Learning Outside

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

2018 ANNUAL REPORT
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.
In 2018,

Learning Outside served **577** local participants, including **114** who otherwise could not have attended due to cost and transportation needs.

**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.
2018 HIGHLIGHTS

1. NC Peace Corps Association Peace Prize Award
2. Donor hikes on Irvin Nature Preserve
3. Overnight campouts for our afterschool nature clubs
4. Major site improvements: Learning Barn and Garden, Yurt, Archery Alley
5. More years of core support funding from Oak Foundation

135,449

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

FINANCIAL

Revenue 2018 $564,368
Expenses 2018 $564,368
Fundraising 2018 $56,060

50% Foundation Grants

16% Operating Reserve
14% Fundraising
33% General Giving
2% NC Peace Prize
27% Learning Barn
2% Garden Boxes

37% Program Income
12% Administration
12% Program Expenses
23% Meadow Lark
8% House Party
1% Scott B. Scholarship Fund
1% Giving Tuesday

37% Program Income
12% Administration
12% Program Expenses
23% Meadow Lark
8% House Party
1% Scott B. Scholarship Fund
1% Giving Tuesday
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 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!

Individual Donors
Jane Anderson
Mary and Michael Andrews
Mario Arnez
Jefferson Baer
Dr. E. Shad Helmstetter
Leigh Baill
Wendy Banning
Shelby Barning-Arndt
Kyle Barrow & FJ Fontenot
Ethan Bichl & Joy Goodwin
Linda and John Bell
Cort Bennett & Lindsey Naftel
Laury and Nora Dahners
Abe Crystal & Kathleen Pierce
Roberta Cruz & Sally Crumbaugh
Agnes Crews
Sydney and Scott Cowart
Julie Coleman
Dree Church
Kari and Chris Bail
William Austin
Mario Arnez
Mary and Michael Andrews
Jane Anderson
Richie DiFranco
George Hightower
Carolyn Miller & Alan Finkel
Patrick McDonough & Gretchen and Burton Levine
Jess and Josh Lev
Albert Lauritano & Benjamin Landman & Tara Kuipers
Katharine and Scott Kollins
Jim Kitchen
Robert Jones & Andrea Wood
Betty and Bryan Rampton
Charlotte and John Hughes
Rolly Hunter
Roxie and George Jackson
Jonathan Jones & Andrea Wood
Betsy and Bryan Rampton
Jim Kitchen
Ted and Marilyn Koenig
Katharine and Scott Kollins
Tara Kuipers
Benjamin Landman & Jennifer Feldman
Albert Lauritano & Lynn Lineville-Lear and Josh Lev
Grethen and Burton Levine
Ley and Dick Ludington
Ellen Manning
Susan and Bob McClanahan
Patrick McDonald & Emily Brewer
Carolyn Miller & Allan Finkel
Stephan Mills
Zach Miller
Elizabeth and Scott Morris
Meynell Morris
Emma Nadeau & Joan Tunnell
Mary Morris Preyer Ogleby
Sara Orton
Ashley Palm
Dena and Michael Papazoglo
Elizabeth Poulos & David Solow
Mark Peifer
Gabriel Pelli & Rebecca Drake
Erika and Stefan Perrachon
Melane and Robert Perrachon
Jim Pries
Susan and Rob Rada
Sam Redmond
Page Richardson
Julie and Kevin Ricker
Robin Rogers
Carlos Roman
Emily Sanders
Elizabeth Sasler & Jojo Parrett
Janieta and Douglas Sedotti
Lori-Anne Shapiro
Muriel Siddall
Sam Simmons & Alaine Davis
Ann Simpson
Catherine Sinphly
Jillian Sommer
April and David Starling
Susan Stroscio and Jeff Jones
Stephanie Steward
Ginny Sullivan
Philip Sullivan
Joanna and David Talbot
Cecilia Taylor
Audrey Townsend
Jane Traynor
Stephanie Weit
Mark Virzi
William Wallace
Stephanie & Brandon Walter
Julia Walsh
Sarah and Richard LeBoeuf
Mary White
Disa and Chuck Whitehead
Quinn and Michael Whitehead
Sara Whitehead
Kurt Winker
Deanne Whiteley
Aubrey and Justin Williams
Joseph Wyile

Foundation Support
Alcées Foundation
Elphéa Foundation
Oak Foundation
Raymond E. and Ellen F. Crane Foundation
The Grable Foundation
Triangle Community Foundation

In-Kind Professional Support
Andrew Erickson
Beth Grabowski
Big Fat Gap, NC Bluegrass Band
Tom Roffe
Ken Puterman

NC Peace Prize Award
NC Peace Corps Association

Partners
CCHOS
L 6 F Transportation and Burmese Hacking Refugee Support Center
Townsend Bertram & Co
Triangle Land Conservancy

Local Business and In-Kind Donations
Acme Food and Beverage Co
Affogato’s Pizza Villa
Allison Tierney
Bartons Chapel Hill
Betsy Conrey West
Boettcher Beer Company
Bread and Butter Bakery & Cafe
Bull City Burger and Brewery
Cerveza Drake
Camaroni
Donnie’s Wine Bar
Carrotto Coffee Roasters
Carburos
Ceremony Salon
Chapel Hill-Orange County Visitor’s Bureau
Chicken Bridge Bakery
Crooks Corner
Dive Bar
Duffy’s Taproom
Duke Outdoor Adventures
Emily Fitzgerald
Erica Estep
Ezhael Massage Therapy
Gabriel Pelli
Goudroft
Haier Refrigerated Ales
Healing Earth Hypnoses
Jersey Mike’s Subs & E. Rid
Jimmy Acres
Julie Callies
Lark Home & Apparel
Left Bank Brewery
Lunches
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
Mediterranian Deli, Bakery & Luncheonette
Luncheonette
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
Mediterranian Deli, Bakery & Luncheonette
Luncheonette
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
Mediterranian Deli, Bakery & Luncheonette
Luncheonette
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
Mediterranian Deli, Bakery & Luncheonette
Luncheonette
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
Mediterranian Deli, Bakery & Luncheonette
Luncheonette
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
Mediterranian Deli, Bakery & Luncheonette
Luncheonette
Lynn Hayes
Medicago Deli, Bakery & Catering
Medication’s Community
NC Peace Prize Award
NC Peace Corps Association

Supporter Shout Out
Critical Focus Creative
Elizabeth and Scott Morris
I’ve Got Time For That
Saludos Compay Latin Music
Walt Tyson

You couldn’t do it without you.

Thanks for your continuing support!
www.learningoutside/donate

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 insipiring young person. For that, we will forever be grateful for the positive influences, in-depth guidance and incredible bountiful venue that Learning Outside provides our family.
Our Team

Administrative Staff
Wendy Banning, Director
Shelby Banning-Arndt, Assistant Director
Valerie Komives, Business Manager
Susan Reda, Development Coordinator

Instructors
Wendy Banning
Shelby Banning-Arndt
Maia Derewicz
Adam Miller
Mandy Monroe
Stephanie Stewart
Allison Tierney
Alix Wicker

Learning Barn & Garden Coordinator
Emma Nadeau

Board of Directors
Olivia Ludington, Chair
Judie Giguere, Secretary
George Jackson, Treasurer
Wendy Banning
Betsy Bertram
Julie Coleman
Jenni Heartway
Aubrey Williams

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