



The Awaken Project Annual Report 2021

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Financial State of The Awaken Project December 31st, 2020 Compared to December 31st, 2021

	2020	2021
General Donations	\$0	\$20,185.48
Tuition Donations	\$0	\$6,000.00
Mutual Fund/Charitable giving fund donations	\$0	\$4,700.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$586.41
Total	\$0	\$31,471.89

	2020	2021
Gap-year Expenses	\$0	\$7,595.76
Podcast Expenses	\$0	\$1,099.47
Paycheck Reimbursement	\$0	\$19,817.49
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0	\$393.33
Total	\$0	\$28,906.05

2021 Donors for The Awaken Project

Individuals/Households

<p>Vern and Judy Anderson - Alexandria, MN Tim and Patsy Baglien - Carrollton, MO Chris and Elizabeth Cochran - Oshkosh, WI Courtney Corrente - Neenah, WI Mark and Kim Deterding - Alexandria, MN Rich and Joy Grenell - Westport, PA Marcella Nelson - Brookfield, WI Bill and Diane Odermann - Austin, MN Jeffrey and Kami Ott - Redford, MI Tim and Donadee Peterson - Alexandria, MN Eric and Deborah Ristvedt - Alexandria, MN</p>	<p>Tyler Rivard - Lino Lakes, MN Jennifer Schneider - Columbus, MN Donohue Sarff - North Mankato, MN James and Judy Steffen - Katy, TX Jami Stroud - Oakdale, MN Norman Thoenke - Dousman, WI Levi and Joyel Vandenboogart - Appleton, WI Douglas Wagner - Buffalo Grove, IL Steven Wagner - Alexandria, MN Brian Wallace - Oceanside, CA</p>
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Churches and Organizations

Berkers Family Dentistry - Kaukauna, WI
Church Extension Fund - Ann Arbor, MI
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Arlington Heights, IL

2021-2022 Students

Courtney Corrente - Neenah, WI // **Brandon Ott** - Redford, MI //
Kimberly Schneider - Columbus, MN

Impact Statement from the 2021-2022 Gap Year Program

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

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to offer our most sincere thanks and gratitude for your support of the launch and initial cohort of The Awaken Project's gap-year program. It is not lost on any of us that starting a new gap-year program while still in the midst of a global pandemic is no easy task; we had our fair share of challenges for certain, but we also saw immediate returns on our investments in the form of:

- High quality, week long Bible classes providing excellent Biblical education.
- Servant leadership from our students while helping our host site, Mount Carmel Ministries, navigate the fall with hospitality and relational ministry.
- Increases in efficiency for larger tasks, such as shortening a twelve hour operation for packing and shipping the Moravian Daily Texts into a four hour operation.
- Residential community life at Mount Carmel coming to life with weekly meals, worship services, and fellowship.
- A tangible, proven model for how The Awaken Project's gap-year program can become a lynchpin for servant leadership development and Biblical training for young adults that also serves in tandem and in partnership with Mount Carmel Ministries in order to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed through God's Word.

We did see the departure of two students from the program by the end of the fall semester. We are deeply grateful for their time spent with us this fall and hope that they continue to pursue Christ via other opportunities in their respective futures. We also saw a third student hired onto Mount Carmel's full time staff to fill an immediate marketing and social media position. Although we did not envision the 2021-2022 cohort to dissolve in this manner, we are still incredibly thankful for all that this group of students brought to The Awaken Project and to the Kingdom of God. We now have our eyes set on 2022-2023 and are working diligently to improve our program for as many students as possible for the upcoming school year.

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



Blake Wright
Digital Media Director