

FISCAL YEAR

2017

THOMAS IRVINE DODGE NATURE CENTER

*annual report*



50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



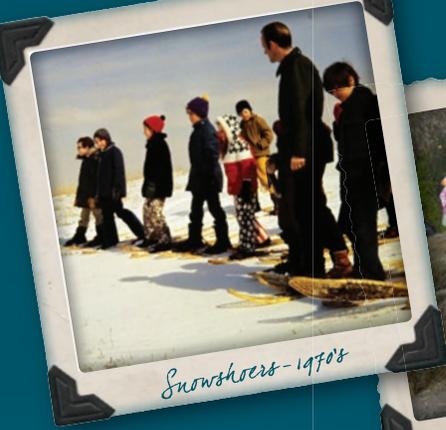
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**NATURE CENTER**

**1967 - 2017**

**DODGE NATURE CENTER**

*Reflecting on 50 Years*



*Snowshoes - 1970's*



*Halloween Extravaganza - 2016*



*Judging Veggies - 1970's*

## Dodge Nature Center Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017 September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

### MISSION

Providing exceptional experiences in nature through environmental education.

### VISION

Inspiring commitment to the thoughtful care of the environment.

### VALUES

- Environmental Stewardship
- Experiential Education
- Teacher Education
- Community Inclusiveness
- Collaboration



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Olivia I. Dodge  
1918-2009

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*Farm Tours - 2000's*



## Dear Friend,

Dodge Nature Center's past is so important to our future. In 2017 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. In 1967, Mrs. Olivia Irvine Dodge created Dodge Nature Center, not for herself but for the million plus that have come in contact with her vision. We marked our 50th year with special events and recognition of the legacy that Mrs. Dodge created. Thank you for being a part of this legacy, you keep Mrs. Dodge's vision thriving.

In February of 2017, Dodge Nature Center hosted internationally known author and co-founder of the Children and Nature Network Richard Louv for a speaking event at the Fitzgerald Theater. He has helped launch an international movement to connect children and their families to nature. After visiting Dodge, he told the guests at the event, "Dodge is a national model and should be replicated. The work that the people of DNC do is sacred work. The contributions that you make to Dodge, THAT is sacred work." This was such a special endorsement of all of those involved in Dodge's mission and a great tribute to what we've accomplished so far.

Another activity during our 50th anniversary year was our annual Earth Day event in April 2017. For our 50th, over 100 volunteers gathered to plant 50 trees in honor of our 50 years of growth. These trees will benefit future Dodge Nature Center participants so they too can learn about their surroundings.

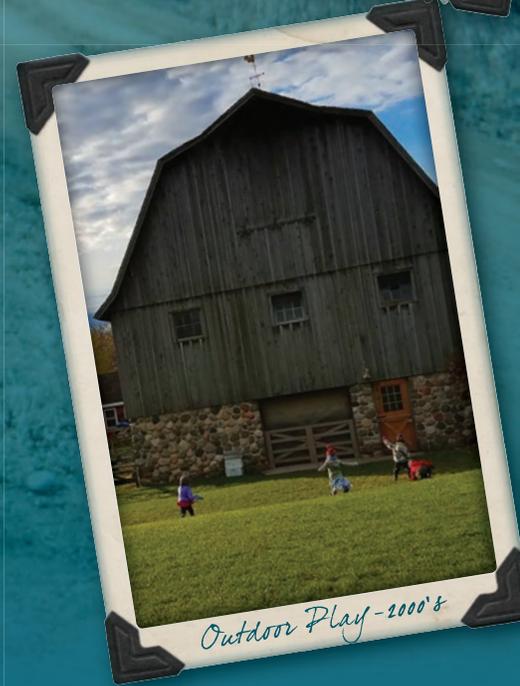
Also during our 50th anniversary year Dodge Nature Center renovated the inside of our 1930's farmhouse, turning it into the Olivia Irvine Dodge Library and History Center. "One of the goals of the 50th anniversary was to bring together the history and have some kind of space that would tell our story and tell the story of my mother," says Tom Dodge. "The words 'library' and 'history center' are synonymous with Olivia Dodge," says Tom. Dodge Nature Center has additional space to learn, inspire, and grow thanks to this special gift honoring our founder.

As we honored our founder and our history over the past year, we also looked towards the future, with our first programs starting at our newest property, Shepard Farm in Cottage Grove. We are poised to bring nature education to a new community as we continue to develop this property and open to the public. As we reflect on the past 50 years and look towards the future, you are a part of the Dodge story as much as Olivia herself. Thank you!

Jason Sanders  
Executive Director



# THOMAS IRVINE DODGE NATURE CENTER



## Environmental Education and Preschool GRAND NUMBER SERVED - 53,234

SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 - AUGUST 31, 2017

### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

O.W.L.S.	350
Other Public Programs	1,296
Nature Playdate	195
<b>PUBLIC PROGRAMS TOTAL</b>	<b>1,841</b>

### CAMPS

Fall Camp	62
Spring Camp	136
Summer Camp	654
<b>CAMPS TOTAL</b>	<b>852</b>

### CLASSES

On-site Classes	26,098
Naturalist at GEMS	15,355
Naturalist at Heritage	5,454
<b>CLASSES TOTAL</b>	<b>46,907</b>

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Halloween	2,000
Frosty Fun Festival - canceled (insufficient snow)	0
An Evening with Author Richard Louv (DNC 50th Anniversary Event)	516
Pancake Breakfast	452
Rock the Barn (heavy rain)	315
<b>COMMUNITY EVENTS TOTAL</b>	<b>3,283</b>

### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School Year	198
Summer Camp	153
<b>PRESCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>351</b>

## Thank You Volunteers

Number of Volunteers - 1,622

Number of Volunteer Hours - 12,094

Social Return - \$291,949.16

Volunteer Value - \$24.14 per hour

U.S. NON-FARM WAGE

(Source: Independent Sector 2016; Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration)

# Financials Sept. 1, 2016 – Aug. 31, 2017

## PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>				
Contributions	274,106	429,338	205,750	909,194
In-Kind Contributions	15,138	-	-	15,138
Fundraiser Revenue (Net)	136,686	-	-	136,686
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT</b>	<b>425,930</b>	<b>429,338</b>	<b>205,750</b>	<b>1,061,018</b>

## REVENUE

Visitor Fees and Tuition	438,695	-	-	438,695
Preschool Tuition	786,603	-	-	786,603
Rental Revenue	61,075	-	-	61,075
Interest and Dividends Income	351,491	499,182	38,980	889,653
Miscellaneous	12,773	-	-	12,773
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,650,637</b>	<b>499,182</b>	<b>38,980</b>	<b>2,188,799</b>

## NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Endowment Release from Restrictions	274,110	(224,019)	(50,091)	-
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	875,431	(875,431)	-	-
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>3,226,108</b>	<b>(170,930)</b>	<b>194,639</b>	<b>3,249,817</b>

## EXPENSES

### PROGRAM SERVICES

Nature and Environmental Education	2,024,991	-	-	2,024,991
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>2,024,991</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,024,991</b>

### SUPPORTING SERVICES

Management and General	296,197	-	-	296,197
Fund Raising	121,197	-	-	121,197
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICE</b>	<b>417,394</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>417,394</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,442,385</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,442,385</b>

<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>783,723</b>	<b>(170,930)</b>	<b>194,639</b>	<b>807,432</b>
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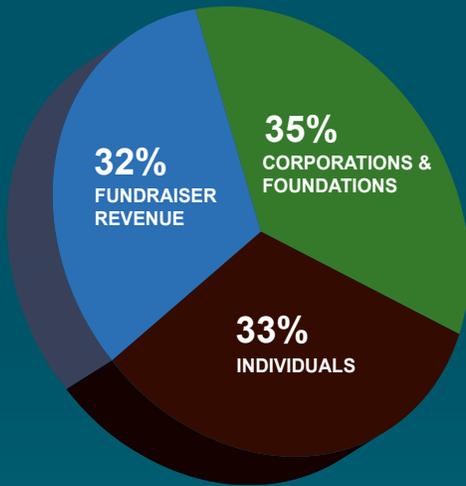
### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	7,432,973	2,308,051	9,721,590	19,462,614
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	783,723	(170,930)	194,639	807,432
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>8,216,696</b>	<b>2,137,121</b>	<b>9,916,229</b>	<b>20,270,046</b>

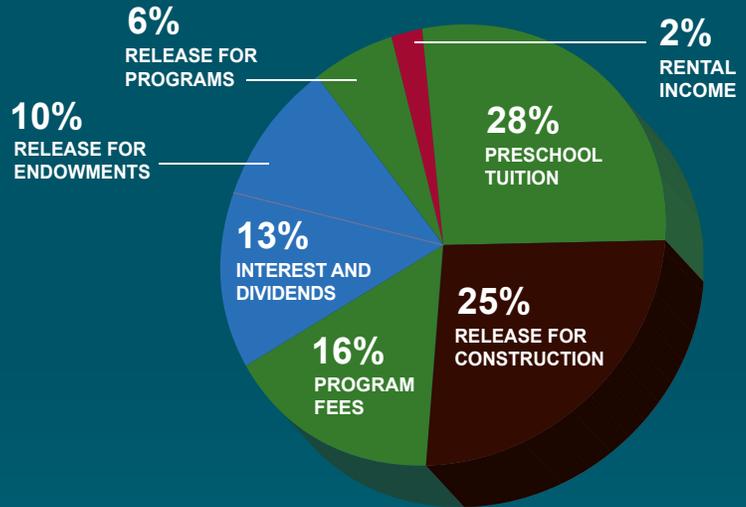


# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**PUBLIC SUPPORT BY SOURCE**



**EARNED REVENUE BY SOURCE**



## ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	54,354
Accounts Receivables	49,146
Other Assets	31,501
Operating Investments	552,507
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>687,508</b>

### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

<b>TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>8,387,180</b>
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### OTHER ASSETS

Investments	11,505,312
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b>	<b>11,505,312</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>20,580,000</b>

## LIABILITIES

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

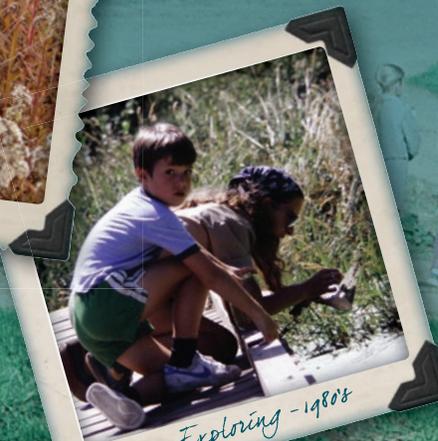
Accounts Payable	14,327
Accrued Liabilities	115,236
Deferred Revenues	180,391
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>309,954</b>

### NET ASSETS

Undesignated	4,161,457
Board-Designated	459,691
Board Designated for Endowments	3,595,548
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b>8,216,696</b>
Temporarily Restricted	2,137,121
Permanently Restricted	9,916,229
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>20,270,046</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>20,580,000</b>



*Smiles in the Prairie-2000's*



*Exploring-1980's*



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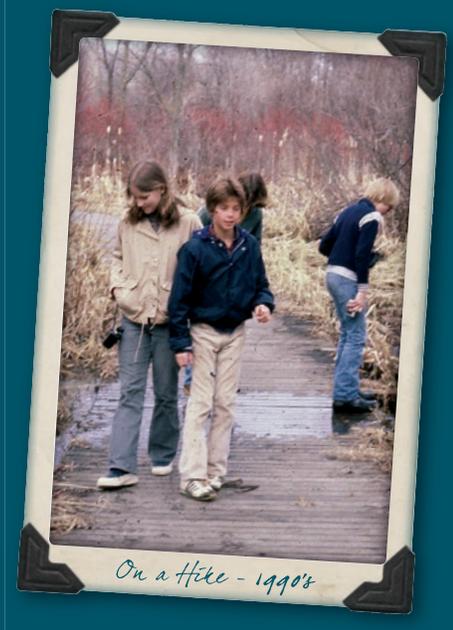
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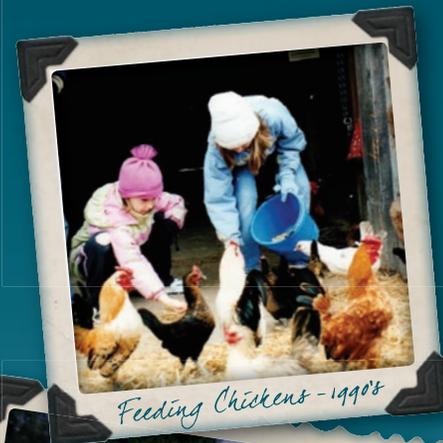
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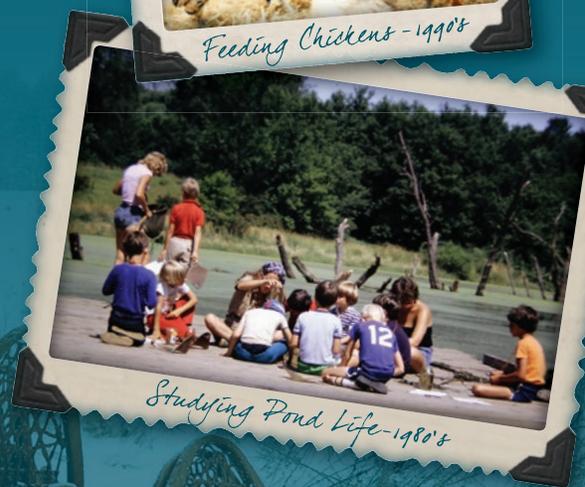
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*On a Hike - 1990's*



*Feeding Chickens - 1990's*



*Studying Pond Life - 1980's*

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Dodge Nature Center is proud to be among the organizations honoring the following individuals.

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## PHILOSOPHY OF THE THOMAS IRVINE DODGE NATURE CENTER

We believe in teaching and engendering in our young a love and reverence for nature and all things pertaining to it.

We believe in the importance of training them in Ecology and Conservation.

We believe we must give them the realization that in nature we are all part of one another and whatever happens to one species will inevitably effect the whole chain of nature, which includes man.

And, finally, we believe we must instill in them the knowledge so necessary for them to be good stewards of the land and protectors of our natural resources.

Toward these goals we dedicate our energies and our effort.s

*- Olivia Irvine Dodge, April 1970*



**DODGE**

NATURE CENTER

1967 - 2017

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FOR NATURE™