Thorne NATURE Experience

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

2016 was a transformational year for Thorne Nature Experience.

Not only did Thorne connect a record 13,653 youth to nature through school programs and summer camp, but we also significantly expanded our efforts to both deliver programming to underserved youth and to work in collaboration with other organizations to advance environmental education within Boulder County. We launched our NATURE FOR ALL PROGRAM, and provided more than $300,000 in scholarships to ensure that all youth, regardless of their school or family's financial situation, have the opportunity to connect with nature. On the collaborative front, Thorne played an instrumental role in developing a set of environmental education guidelines for Boulder County schools.

The new E-Guidelines are the first set of guidelines nationally to recommend a scaffolded (pre-k to high school) whole child (head/academic, heart/empathy, hands/service, and feet/place) approach to environmental education. Thorne's most significant accomplishment of 2017 was securing more than $5 million in funding for Nature Kids/Jovenes de la Naturaleza Lafayette (NKJN). Thorne is the backbone agency for NKJN, and is leading more than 30 organizations in a collective impact project to provide backyard to backcountry, pre-k to high school, and family integrated environmental education and outdoor recreation experiences for underserved youth living in Lafayette. Of course, none of Thorne's 2016 accomplishments would have been possible without the generous support of Thorne's contributors, the leadership of Thorne's Board of Trustees, the guidance and wisdom of Thorne's Founder, Dr. Oakleigh Thorne II, and the hard work and dedication of Thorne's staff, led by Executive Director Keith Desrosiers.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Assets

Fiscal Year 2016 (Ended 12/31/16)

OPERATING REVENUES

Earned Income 53%	$589,749
Government 15%	$163,194
Foundation 14%	$159,650
Individual 6%	$62,372
Special Events 4%	$46,803
Corporate 4%	$45,951
In-Kind Support 3%	$39,186
Endowment Distribution 1%	$8,634
TOTAL	**$1,115,539**

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Programs 85%	$923,077
Fundraising 13%	$138,968
Administration 2%	$24,552
TOTAL	**$1,086,597**

Operating Revenue Less Expenditures	$28,942
Bequest Donation to Endowment	$500,000
Change In Perm. Restricted Assets (endowment)	$9,542
Change In Temp. Restricted Assets	$58,335
Net Assets Start of Fiscal Year	**$931,034**
Net Assets End of Fiscal Year	**$1,527,853**

Program Report

School Year 2015/16 and Summer 2016

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thorne's school-year programs reached 8,433 students. The majority of these youth (5,612) participated in Thorne's In-School program, which provides students with a three class series of lessons that involves interactive explorations, inquiry-based experiments, and writing a picture book. Another 2,552 youth received a full-day nature field trip, including 236 youth that participated in our pilot program for 2nd graders from St. Vrain Valley schools at Sandstone Ranch in Longmont. A record 269 students also participated in our most immersive school program, a 12-week after-school program that allows participants to grow their connection to nature by exploring in and around their schoolyard with mentors.

SUMMER CAMP

Thorne's summer camp reached 2,769 youth through field-based classes for youth ages 3-15 (double the number of campers we reached 5 years ago). Popular classes like Mud Mucking, At Home in the Woods, and Bird Banding utilized local prairie grasslands, evergreen forests, and wetland habitats as a classroom and enabled youth to connect with and learn about nature.

NATURE FOR ALL

Connecting Underserved Youth to Nature

NATURE FOR ALL

Thorne awarded more than $300,000 in scholarships for summer camp and school programs. These scholarships enabled 416 youth to participate in summer camp and allowed Thorne to deliver its Nature Immersion Initiative (NII) at nine Title 1 schools. NII ensures that every student at our community's lowest income elementary school receives a minimum of 23 hours of nature programming during grades 1-5 and the opportunity to participate in an additional 198 hours of summer camp and after school programming if they want to further expand their connection to nature and the outdoors.

2016 PROGRAM FACTS

- 93% of parents felt their child is more connected with nature after attending Thorne's summer camp.
- 15% of Thorne's summer camp participants received tuition assistance.
- 90% of teachers felt the In-School Program had "a lot of value" in correlation to school district science standards (9% "some value").
- 58% of In-School Program students participated in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program
- 60% were students of color.

2016 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS