

Three Rivers Park District **FOUNDATION**



Three Rivers Park District Foundation 2017 Annual Report

Connecting *everyone* to the wonders of our parks

Dear Three Rivers Park District Foundation supporters,

In 2017, the Foundation committed to the powerful goal of growing our capacity to Change Lives Outdoors. With your generous support, here's a few examples of what we accomplished...

Changing Lives Outdoors - By sending nearly 300 children from underrepresented communities to Explorer Day Camps in 14 neighborhoods.

Changing Lives Outdoors - By providing veterans, seniors and children with disabilities with the special equipment and instruction needed to experience adapted recreation programs including skiing, paddle boarding, fishing, and kayaking.

Changing Lives Outdoors - Through partnerships with the Three Rivers Park District on events including the signature Autumn Woods Classic race.

Changing Lives Outdoors - Through securing innovative grants and partnerships with MN Farm Bureau Foundation, Bogs, and prAna. Also through key fundraising initiatives including SUMMERBRATION, Give to the Max Day, and a new Business Member program.

Changing Lives Outdoors - By reaching over 25,000 people with the Parks on the Go van at festivals, farmer's markets, and many other community events throughout our first tier suburbs.

Yes, together we Changed Lives Outdoors! Generous donors like you joined us to bring more people from under-represented communities outdoors, and provide more accessible programs. We thank you for your commitment and encourage your continued support of the Foundation's mission of "Connecting Everyone to the Wonders of Our Parks"

You can help us Change Lives Outdoors several ways including donating directly to the Foundation, donating stock, including the Foundation in your will, and volunteering. We are a 501(c)(3) so donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Finally, mark your calendars for July 21, 2018 for our signature fundraising event SUMMERBRATION @ THE FARM. This year's event promises to be more fun than ever, see the enclosed poster for details.

Thank you for helping us grow and Changing Lives Outdoors!

Sincerely,



Carol Schreiber, President



Christopher Boyer, Executive Director

Board of Directors

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Three Rivers Park District Foundation Financials

Statements of Financial Position		
As of December 31		
Assets	2017	2016
CURRENT		
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	74,228	88,359
Total Contributions Receivable	3,817	3,970
Undeposited Funds	5,358	0
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	83,402	92,328
OTHER - Marketable Securities	56,398	51,691
TOTAL ASSETS	139,800	144,019
Liabilities and Equity	2017	2016
CURRENT		
Accounts Payable	796	300
EQUITY		
Unrestricted & Restricted Net Assets	143,719	109,358
Net Income	-4,715	34,361
TOTAL EQUITY	139,004	143,719
TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY	139,800	144,019



*Amounts include investments in new staff and processes to grow the foundation

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE - OUR LONG TERM VISION

The National Council of Nonprofits defines Capacity Building as: "Whatever is needed to bring a nonprofit to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, or organizational maturity, so it may more effectively and efficiently advance its mission into the future."

We are in capacity building mode. We're growing our board, and investing in fundraising initiatives, staff, and processes so we can make a larger impact and serve more people. This growth doesn't happen overnight, it takes time and commitment, so for a period of time our expenses may exceed our revenues. This is normal when an organization like ours works to grow, and our financial reports will reflect this as we tackle the opportunities and challenges that come with our expansion.



TOGETHER, WE ARE CHANGING LIVES OUTDOORS



EXPLORER CAMP GROWTH GETS MORE KIDS OUTSIDE

In 2017 the number of Explorer Camps grew to 14, where nearly 300 participants were introduced to outdoor activities including archery, birding, biking, pond study, geocaching, fishing, insect study, tree studies and nature conservation. These important camps reach kids and families who are often unable to attend Three Rivers programs because of cost or transportation challenges. Here's what Cathy Walter at Mobile Hope in Brooklyn Park said about their camp:

"The kiddos that attended Explorer Camp were I believe forever impacted by Three Rivers Parks. The majority of the kids have never been on a hike in a park in their life! Camp is such a privilege, and you have opened that privilege up to an isolated community that rarely gets to experience a scheduled, impactful summer event."

**OUTDOOR
FOUNDATION**

BOGS[®]



FOUNDATION WINS GRANTS FROM PRANA AND BOGS FOR INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

In 2017, the Foundation was awarded two special grants. Outdoor clothing company prAna awarded \$5,000 which was used to conduct a special Girls Adventure Camp. This camp provided girls from low-income households the opportunity to grow their confidence and leadership skills by solving problems as a team outdoors, away from the traditional classroom. In addition, BOGS awarded us 60 pairs of boots which are being used to create the Park District's new "boot library." This will ensure that children who participate in outdoor programs requiring boots will have a pair.



ADAPTED PROGRAM GROWTH

In 2017, your generous donations helped fuel growth, and increased staff-to-participant ratios for Adapted programs including archery, biking, canoeing, fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and skiing. Three Rivers partners with the MN Spinal Cord Injury Association and the MN Special Olympics on these important programs. Here's what Eric Holmgren, a gulf war veteran and past participant had to say:

"Paddling an adaptive kayak was the catalyst that [brought] me into a new life of self-confidence I never before thought possible... my life has expanded to include surfing, sailing, hiking, rock climbing and cycling as well as becoming a certified Peer Visitor with The Amputee Coalition. Without the Three Rivers adaptive kayaking program leading the path, I would not be who I am today."



RACING WITH THREE RIVERS

In 2017, we launched the first of several exciting race collaborations with the Park District. The 2017 Autumn Woods Classic occurred in October, and proceeds from the race helped support camps for kids in under-represented communities. In 2018 we'll again partner on the Autumn Woods Classic, as well as the signature Trail Mix race. Once again, a portion will help support the mission of the Foundation. Be sure to register for these legendary races!



SUMMERBRATION 2017 – What a party!



Our biggest annual fundraising event was a HUGE success! Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$19,000 to fund Adapted programs, Explorer Camps, school outreach, and Foundation growth. Special thanks to MN Farm Bureau Foundation for sponsoring the event. It was a beautiful summer evening filled with great music, farm fresh food, adult beverages, tours, and a fantastic silent auction. Mark your calendars for July 21, 2018, you won't want to miss one of the best summer "date nights" in the Twin Cities!

SUMMERBRATION

@ THE FARM PARTY 'TIL THE LLAMAS COME HOME

SATURDAY

JULY 21, 2018

5:30 PM

\$65 EARLY BIRD

\$75 AFTER JUNE 20

Featuring

CHRIS KELLY BAND

FARM TO TABLE BBQ

WINE & ICE COLD BEER

DELECTABLE DESSERTS

WAGON RIDES

AUCTION

BONFIRE

AGES 21+

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Proceeds will help send kids from under-represented communities to camp, and help support adapted programs for persons with disabilities.

GALE WOODS FARM • 7210 CTY RD 110 W, MINNETRISTA

Tickets and online auction: threeriversparksfdn.org



SPECIAL DONATION STEWARDSHIP

In 2017 we managed a growing list of gifts with special designations. For example, we accepted and conveyed significant donations for the Park District's Forests Forever program, and the Sugar Shack at Lowry Nature Center. We can accept gifts of many types including cash, shares of stock, and Required Minimum Distributions from IRA's. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so your gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law.



CREATE A LEGACY THROUGH A PLANNED GIFT

Making a bequest to the Three Rivers Park District Foundation is a powerful statement of your values, and a way to ensure that the Foundation can continue to support our mission of connecting everyone to the wonders of our parks. If you are interested in learning more about making a planned gift, please visit the "Donate" page on our website, or contact Chris Boyer, Executive Director at chris.boyer@ThreeRiversParks.org or 763-559-6760.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS

In 2017 we started asking businesses in our community if they were interested in supporting our mission. Nearly 20 area businesses decided to help and made significant donations! If your company would like to become a Foundation Business Member, we'd love to you have you join the club. Special thanks to our new 2017 Business Members:

Advantage Signs & Graphics
Allied Blacktop Co.
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Avalo, Inc.
B & D Plumbing, Heating and AC
Bituminous Roadways
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Thank You to Our Donors

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\$1,000 - \$4,999

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\$500 - \$999

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\$250 - \$499

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Nancy Solhaug
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\$100 - \$249

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Up to \$99

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The Three Rivers Park District Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization providing philanthropic support to Three Rivers Park District. Located in the Twin Cities west metro area, the Park District promotes environmental stewardship through recreational and educational opportunities throughout its 27,000-acre natural resources-based system, reaching more than 11 million visitors annually.

We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this donor information. However, if we have inadvertently missed or misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and notify us at 763.559.9000 so we can correct it for the future.
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