

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019



are creating the future together, every single day. And it's wonderfully bright.

The Outdoor Lab Foundation Hand-Delivers over \$60,000 to Local Schools

"Oh my gosh, are you serious? That's amazing! Thank you so much! Holy cow!" -Jeffco Middle School Principal

The mission of the Outdoor Lab Foundation is to inspire community support and advocate for the Outdoor Lab program. Advocating at the program's heart includes supporting local Jefferson County schools. This year, the Foundation sought student tuition support from outside funders at an inspiring pace. On Monday, April 15, \$60,000 was delivered in the form of a surprise. Many principals and administrators had emotional reactions.

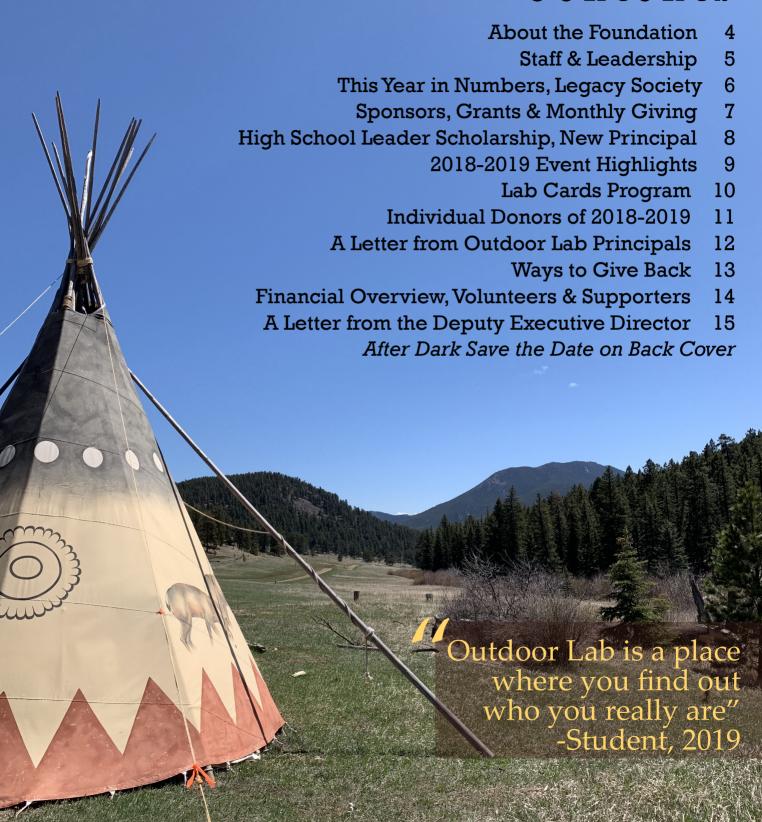
This year was an especially important year to show our schools support- it's the first full year many sixth grade students in Jefferson County were housed in the middle schools instead of elementary schools. This meant the middle schools were challenged to support students' Outdoor Lab tuition for the first time.

The Outdoor Lab Foundation is proud to support local schools through with tuition assistance. Because of **YOU**, local schools felt more supported than ever this year.





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About Outdoor Lab

WE ARE

Champions of experiential outdoor learning as a base for stewardship of oneself, others and the environment.

WE BELIEVE

Outdoor Lab creates the path of lifelong learning.

OUR MISSION

Inspire community support and advocate for the Outdoor Lab Schools.

The Outdoor Lab Foundation

Supports the Outdoor Lab Schools through advocacy, financial support and strategic projects, making the schools a leading national program that begins a lifetime of learning on the trails.

Outdoor Lab

Is a week-long residential experiential learning program that every sixth grade student in Jeffco attends in the Colorado wilderness. This 63-year old program has over 385,000 alumni and impacts 7,000 Jefferson County students each year.

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Ryan Bazz Mount Evans Outdoor Lab Principal



Robb Gneiser Windy Peak Outdoor Lab Principal



2018-2019 By the Numbers

40
Interns led and inspired...

867High School Leaders who taught...

5,558
Sixth Grade Studer

Sixth Grade Students who learned a priceless lesson of stewardship, who came from...

48

Jefferson County Schools elementary and middle schools!



Legacy Society

On March 16, 2019, the Outdoor Lab Foundation welcomed 17 new Legacy Society members during an evening of fun at the American Mountaineering Museum in Golden.

The Outdoor Lab Legacy Society is an extraordinary group of philanthropists and volunteers committed to ensuring that Outdoor Lab's excellence in education and experiential learning continues for many future generations. They lead the "because of you" legacy in our community with bravery and passion.

Legacy Society members include all those who provide support for the program through ongoing donations, planned giving (bequests, charitable remainder trusts and other life income gifts) and through their extensive volunteerism with the program. These members have been selected for being our strongest supporters in at least TWO of the categories of time, talent and treasure.

The "because of you" legacy makes The Outdoor Lab Foundation proud, and each year it is made possible by YOU. Thank you for continuing to support the Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society and thank you to our incredible Legacy Society members. The following individuals were inducted into the Outdoor Lab Foundation Legacy Society this year:

Jeff and Holly Brekke
Vivian Burrows
Scott Charter
Ken and Jill Fellman
Jason and Felicia Guerrero
Ryan Lucas
Hank and Roberta Nieto
Jennifer and Marcus Pennell
Jim and Marilyn Prichard
Brian Sipes
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Golden Civic Foundation
IRFA

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The Dawn Foods Foundation
Virginia W. Hill Foundation
Westminster Legacy Foundation
Walmart, Westminster

A special thank you to our monthly givers who contributed significantly in 2018-2019:

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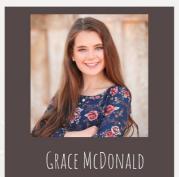
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Inaugural High School Leader Scholarships

JESSIE LEVESQUE-ETLING



The Outdoor Lab Foundation, with guidance from the Youth Advisory Board, offered two inaugural High School Leader Scholarships, with two \$2,000 awards. Launched in December 2018, eligible Jefferson County students who had been a high school leader more than once for the Jefferson County Outdoor Lab program were given the opportunity to apply. The scholarships were open to students seeking admission to any private or public vocational training program, college or university.

The High School Leader Scholarship committee selected Jessie Levesque-Etling of Conifer High School and Grace McDonald of Columbine High School as this year's inaugural awardees.

Levesque-Etling will be pursuing her higher education career at Metropolitan State University and was an intern at Mount Evans Outdoor Lab. Levesque-Etling says, "When I received the call that I got the scholarship, I was at a loss for words. It took a lot of pressure off my shoulders when it comes to paying for college next year. Also, it was a great feeling knowing I put my heart into the program, but that the program also gives back so much to both sixth grade and high school students."

McDonald will be attending Colorado Mesa University, and was a high school leader three times at Outdoor Lab. She says, "I am extremely honored to get this opportunity. My friends and family are so proud of me. Outdoor Lab has impacted my life greatly, and I am blessed that it will help with my college career."

Meet Ryan Bazz, Mount Evans' New Principal



Ryan is a Colorado native and a product of Jeffco Public Schools. He grew up in Lakewood where he attended schools in the Green Mountain articulation area. He first fell in love with the Outdoor Lab world as a sixth grade student when he spent a week at Windy Peak. He began working for Jeffco when he was 16 years old for the School Age Enrichment program.

Ryan attended Metropolitan State University and earned his Bachelor's degree in environmental science with an emphasis in secondary education. From there, Ryan began his teaching career as a seventh grade science teacher at Carmody Middle School before completing his Master's degree in School Administration from Regis University.

Ryan worked as an assistant principal for the four years before joining the Outdoor Lab program as Principal at Mt. Evans. He's married to another Jeffco educator and they have one child and two pugs. Ryan enjoys the great outdoors, coffee and the Rockies... both the mountain range and the baseball team.

Event Highlights

Open House | 9.15.18

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab & Mount Evans Outdoor Lab

A favorite day of the year, the 2018 Open House event held at both Windy Peak and Mount Evans, thrilled all community members in attendance. This year, NREL joined us at Mount Evans Outdoor Lab for a hands-on solar powered experiment center. Each year, Open House provides the opportunity for sixth grade students and families to visit the site before their student embarks on their Outdoor Lab adventure. Complete with sample classes, site tours and a BBQ on the deck, students and parents leave the day feeling excited for the Outdoor Lab journey ahead.

*Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 14, 2019 to join us this year.



Denver, CO

For the past five years, After Dark has provided the perfect opportunity for our community to come together in celebration of a true gem in Jeffco: Outdoor Lab. Each year, After Dark has grown and the continued adoration for this program leaves us speechless. This year's event was no exception. The energy we experienced was incredible. It was amazing to have the room filled with so much love, support and enthusiasm for Outdoor Lab. Because of YOU we officially had our biggest year yet! Thanks to your contributions, we were able to surpass last year's numbers and raise more than \$145,000 for our beloved program. Thank you, Lowry Beer Garden and Tocabe for providing delicious food as guests rocked out to Original Recipe and Stereo Clone.

*Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12 to join us at this much-anticipated event.

Colfax Kiwanis Club holds Fundraiser for Outdoor Lab! | 5.4.19

Golden, CO

The Colfax Kiwanis group raised \$1,000 for Outdoor Lab through an awesome community event held at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood. Through partnership with the Outdoor Lab Foundation, the Kiwanis group hosted over 40 bowlers in support. Family fun, strikes and even gutter balls created an extremely successful day for the Outdoor Lab program. A big thank you to the West Colfax Kiwanis group for making such an impact on the Outdoor Lab program. Community organizations like yours make this program thrive!







2018-2019 Lab Cards Program

A SPECIAL THANKS TO KING SOOPERS FOR A TOTAL OF

\$2.6M



DONATED OVER EIGHT YEARS

1,679

Sixth grade students aided

48

Jefferson County Schools participated in the Lab Card Program

\$6,561



Average donation each school received

2,355

K-5 families enrolled in the Lab Card Program for the 2018-19 school year 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 \$321,686 donated to local Jeffco schools for Outdoor Lab student tuition. Since 2011, the Foundation has helped schools and families raise \$2,868,984 through the Lab Card Program- in donations from King Soopers and Safeway- to support our families. We are thrilled to continue this program in partnership with our local middle schools.

The 2018/2019 School Year:

1,679 participating sixth grade families.

Average donation per sixth grade student was \$187.59 to go toward student tuition.

48 Schools Participated:

5 schools received donations of \$20,000 +

7 schools received donations between \$10,000-20,000

6 schools received donations between \$5,000-10,000

13 schools received donations between \$1,000-5,000





2018-2019 Supporters: Thank You

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A Note from the Outdoor Lab School Principals

Greetings from the Outdoor Labs!

As the snow finally melts and another school year comes to an end, we would like to take the opportunity to reflect on successes and growth, as well as what the future looks like for the Outdoor Lab program. There have been many changes to the program from new staff to many new middle schools, but sixth grade students continue to have the opportunity to spend a whole week at Outdoor Lab.

One of the greatest accomplishments for the program has been the collaboration between both sites to create the same experience for students at Mt. Evans and Windy Peak. Our work towards making this happen included staff from both sites attending an outdoor education conference in New Hampshire this past February. While it may not seem appealing to travel to the far Northeast that time of year, the learning and bonding within the program far outweighed the risk of frost bite we faced. Both sites also meet regularly within the boundaries of our own beautiful state to discuss and plan our vision for *One Program: Two Sites*. This is ever important as we experience the transition of Outdoor Lab from elementary to middle schools.

While at certain times challenging, the transition from elementary to middle schools overall was highly successful. This was evident in the positive, and for many students, life-changing impact we witnessed in ~6,000 sixth grade students. We were also impressed with the adaptability of middle school teachers and administrators. Their support and eagerness to join the Outdoor Lab world is abundant and the new relationships created with our middle schools are exciting!

As we look forward, there are many things we would love to share about the future of the program, but for the sake of room on this page, we will share just a couple. A big change to our program is the addition of a new position- the Outdoor Lab High School Leader Coordinator. Jason Dewar joins our team and will lead the charge in recruiting and retaining high school leaders. Historically, the Outdoor Lab program has struggled to recruit and retain leaders, which are essential for supervision and instruction of sixth grade students. This new position for us will truly take the program to a new level of excellence and ensure we are fully staffed and ready for every sixth grade student that steps off the yellow buses each week.

We also have the greenhouses at each site fully constructed and ready to be used. While curriculum is still in progress, there is plenty of excitement and possibilities that surround the greenhouses. We plan to have these fully functioning next school year. We cannot be more thankful to all that donated money, time and effort to making this happen.

To close, it has been a busy but wonderful year at Outdoor Lab. We are forever grateful for everyone's continued support. As we tell sixth grade students each week, nobody can do a week at Outdoor Lab alone, and this is true for us as well. We wish you all a fantastic summer!

Sincerely,

Ryan Bazz & Robb Gneiser



Ways to Make a Difference for Outdoor Lab



Colorado Gives Day

Each December, Coloradans join in a shared goal to come together and strengthen the community by helping power non-profits. Community First Foundation and FirstBank partner to make this day rewarding for givers, non-profits and the community as a whole.

This year's impact was ASTOUNDING. On Tuesday, December 4 2018, 172 donors gave over \$30,000 to the Outdoor Lab Foundation, joining the extraordinary movement of philanthropy of in the state of Colorado. What made the difference this year? Twenty four percent of returning donors INCREASED their donation. This year's funds continued advocacy in the community for the Outdoor Lab, supporting the program at its heart.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 10 to give back to Outdoor Lab on Colorado's favorite giving day. Are you ready to join the movement? We can't do it without YOU!

Spirit Wear

Formally known as our gear program, Outdoor Lab Spirit Wear continues to be an extremely popular program for sixth grade families AND our high school leaders. Outdoor Lab spirit wear, worn by students, teachers, leaders and families, creates community awareness and support for Outdoor Lab.

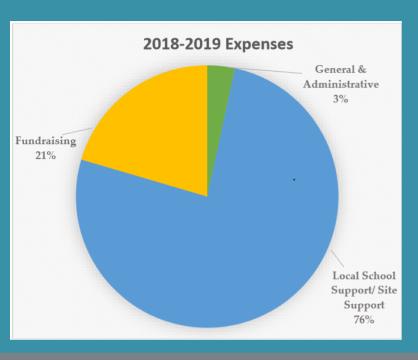
The ball cap was the latest and greatest addition this year, being popular both among students and adults. This year, the Outdoor Lab Foundation is excited to roll out a refreshed spirit wear design. Our spirit wear is only available as a gift with your donation. We had a very successful year, raising over \$35,000.

Monthly Giving

What can \$5 a month do? Common answer: probably nothing. Our answer: ALWAYS something. We have raised \$1,000 + this year thanks to the generosity of our \$5 club members. Will you be a part of the movement to double it next year? \$5 Club members receive discounts on events while having a sense of community around them as they are giving to Outdoor Lab. How many times a month do you spend \$5 on something with so much impact? Next time you do, think of Outdoor Lab! Join the movement and make your mark in the \$5 Club today!

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Financial Overview



2018-2019 Assets

Unrestricted	\$ 402,939.21
Restricted	\$ 414.531.76
Endowments (Permanent Reserve)	\$ 32,778.41
TOTAL	\$850,249.38

2018-2019 Income

Income Savings used for greenhouse	\$ 836,504.14 \$ 74 355 49
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2018-2019 Expenses

Local school support/ site support	\$ 693,660.94
Fundraising	\$ 186,281.00
General & Administration	\$ 30,917.70
TOTAL	\$ 910,859.64

2018-2019 Volunteers & Supporters

We rely heavily on the support of our volunteers, who help with administrative work, doing tasks outside like building trails and planning events. Volunteers are the lifeblood to this program.

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Katie Winner

"On Monday, I wanted to go home. Now I want to stay forever!" -2019 Sixth Grade Student

Envisioning the Future with Paige Brophy, Deputy Executive Director

Dear Outdoor Lab Supporters, Champions, Alumni and Family,

Thank you. When I look back at this last fiscal year, and my past several years with the organization, I am humbled.

My name is Paige and I was named the Deputy Executive Director of the Outdoor Lab Foundation in January 2019. Previously holding various marketing roles in the Foundation over the past two years, it was a true honor to be put at the helm of the organization. I am a product of Jefferson County Public Schools, attending Outdoor Lab as a sixth grade student with Prospect Valley Elementary. I graduated from Wheat Ridge High School and obtained a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Media Communication from Colorado State University. My entrepreneurial spirit has been able to thrive at the Outdoor Lab Foundation and I cannot wait to carry that spirit with me in this new role.

Looking back at accomplishments the Outdoor Lab Foundation has achieved and soared through, it truly is BECAUSE OF YOU and the village of champions that surrounds this program. Between awarding our first-ever high school leader scholarship, celebrating our biggest After Dark and giving over \$400,000 back to local schools to support Outdoor Lab student tuition for F/R lunch families, I am in awe.

Next year we look forward to continuing the lifelong trail Outdoor Lab leaves behind. We plan to cover half of all Jefferson County student's tuition who cannot afford to attend Outdoor Lab, raising and providing \$450,000 in Outdoor Lab tuition support. We challenge ourselves to give two more incredible, deserving, high school students a scholarship to use so they can continue on to higher education. We aspire to advocate on behalf of the Outdoor Lab schools in ways we never have before, finding sustainable strategic partnerships, not only in the community, but the country.

Outdoor Lab needs our supporters, champions, alumni and family as we continue the sixth grade transition into our middle schools. Advocating on behalf of this program ensures the lifelong trail Outdoor Lab has left in Jefferson County continues for all students. Thank you for what you do every day for this program. Let's advocate like we never have before this year.

See you on the trail,

Pour Brus

Paige Brophy





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