

ANNUAL REPORT

2016-2017

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In 2016-17 we saw...



30

Interns who trained
and taught with...

1,000

High School Leaders
who were role models
to...

5,768

6th Grade Students...

Who attended Outdoor
Lab from

89

different schools!

THANK YOU FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends:

It's because of donors like you that Outdoor Lab was able to finish its best year yet! This year was marked by new intern support, growing advocacy for this vital program and Outdoor Lab schools that focused even more on making our kids stewards of themselves, others, and the world around them. We are so proud of our community that rallies to fight for a program that forms open minds and we see it every day in our volunteers, teachers, high school leaders, students and especially our donors. I am honored to work with a group of strong, dedicated board members and staff who show up every day and make the road a little shorter for Outdoor Lab. Read on to see how the Foundation is creating stewards of our community and future STEM leaders. Thank you for being a part of this mission!

Shannon Hancock

Executive Director

NEWS & NOTEWORTHY EVENTS OF 2016-17

- Mount Evans and Windy Peak are implementing greenhouse classrooms adding to the experiential science learning that impacts over 6,000 Jefferson County students. Both sites have broken ground, full framing is completed at Mount Evans, and Windy Peak close behind. Mount Evans will be finished and unveiled at the Open House this year, September 16th, and Windy Peak's ribbon will be cut in early October.
- The intern program for the sites is stronger this year due to the charitable donations we recieved. Interns now recieve a gear stipend along with a supplies and gas fund to get them through the semester they are at the sites, making the opportunity available to a more diverse group of students.
- Jefferson County is starting to transition sixth grade in middle school, impacting most elementary schools. We are working to support these schools and families as their tuition needs would change at these new schools.
- This year we received more city support than ever to help low income students and their science experience at Outdoor Lab Schools. Foundation donors are commited to EVERY Jefferson County sixth grade student attending Outdoor Lab.
- In staffing news: With the departure of our Events Specialist, we welcomed Paige to the team in May as our Marketing and Administrative Coordinator. She is an Outdoor Lab alumna and Colorado State graduate with a Journalism and Media Communication degree. She has previously done marketing and social media for Colorado State Athletics and Crossroads Safehouse.



(Students excited to hop on the bus to Outdoor Lab)



Letter From the Principals

Dear Champions of Outdoor Lab,

We sincerely thank you for supporting our program over the last year. Every day we get the opportunity to see the impact your support makes day after day with our sixth grade students and high school leaders. The work of the Foundation is clearly visible on both campuses. The greenhouses will be places where kids can get dirty while learning about stewardship and sustainability! The future high ropes challenge courses will be places where students can develop both confidence and skills. Guiding all of these activities, our interns provide the personal connection that brings Outdoor Lab to life for students and the new support this year is making this experience accessible to all applicants, not just those with means. As role models and mentors, field instructors and guides, the interns help your students navigate their way through the Outdoor Lab adventure. Your support this year makes these experiences accessible to all students, not just those with means. We also want to celebrate the generosity of King Soopers and Safeway through the Lab Cards Program. These two companies are a shining example of a public-private partnership that truly works to benefit our children. Finally, the program support we receive every year makes the difference each week as we strive to improve, inspire and educate all those touched by Outdoor Lab.

Thank you for a great year, and an even better one to come!

David Epp and Robb Gneiser
Mount Evans and Windy Peak Principals

OUTDOOR LAB FOUNDATION

Mission

To increase community and business involvement in support of the Jefferson County Public Schools, Outdoor Education Laboratory Schools.

Vision

A non-profit foundation providing ongoing support to the Jefferson County Public Schools, Outdoor Education Laboratory Schools, and the commitment to experiential learning, stewardship, and historical preservation; for now and into the future.

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Enduring
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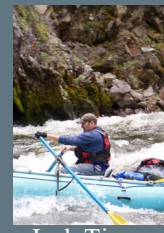
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"Principals, especially Karen Cravens, encouraged me to expand my skill set and vision of what might be. I am eternally grateful for the influence the Outdoor Lab experience has had on my life."-Blanche, Board Member and Outdoor Lab alumna

A big thank you to our outgoing board members...

Kathy Weiss, Sue Shucard, Jurgen Schlieman, Becky Bunn, Sally Armitage and Mark Fitzgerald

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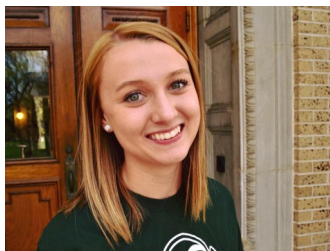
Shannon Hancock
Executive Director



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Marketing & Administrative
Coordinator

"Outdoor Lab not only made me a better learner, it made me a better human being."



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

High School Leader gear launch!

We are launching an inaugural high school leader gear this year. 1,000 Jefferson County students are high school leaders each year, and this new gear identifies them as the tribe they have become.



Intern Program is reaching higher!

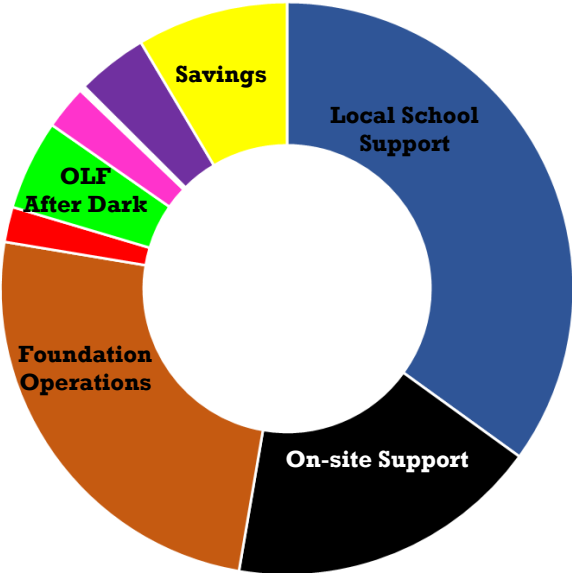
The long-anticipated high ropes course is on the final stretch and we are excited to see how it will impact the program and sites. One priority of the courses is team building and leadership skills with the interns at both sites. Interns will take those skills immediately onto the trails as they teach thousands of kids. This will be a huge asset to intern learning and the overall experience they have in their time with Outdoor Lab.

Greenhouse Launch

September 16, 2016
Mount Evans

The Mount Evans Greenhouse ribbon cutting ceremony will be at the 2017 Open House on September 16th. We are eager to see the addition this makes to experiential learning for over 7,000 Jefferson County students each year.





2016-2017 Expenses	
Local School Support*	\$359,870.90
On-site Support*	\$182,549.63
Foundation Operations	\$256,567.73
Special Reserve	\$20,435.04
After Dark Fundraiser	\$52,272.78
Student Gear	\$25,582.93
Professional Services	\$3,205.00
Lab Card Program Expenses	\$41,147.79
Savings: Future Projects and Tuition	\$87,793.98
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TOTAL	\$1,029,425.48
*Local School Support– student tuition assistance, city support, low income students	
*On Site Support– greenhouses, intern support, materials, training, clinic supplies, gear etc.	

2016-2017 Assets	
Total Reserved Funds	\$352,528.81
Total Assets Less Reserves	\$627,283.44
Endowments (Permanent Reserve)	\$52,699.87
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TOTAL	\$1,032,512.10

“I loved Outdoor Lab! I was a student and a HS counselor and my experience there influenced the course of my life for 30 years.” –Alum



Greenhouse at Mount Evans after getting closer to completion



Students returning from a day of exploring on the trails

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who contributed significant gifts in 2016-17:**

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Shannon Hancock
Christi Hursta
Leonard Nelson

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Kathy and Bob Weiss

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KING SOOPERS FOR A TOTAL OF

\$1,798,019.79

**DONATED OVER SIX
YEARS**

40%

Students on free &
reduced lunch

\$2,021,641.04

Donated by King Soopers and
Safeway since 2011

11,951

Total card users since
2011



475

Students earned 100%
of tuition in 2016-2017

LAB CARDS PROGRAM

A huge thank you to King Soopers and Safeway for their continued support through our Lab Cards Program. The program finished strong this year with a total of **\$320,710.46** donated to local Jeffco schools for Outdoor Lab student tuition support! In all, since this program began in 2011, it has accumulated **\$2,021,641.04** in donations from King Soopers and Safeway to support our families and local Jeffco schools cover the cost of Outdoor Lab tuition.

The 2016/2017 school year:

- 1,759 participating 6th grade families
- Average donation per 6th grade student was \$191.48
- Average donation to each participating Jeffco school was \$3,602.52
- 86 schools participated in the Lab Cards Program
 - 55 schools received donations of \$1,000+
 - 20 schools received donations of \$5,000+
 - 10 schools received donations of over \$10,000
 - 2 schools received donations of over \$20,000
- 2,863 PreK-5th grade families currently enrolled in the card program



A huge thank you to both King Soopers and
Safeway for their continued support with this
program!





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2016-2017 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Open House

September 18, 2016

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab and
Mount Evans Outdoor Lab

Once a year, the schools open their sites up to the public for a tour of the property, to enjoy lunch and meet the staff before their child attends the program. This year boasted more than 2,500 attendees and families even hustling to see both sites in the same day.



After Dark

September 24, 2016

Evergreen, CO

Our annual fundraiser, After Dark grossed over \$130,000 and featured live music from Mount Evan's very own Jason Harding and his band, Original Recipe. The Narrow Gauge Band headlined and we enjoyed delicious food from Moe's Original Bar B Que, signature cocktails and plenty of games and dancing!

Cocktails For A Cause

May 24th, 2017

Leopold Brothers Distillery

Cocktails For A Cause held at Leopold Brothers Distillery in Denver raised over \$10,000 for the intern program! These funds provide gas stipends and gear for interns at both Mount Evans and Windy Peak.



WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUTDOOR LAB

Colorado Gives Day

Tuesday December 5th, 2017 is Colorado Gives Day. Create your fundraising page today at www.coloradogives.org. Look for information on individual and corporate challenges in our newsletters, website and on social media.



Gear Overview 2016-2017

For the first time the Foundation managed the Outdoor lab gear offered to sixth grade students from our office, and the program thrived. Not only was the new design well received, but gear donations brought in over **\$37,000** in gross contributions. That's nearly \$17,000 more than last fiscal year. If you didn't pick up a hoodie or t-shirt last year, you're in luck. The design received such positive response, it will be back again in the coming school year! Check it out at www.outdoorlabfoundation.org/shop

Monthly Giving

Monthly Giving is an easy way to support OLF every month. Please consider a recurring gift of \$10, \$15 or even \$20 each month to support the impact of current programs and the growth of new ones in the coming years. Your automatic donation is safe, secure and easy. You set the date you would like your gift to be processed by the Foundation and can change the amount at any time.

Your monthly gift isn't just essential to the 6th grade students; it's the cornerstone for all younger Jefferson County children. You ensure Outdoor Lab will be there to teach them stewardship and a love of science.

The retail program DOUBLED over last year!

\$37,000

**Gross donations
for gear**

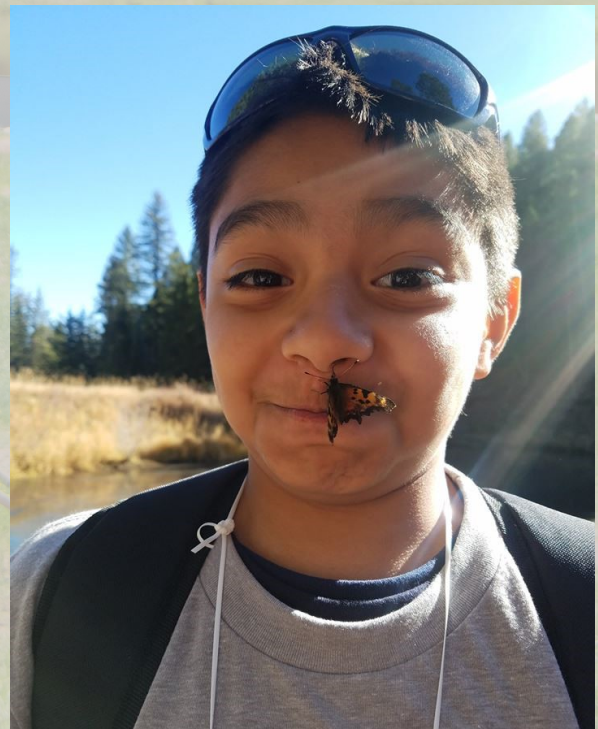




“My family has never been into the outdoors, the all-day hike was the longest I have ever been outside.”



“When I close my eyes to listen I realize science is all around me.”



2016-2017 VOLUNTEERS

We rely heavily on the support of our volunteers, whether the work is administrative, building a trail or helping to plan a successful event. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers this past year! You made a huge difference and we are so appreciative of all that you do.

Shauna Agard
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