

THOMAS IRVINE DODGE NATURE CENTER

Annual Report Fiscal Year | 2018



DODGE
NATURE CENTER

A young child with dark hair, wearing a red long-sleeved sweater and dark pants, is jumping in a large pile of straw. The child's arms are raised high, and straw is flying through the air around them. In the background, another child is partially visible, and the setting appears to be a barn or a large wooden structure with straw on the floor.

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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Hanging Banners

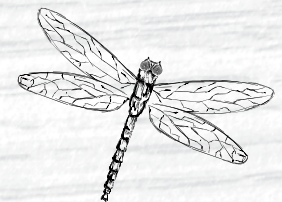
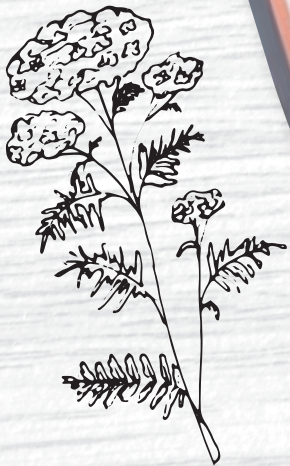
Dodge Nature Center continues to grow and lead thanks to the support of so many. Our fiscal year will go down as one to be remembered.

Minnesota philanthropy is special, and we are thankful that you choose to support Dodge Nature Center. We have participated in a fundraising campaign called Brackets for Good, which is similar to the NCAA March Madness Basketball Tournament, for the past three years. Our finishes have included one Sweet 16 and one Final 4. Finally, in 2018, we were crowned champions. We spent the month of March competing against other nonprofits in Minnesota, going head to head with organizations smaller and larger than Dodge. The goal? For Dodge Nature Center to raise more money (and awareness) than the other competitors. Each week Dodge faced off with another organization, and the one that raised more money moved on to the next round. Because so many of you helped propel us to victory, environmental education became the true champion of this tournament. Not only did Dodge Nature Center win the Minnesota Brackets for Good, earning an additional \$10,000 grant; Dodge raised the most money of the tournament which included 12 other states and hundreds of non-profits. As a team we set a goal to hang a championship banner, and I am proud to say Team Dodge put together an amazing run and completed our goal of “Hanging Banners.” Thank you for being on Team Dodge. The next time you’re at Dodge Nature Center I invite you to stop in to see the banner.

Not only did we successfully win championships, we also took time to think strategically about the next 5 years of Dodge Nature Center. With this came our refreshed Strategic Plan. This plan is streamlined into three strategic priorities for the organization (See next page) which have been identified by board and staff. Each priority has a single overarching goal to evaluate our progress over the next five years. We hope you will continue to help us meet these priorities and engage to help us fulfil the goals associated with them. As part of Team Dodge, we need you to help us continue “Providing exceptional experiences in nature through environmental education.”

Jason Sanders

Executive Director



Strategic Priorities

Strategic Growth

Grow our organization sustainably by optimizing opportunities and advancing existing programs and experiences.

GOAL: Increase Operating Budget

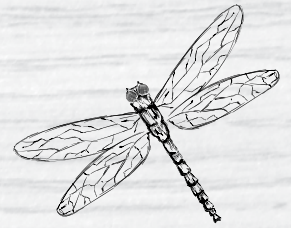
- Engage a broader base of stakeholders and partners in delivering programs
- Expand and diversify revenue generation
- Focus board on development
- Streamline building and facility inventory
- Value experiences over numbers

Respected Leadership

Increase awareness as an influential leader in the field of environmental education in the Cottage Grove area.

GOAL: Reach More People

- Cultivate and expand networks (i.e. school district, retiree groups)
- Evaluate and improve volunteer experiences
- Tailor programing and experiences to community
- Publish quality content and ideas to target audiences to build trust and credibility



Environmental Stewardship

Inspire and cultivate stewardship in others by walking the talk and incorporating into experiences and education.

GOAL: Expand Sustainable Practices

- Enhance energy efficiency of existing buildings and facilities
- Innovate in sustainability in new construction
- Reduce waste generation (landfill) with a focus on composting
- Explore new ideas and practices in sustainability
- Embed sustainability into programs





Environmental Education

Grand Number Served – 55,757

September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

OWLS	380
Women in the Woods	408
Other Public Programs	1,436
Public Programs Totals	2,224

CAMPS

Fall Camp	45
Spring Camp	99
Summer Camp	582
Camps Total	726

CLASSES

Outreach	4,620
Naturalist at Heritage	5,220
Naturalist at Garlough	15,120
On-site classes	24,774
Classes Total	49,734



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Halloween	876
Frosty Fun Festival	210
Pancake Breakfast	498
Rock the Barn	1,100
Community Events Total	2,684

DODGE NATURE PRESCHOOL

School Year Enrollment	195
Summer Camp (+30 half summer)	164
Preschool Total	389

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Number of Volunteers	1,522
Number of Volunteer Hours	12,094
Social Return	\$298,600.86

Estimated National Value of Each Volunteer Hour: \$24.69 per hour

Source: Independent Sector 2017; Minnesota Association of Volunteer Administration

Financials

September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Restricted Restricted	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT				
Contributions	254,760	597,907	–	852,667
Fundraiser Revenue (Net)	167,837			167,837
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	422,597	597,907	–	1,020,504

REVENUE

Visitor Fees and Tuition	415,588	–	–	415,588
Preschool Tuition	763,366	–	–	763,366
Rental Revenue	79,782	–	–	79,782
Interest and Dividends Income	371,853	567,420	5,758	945,031
Miscellaneous	40,189	–	–	40,189
TOTAL REVENUE	1,670,778	567,420	5,758	2,243,956

NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Endowment Release from Restrictions	261,569	(216,569)	(45,000)	–
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	369,381	(369,381)		–
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,724,325	579,377	(39,242)	3,264,460

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

Nature and Environmental Education	2,114,744	–	–	2,114,744
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	2,114,744	–	–	2,114,744

SUPPORTING SERVICE

Management and General	307,917	–	–	307,917
Fund Raising	139,078	–	–	139,078
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICE	446,995	–	–	446,995
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,561,739	–	–	2,561,739

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	162,586	579,377	(39,242)	702,721
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets, Beginning of Year	8,216,696	2,137,121	9,916,229	20,270,046
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	162,586	579,377	(39,242)	702,721
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	8,379,282	2,716,498	9,876,987	20,972,767

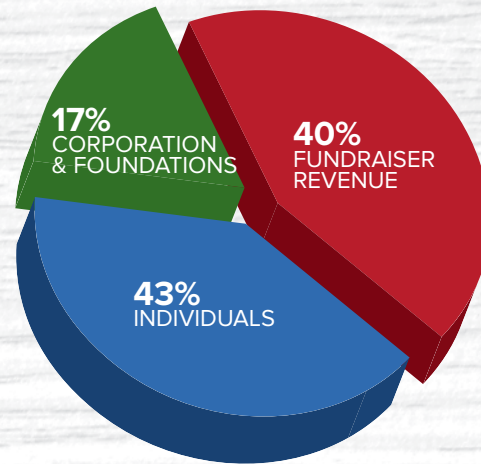




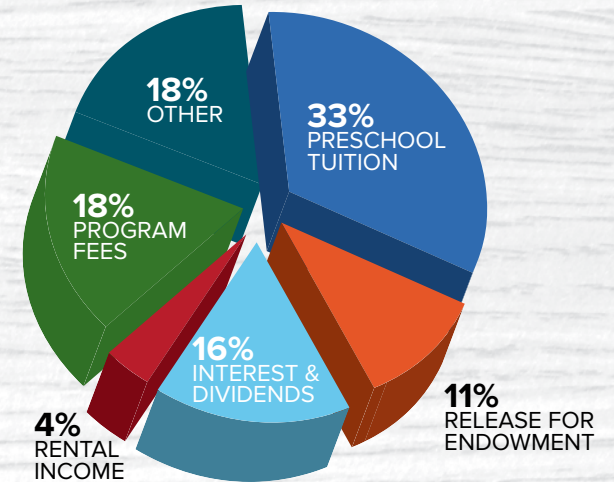
Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2018

PUBLIC SUPPORT BY SOURCE



EARNED REVENUE BY SOURCE



ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	114,837
Accounts Receivables	15,276
Other Assets	32,666
Operating Investments	754,645
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	917,424

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	8,391,129
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OTHER ASSETS

Investments	11,947,399
TOTAL ASSETS	21,255,952

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	16,994
Accrued Liabilities	120,063
Deferred Revenues	146,128
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITES	283,185

NET ASSETS

Undesignated	4,193,566
Board Designated for Endowments	4,185,718
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	8,379,284
Temporarily Restricted	2,716,498
Permanently Restrictd	9,876,987
TOTAL NET ASSETS	20,972,769
TOTAL LIABILITES AND NET ASSETS	21,255,954

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