

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT | 2019



MISSION

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education inspires meaningful connections between people and nature. We engage with our forests and fields to foster appreciation, deepen understanding, and encourage stewardship of the environment.



Dear Friend,

IN 2019, we introduced thousands of Philadelphia students to the wonders of nature, healed-- and returned to the wild-- injured and sick animals of more than 100 species, planted hundreds of trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in our sweeping 340-acre forest, and presented groundbreaking art from the nation's remarkable community of environmental artists.

It takes a village to accomplish everything we do at the Center and you are a central component of that village, as your membership support and donations allow us to do all of this-- and so much more. As a member, donor, volunteer, and friend, your financial and emotional support are the wind beneath our wings.

We've got an ambitious 2020 ahead of us. It's the Year of Action here at the Center, so we are dedicating 2020 to partnering with you on how to cool the climate, protect biological diversity, conserve our precious water, reduce our contributions to the trash crisis, wean ourselves off plastics, and more.

We can't thank you enough for your support, and hope and trust you'll stay with us through 2020—and beyond.

Best wishes always,



Charles T. "Chip" Lee III
President



Mike Weilbacher
Executive Director



measuring impact

CHANGING LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

"The Schuylkill Center has provided the world as a classroom for Congreso Creando Tu Futuro OST students. I appreciate the time and dedication of the staff who embrace the youth and wrap them in a world of wonder using hands-on tools for experimentation and encouraging student voice during water testing while exposing them to careers in Environmental Science and Geology. Thanks for all you do."



Alisa Best, S.T.E.M. Coordinator, Congreso

"Without the generosity of our donors and friends, the clinic wouldn't have the medical equipment and supplies it needs to humanely care for sick and injured animals in a clean and healthy facility. And it's amazing how quickly a team of wildlife rehabilitators and volunteers can go through a fully-stocked refrigerator, freezer, and pantry at the height of baby season!"



Staci Vernick, Trustee and Wildlife Clinic Volunteer

"The Schuylkill Center's mission is so important to Philadelphia. The work we were able to do with the Center and students from CCATE will inspire the next generation of environmental artists, designers, engineers, stewards, educators, and entrepreneurs."



Raja Schaar, Product Design Program Director, Drexel University



81.5% of wildlife patients brought in from Philadelphia



1,429 volunteers contributed **10,020 hours**



1,914 injured, sick, and orphaned animals treated at the wildlife clinic



Toad Detour volunteers helped **1,200 Toads** cross Port Royal Road



3,250 native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees planted from our plant sale



Our forest offsets carbon emissions from **1,108 cars** a year



138 environmental artists presented their works in our gallery and on our trails



Over **25,000 contact hours** of Environmental education to **7,224 schoolchildren**

WILDLIFE CLINIC TREATED 110 DIFFERENT



YOUR SUPPORT TOUCHES SO MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY — families, students, teachers, artists, children, seniors, gardeners, animal lovers, activists, and community leaders. Here are some of their stories.

"It is my privilege to represent SCEE. Recently my policy development has been focused on the social determinants of health- how our lifestyle, environment, and personal genetic makeup influences our health. SCEE offers a perfect solution to maintaining health as its programs and acres of undeveloped space are an antidote to our stressful lives. And for those of us who live in the 194th it is in our backyard."



State Representative
Pamela A. DeLissio

"The Schuylkill Center has not only helped us hone our focus with CCATE's young people and adults in caring for the environment, but also promoted an interest for our middle and high school students in play-based learning that integrates environmental science and the arts. We look forward to a continued partnership!"



Holly Link, Director of Educational Programming and Research, Centro de Cultura, Arte, Trabajo y Educación

"The Schuylkill Center lets me use my skills as an artist in ways that support causes that I care about, like increasing awareness of climate change!"

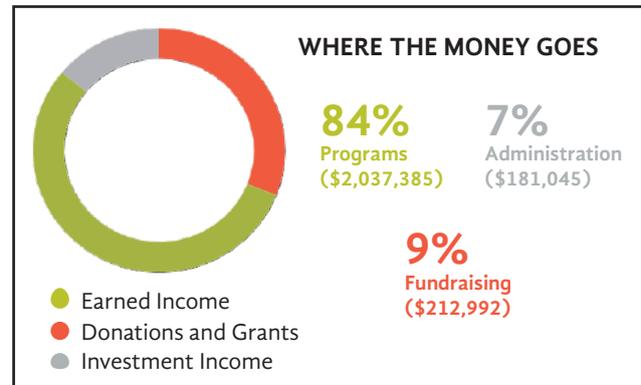
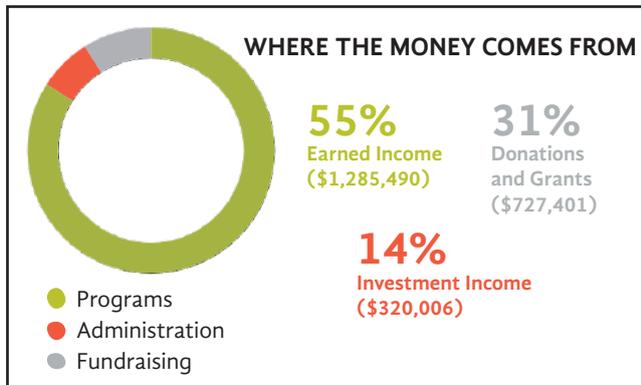


Rebecca Hoenig,
Tempestry Artist



financials FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

YOUR DONATIONS FUEL OUR WORK. As your partner in this mission, we remain dedicated to following the highest standards of transparency and accountability. Full audited financials can be found on our website.



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