

Learning Outside

*Enhancing
children's lives
and learning
by spending
time in nature.*

12 Years!

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION



Learning Outside's mission is to provide children with quality outdoor experiences that enhance their lives and learning, instill a love of the natural world and promote lifelong environmental stewardship. Key to our mission is serving individuals who do not have ready access to nature-based learning programs.

OUR VISION

Our vision is of a community where nature and humans live in deeper harmony, equitably and sustainably. One where all children have access to time in nature playing, exploring and learning so they can thrive as children, develop a love for the natural world and grow into adults committed to enjoying, caring for and preserving our natural spaces lifelong.



IMPACT

2021

Despite another unusual pandemic year, Learning Outside offered safe, hands-on, active experiences in nature for the children in our community.

100 %

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS
for every underserved
child referred

100 %

PROGRAM TIME OUTDOORS
through all four seasons

100 %

SCREEN-FREE TIME
in nature for every child

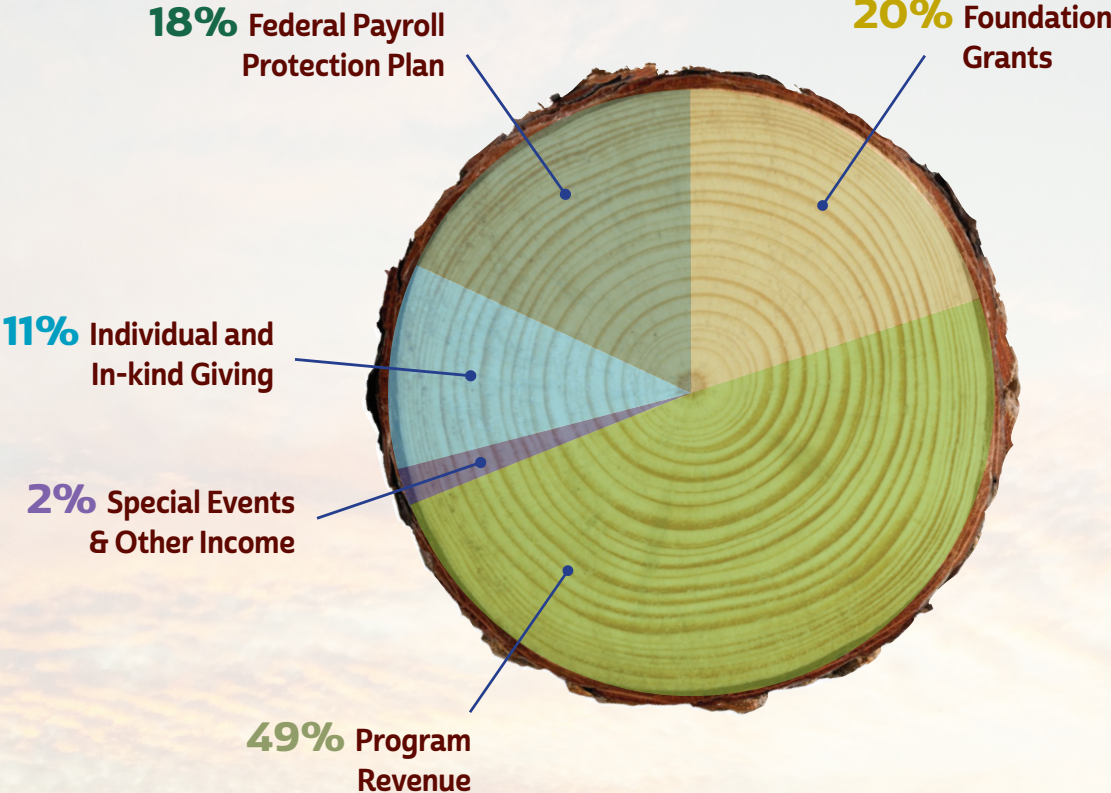
153,268

HOURS children spent outside
hiking, playing, exploring and
falling in love with nature at
Learning Outside

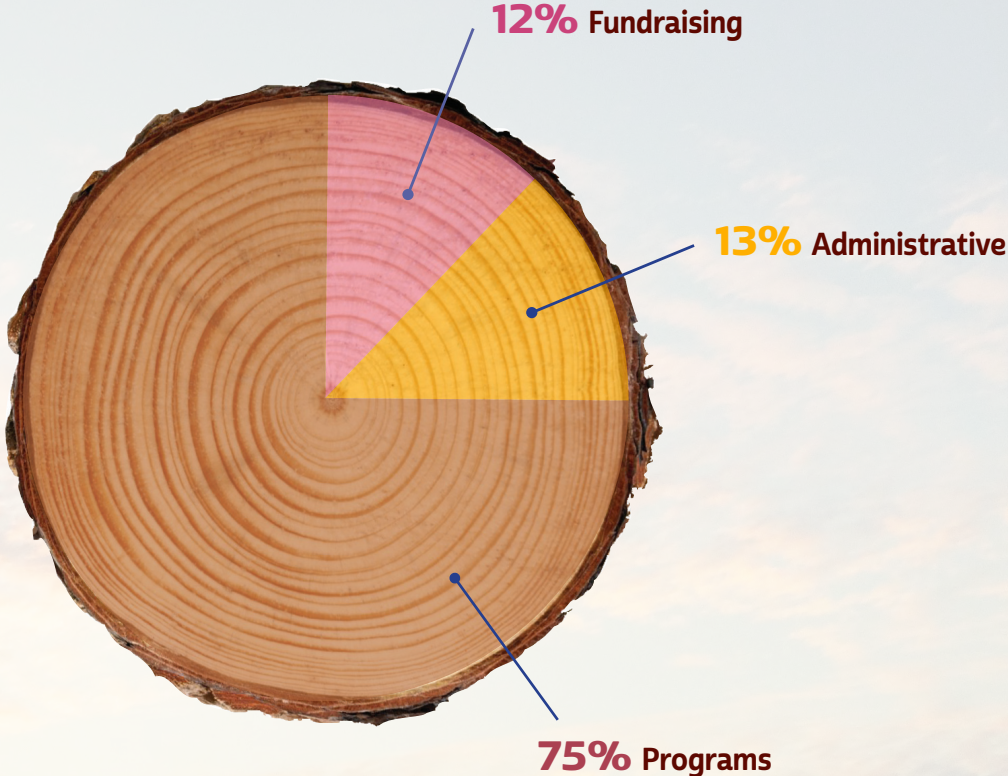


FINANCIAL 2021

REVENUE - \$531,618



EXPENSES - \$374,415



PARENT TESTIMONIALS



"I'm so grateful to the instructors for their loving presence and gentle, steady encouragement of our daughters and for helping to foster a true love of nature and appropriate risk taking. Our daughters have blossomed in this program and I couldn't have hoped for a better fit for our family."

"I feel like at Learning Outside there is a profound feeling and a show of respect toward people and nature that surrounds the kids. This permeates everything they do and learn; they make friends, learn from each other, have adventures and fall in love with nature in such a peaceful and respectful environment, guided by wonderful teachers. We are very thankful for this space that our kids have."

OUR TEAM

Staff

Wendy Banning, *Director/Instructor*

Shelby Banning-Arndt, *Assistant Director/Instructor*

Amelia Barton, *Instructor*

Ernaida Barenio, *Instructor*

Emma Nadeau, *Learning Barn and Garden Coordinator*

Maia Derewicz, *Instructor*

Melanie Musso, *Instructor*

Sarah Hurwitz, *Instructor*

Stephanie Stewart, *Instructor*

Valerie Komives, *Business Manager*

Board of Directors

Olivia Ludington, *Chair*

Ann Simpson, *Secretary*

George Jackson, *Treasurer*

Frank Dworsky

Julie Coleman

Jazmin Varela

Wendy Banning

Judie Giguere



Learning Outside

P.O. Box 718, Carrboro, NC 27510



In partnership with Triangle Land Conservancy

Programs held at TLC's Irvin Nature Preserve & Farm
2912B Jones Ferry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

