

# NATURE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Experience

### 2019 was a year of impact for Thorne Nature Experience.

Thorne connected a record 13,266 youth to nature through school programs and summer camp. We continued our focus to ensure access to nature for ALL youth in our community by providing more than \$400,000 in scholarships. On the collaborative front, Thorne continued its leadership role with the Nature Kids/Jóvenes de la Naturaleza Lafayette (NKJN) collective impact project. In addition to reaching 7,104 students through programs in 2019, NKJN also opened a new \$2 million nature discovery area and community trail at Alicia Sanchez Elementary School. Also in 2019, Thorne launched Boulder County's first, fully licensed Nature Preschool, expanding the reach of our programs







to our community's youngest children. Another important accomplishment in 2019 was the completion of a year-long strategic planning effort. The new strategic plan will guide the organization for the next four to five years and emphasizes increased emphasis and impact in the areas of family programming and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Of course, none of Thorne's 2019 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

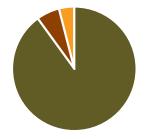
Fiscal Year 2019 (Ended 12/31/19)

#### OPERATING REVENUES

TOTAL	\$2.189.495
<b>Endowment Distribution</b>	\$9,102
Corporate 2%	\$38,069
Special Events 3%	\$66,744
In-Kind Support 5%	\$101,432
Individual 8%	\$166,249
Government 26%	\$581,416
Foundation 28%	\$612,453
Earned Income 28%	\$614,030

### **OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Programs 90% \$1,843,379 Fundraising 6% \$ 119,926 Administration 4% \$87,862 TOTAL \$2,051,167



Operating Revenue Less Expenditures \$138,328 Change In Perm. Restricted Assets(endowment) \$161,042 \$269,344 Change In Temp. Restricted Assets

**Net Assets Start of Fiscal Year** \$2,167,003 **Net Assets End of Fiscal Year** \$2,735,717

### **Program Report**

School Year 2018/19 and Summer 2019



### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Thorne's school-year programs reached 10,482 students. The majority of these youth (6,673) 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 3,252 youth received a full-day nature field trip. 557 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 2,784 youth through field-based classes for youth ages 3-15. Popular classes like At Home in the Woods, Wild Skills, 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.





**Connecting Underserved Youth to Nature** 

### NATURE FOR ALL

Thorne awarded more than \$400,000 in scholarships for summer camp and school programs. These scholarships enabled 454 youth to participate in summer camp and allowed Thorne to deliver its Nature Immersion Program (NIP) at nine Title 1 schools. NIP ensures that every student at our community's lowest income elementary school receives a minimum of 27 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.

### **2019 PROGRAM FACTS**

- 90% of parents felt their child is more connected with nature after attending Thorne's summer camp.
- 16% of Thorne's summer camp participants received tuition assistance.
- 95% of teachers responded that their Thorne program was effective at addressing Colorado Academic Standards for Life Science.
- 55% of In-School Program students participated in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and 59% were students of color.

# 2019 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

