

Learning Outside

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

11 years

2020
ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

A top-down photograph of a group of children sitting around a large, circular metal fire pit. The fire pit contains a fire made of sticks and logs. The children's hands are resting on the rim of the fire pit, and they are wearing various colored jackets, including maroon and red. The background is a light green and purple gradient with abstract shapes.

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

2020

Despite this unusual year, Learning Outside remained present for children.

1st

OUTDOOR AFRO
Learning Outside Partnership Hike

100 lbs

PRODUCE harvested from the Learning Garden donated to TABLE, supporting children and families in Chapel Hill and Carrboro

100%

TRUST *“You are the institution we trust the most. In addition to the trust factor, you have consistently communicated the most thoughtful protocols. We are happy that we are able to double our kid’s time with y’all next year.”* — Learning Outside Parent, 2020

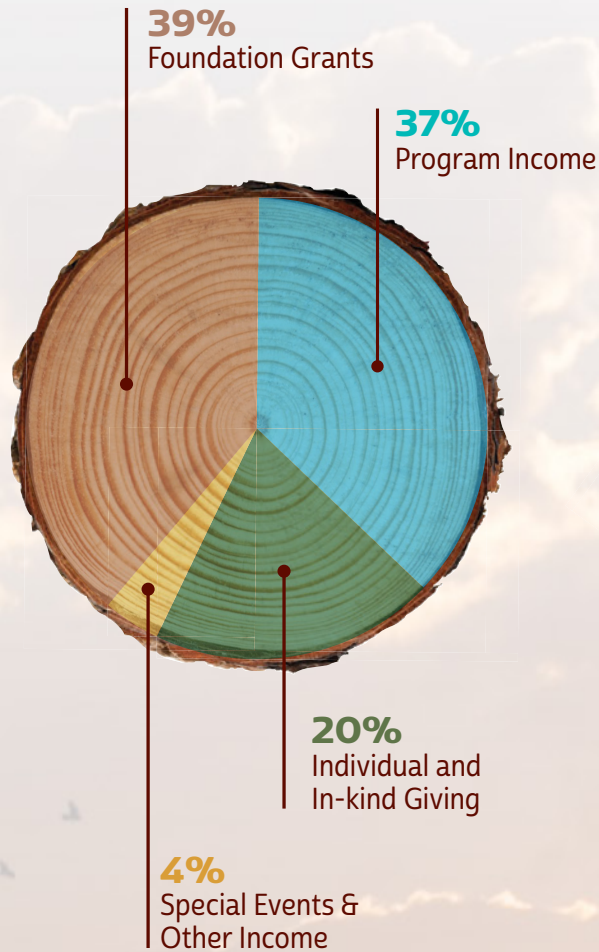
63,147

HOURS Children spent together hiking, playing, exploring and falling in love with nature



FINANCIAL

Revenue 2020
\$365,129



Expenses 2020
\$397,327



Your Gifts = Children experiencing nature in a pandemic year
\$76,975

Annual and Pandemic Giving.....	\$40,409
Summer Campers Give Back	\$6,278
In-Kind Support	\$8,131
Challenge-Match Giving.....	\$8,022
Scholarship and Scott B. Fund Giving	\$5,751
Astronomy Night Event.....	\$2,416
Hike to Help, Plant Sale, Round Ups.....	\$2,379
Giving Tuesday	\$1,393
Birthday Giving	\$1,161
Corporate Giving	\$1,036

2020 Reviewed Financial Statements available by request



THANK YOU

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

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Julie Berkowitz Ceramics
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Mardi Gras Bowling Center
Neal's Deli
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Small Ruminant Camelid
Mobile Vet Service
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Local Recognition

Indy Best of Award: Early Childhood Learning Setting in Orange/Chatham County (2019 Winner, 2020 top 5 nominees, 2021 winner)
Orange County Living Wage Certified Employer

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thanks for your continuing support!

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Please accept our apology and notify us if we omitted a gift or noted it incorrectly.

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