

# Learning Outside



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

2018

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 IMPACT

**100%**

Support for every at-risk child referred.

**50%**

Grant funded program weeks providing fees, transportation and nutrition for all participants.

**20%**

Participants attend on scholarship support.

**In 2018,**

*Learning Outside served*

**577**

*local participants,*

*including* **114**

*who otherwise could not have*

*attended due to cost and*

*transportation needs.*



# FINANCIAL

# 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

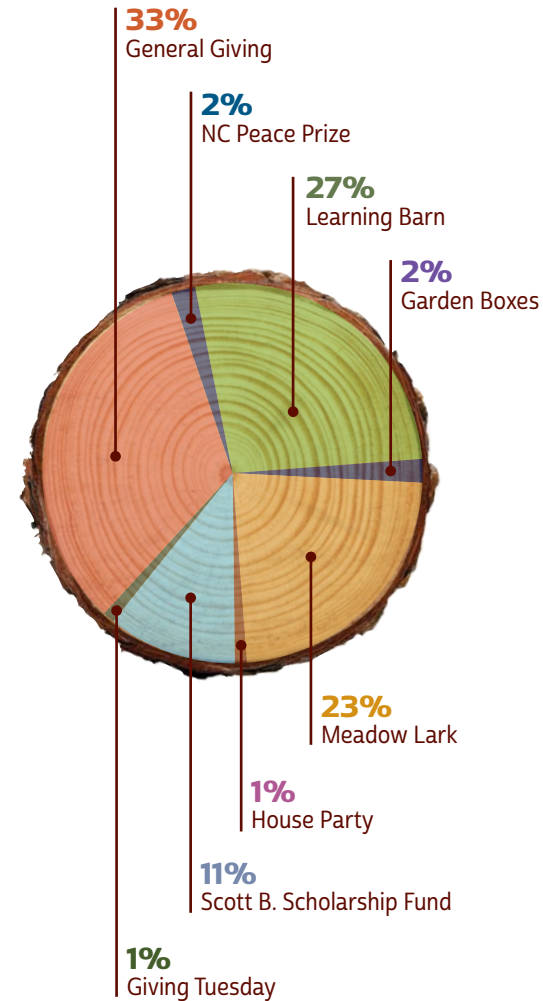
## Revenue 2018 \$564,368



## Expenses 2018 \$564,368



## Fundraising 2018 \$56,060



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NC Peace Corps Association Peace Prize Award

Donor hikes on Irvin Nature Preserve

Overnight campouts for our afterschool nature clubs

Major site improvements: Learning Barn and Garden, Yurt, Archery Alley

More years of core support funding from Oak Foundation

# 135,449

*The number of hours children spent in nature at Learning Outside in 2018*

# THE FUTURE

# IS IN THEIR HANDS



**Partner Spotlight: Townsend Bertram & Co.  
Scott B. Scholarship Fund**

“ In August of 2017, Betsy Bertram created the scholarship fund to honor Scott Bertram, co-founder of Townsend Bertram & Co, Adventure Outfitters in Carrboro. Donors have raised \$11,542 since then! With Betsy and Townsend Bertram & Co., we want this scholarship to continue to grow, keeping Scott's love of nature alive. ”

**Partner Spotlight: Sandy Sweitzer,  
Executive Director, Triangle Land Conservancy**

“ TLC is thrilled to have Learning Outside on Triangle Land Conservancy's Irvin Farm Preserve: You are inspiring the next generation of conservationists, connecting children and nature on a preserve we all cherish. Learning Outside helps TLC achieve our benefit of connecting people with nature so that we know the land and water we protect will be cared for in generations to come. ”

# THANK YOU

*Thank you all for being the best advocates of our mission and ambassadors of Learning Outside. Thanks to all the families of Learning Outside for making it all worthwhile!*

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## NC Peace Prize Award

NC Peace Corps Association

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I've Got Time For That  
Saludos Compay Latin Music  
Walt Tysinger

“ **Parent Spotlight: Amy Berent**  
*Learning Outside met my child where he was and where he still is and supports, fosters and continues to lead him into being an earth-loving, kind, global steward, and inquisitive young person. For that, we will be forever grateful for the positive influences, in-depth guidance and incredible bountiful venue that Learning Outside provides our family.* ”

# WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

*Thanks for your continuing support!*

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# Our Team

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## Learning Outside

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*In partnership with Triangle Land Conservancy*

Programs held at TLC's Irvin Nature Preserve & Farm  
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