0.00	\$14,422.51 \$359.93 \$26,332.85 \$118.20 \$405.18
Total	\$28,906.05	\$41,638.67







## IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR



To the friends, family, and supporters of The Awaken Project,

I remember finishing 2021 with a feeling similar to walking through a really thick forest, or really deep snow, for all of you hearty Minnesotans. TAP was moving forward, but boy, there were some days where lots of branches had to be cleared in order to move forward. There were plenty of challenges that presented themselves last year, and to be quite frank, it was difficult to walk through them at multiple junctures last year. Conversely, this year has felt like that first time running on cleared ground after being in deep snow. Any first year in a new venture is going to present challenges, and ours was no different, but to now be out of the initial knee deep snow, is very welcome, to say the least.

A huge reason why we've seen the growth that we've had is because of TAP's current cohort of students. Jacob Bryngelson, Joe Griffin, and Trevor Wersal have been a joy to walk and run with. They embraced their position as learners at the beginning of the academic year and have seen clear and foundational growth, as both learners and leaders. The vitality of campus life at Mount Carmel with The Awaken Project has been a gift, and the three most consistent givers of that gift have been these three young men. I'm so proud of them and look forward to spending the rest of our 2023 program with them. I'd also like to mention our incredible Marketing Coordinator (and TAP alumna!) Courtney Corrente for her continued work on our social media, marketing, day to day operations, and advocacy for the program. There is no way that The Awaken Project is where it stands today without Courtney, period.

We brought in twelve teachers this fall. We were also blessed to have many guests from Alexandria join us for our classes. We have a total of five Quake events (Cincinnati, OH; Pittsburgh, PA; Wichita, KS; Wisconsin Dells, WI; Minneapolis, MN) to go to in the spring of 2023. We also now partner with the Douglas County Car Care Program, a local Alexandria nonprofit organization that repairs vehicles in order to donate them to people in desperate need of transportation in rural Minnesota. We bring a group every Tuesday afternoon to help repair vehicles and help out however we can.

All in all, 2022 was a year of needed, encouraging, and hopeful growth. We thank God, through His son Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, for continuing to breathe life into TAP. I pray that God will continue to sustain The Awaken Project into 2023 and bring forth new life into this program.

Thank you again for your sustained support of The Awaken Project, may God bless you and all of your endeavors in this new year.

Steven Wagner

Gap Year Director

