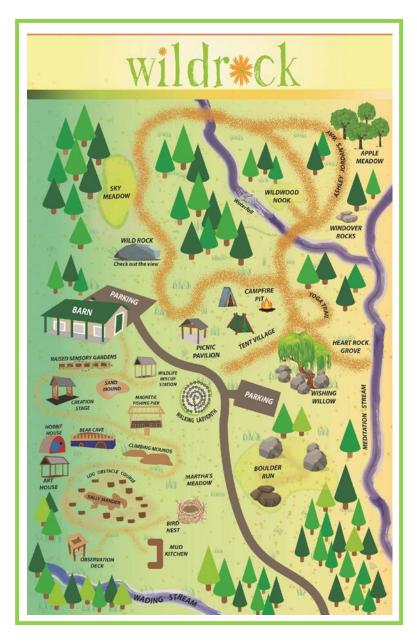
Wildr*CK



A Warm Welcome!

2019 Annual Report







A Note from our Founder

Imagine a child new to Wildrock stepping off a school bus, uncertain, and a bit anxious about what it will mean to spend time in nature. Experience has taught us that within a few hours that same child will get back on the bus with more than muddy sneakers and a skip in her step. She will leave knowing what it feels like to hop in a mountain stream, climb to a rock overlook, and play imaginatively in an expansive natural area full of engaging play zones.

For thousands of children in our community, Wildrock is their welcome to the Blue Ridge foothills and the joys of nature play. With American children spending an average of seven hours a day in front of a screen and only seven minutes in outdoor play, the Wildrock experience is a vital local resource for helping our children develop a nuturing relationship with nature.

This year, we launched programming in public housing communities and schoolyards to help kids connect to nature in their own neighborhoods. We are grateful for the opportunity to create nature experiences that nourish and support healthy children and families.

Carolyn Schuyler



The Community Need Children today spend less time in outdoor play than in any previous generation. With the loss of nature play in childhood, there has been a corresponding decline in emotional and physical health. To counteract this trend, Wildrock collaborates with nonprofit agencies and local schools to ensure that all local children have the foundational nature play experiences they need to thrive. Our Nature Playscape has served as a beloved field trip destination and an inspiration for teachers and parents to create their own nature play areas. In the last year, we have expanded our work into the city by transforming urban green spaces in public housing communities and schoolyards into inviting play zones.





Program Participation

Wildrock's expanding urban outreach work and thriving community partnerships resulted in 60% growth this fiscal year.

Program	Participants	
Field Trips for All Ages	6918	
Open Community Days	2111	
On Solid Ground Retreats	1030	
Community Event Tabling	1320	
Nature Play Lab	800	
Pop Up Play	1387	
Green Team	75	
Camps for City Kids	65	
Mission Advocacy Talks	1719	
Stewardship Work Days	350	

15,775 People Served!





Wildrock Nature Connection Programs



Field Trips provide playbased learning in nature for preschoolers up to senior citizens. Programs foster curiosity about wildlife, geology, and conservation.



On Solid Ground Program builds strong social support through shared nature experiences. Serves human service workers and nonprofits.



Community Days make Wildrock available to the general public for exploration, play, special workshops, and day retreats.



Urban Outreach provides innovative play programs in underused green spaces in urban school yards, neighborhoods, and agencies.



New Programs in 2019

Park Hop with a Doc is a partnership with Pediatric Associates bringing nature play to city parks to promote the health benefits of outdoor free play.



Nature Play Lab brings a rotating library of outdoor play materials and play facilitation training to area schools. Transforms recess to include nature-infused, imaginative play.



Stewardship Initiative brought three local schools together to develop a public relations campaign to reduce plastic waste in local businesses. Resulted in a well-attended community meeting at CitySpace.





Wildrock Partnerships

Wildrock works in partnership with the Charlottesville City Schools, Albemarle County Schools, several private schools and over a dozen local non-profits to reach a broad and diverse audience. Programs are designed to meet the unique needs of each partner group and to scaffold nature experiences to accommodate varying levels of comfort and experience. In its two and-a-half years of serving the community, Wildrock has become a vital part of our community's social services helping to promote community health through enriching nature experiences both in urban settings and in our Blue Ridge foothills location.





Wildrock Partners

Abundant Life Ministries Albemarle County Schools Building Goodness Foundation Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge Boys and Girls Club - Cherry Avenue Center for Nonprofit Excellence City of Promise Charlottesville City Schools Charlottesville Day School College of William and Mary **Community Attention Foster Care Computers for Kids** Free Union Country Day School Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts Greenstone on 5th Elk Hill Hold the Line **International Neighbors** Jefferson Area CHIP Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Lugo McGinness Academy **Living Free for Military Families** New City Arts On Our Own **Peabody School** Pediatric Associates **Piedmont Housing Alliance Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary** Sexual Assault Resource Agency St. Anne's Belfield Tandem School Tom Tom Founders Festival The Women's Initiative Virginia Discovery Museum **UVA School of Architecture UVA Contemplative Science Center** Virginia Institute of Autism The Village School



Waynesboro Preschool Program



Grant Funded Programs

Wildrock Pop-Up Play Program providing enriching nature play experiences for Greenstone on 5th, Boys and Girls Club - Cherry Avenue, and City of Promise. Made possible by the Bama Works Fund.

Nature Friends Preschool Program offering every Charlottesville City Schools preschooler two yearly trips to Wildrock and four onsite pop-up play visits. Made possible by a partnership with Charlottesville City Schools.

City Kids Camp providing therapeutic play day camps in nature for city school children in need. Made possible by a grant from the Hilltop Foundation, an Enriching Communities Grant from the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation, and a partnership with Charlottesville City Schools.

Stewardships Initiatives preparing children to be advocates for birds, forest ecosystems, and watersheds. Made possible by the Eco-Living Fund, Virginia Department of Forestry, and the Wildlife Grant Program – Virginia Department of Inland Game and Fisheries.





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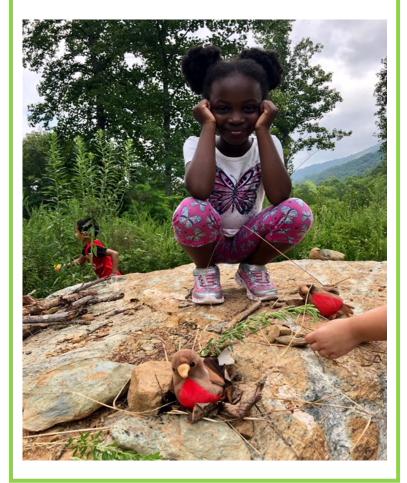
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Volunteers

Volunteerism is the heart of Wildrock. Our play spaces are truly the reflection of the community's generosity, creativity, kindness, and love for children and nature.

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Volunteers

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Wildrock's Mission Advocacy Work Highlights

Presented workshop on nature therapy at the Virginia Department of Social Services statewide conference

Presented professional development workshops for Albemarle County Schools and Charlottesville City Schools

Speaker at Virginia Native Plant Society on "Growing the Next Generation of Plant Lovers"

Workshop for United Way Early Childhood Educators Conference on "Nature Play in Preschool"

Featured in Cville Weekly and Charlottesville Inside-Out on PBS

Speaker for international Earthbody Institute webinar

Urban Tree Hugger Event for Tom Tom Founders Festival. Presented workshop on "Connecting Children to Special Trees in Charlottesville"

Created spring ecotherapy installation at New City Arts and at UVA in partnership with the Contemplative Science Center

Spoke at the UVA School of Architecture Forum on new research findings on human nature engagement

Hosted Eastern Region Forest & Nature School Association Conference



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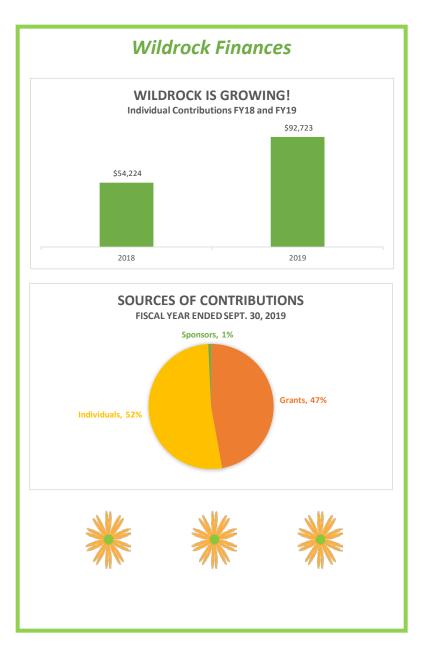


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Kyle Crawford, Grounds Manager
Tessa Thompson, Green Team Leader
Interns: Ariana Piacquadio
and Isabel Skarbinski







Wildrock Finances			
<u>Revenues</u>			
Cash Contributions	\$	178,009	
Program Fees & Rentals	\$ \$ \$	55,133	
Other Revenue	\$	5,124	
Total Revenues	\$	238,266	
Total Expenses			
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Net Income			
Net Income	\$	80,822	
Balance Sheet			
As of Sept. 30, 2019 (Unaudited)			
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<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$	100,711	
Investments	\$	154,326	
Total Current Assets	\$	255,037	
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Land and Land Improvements	\$	437,789	
Buildings	\$ \$ \$	542,775	
Equipment	\$	15,028	
Total Fixed Assets	\$	995,592	
<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>			
Liabilities	\$	-	
Equity	\$	1,250,629	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	1,250,629	

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