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2018 – 2019
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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.

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,

Paige Brophy

Envisioning the Future with Paige Brophy, Deputy Executive Director
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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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
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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.

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, passing the extraordinary $5,000,000 mark. It was the second year in a row that the Outdoor Lab Foundation topped the $5,000,000 mark 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?

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!

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.
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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 Bunows
Scott Charter
Kim and Jill Fellman
Jason and Felicia Guerreiro
Hank and Roberta Nieto
Jennifer and Marcus Pernell
Jim and Marilyn Prichard
Brian Sipes
Rod Wagner

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Sharon Metz
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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
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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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, passing the extraordinary impact of previous Colorado Gives Day’s. What made the difference this year? Twenty four percent of returning donors INCREASED their donation. This year’s funds continue advocacy in the community for the Outdoor Lab, supporting the program at its heart.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 11 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. ASD our high school leaders to be 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 with so much impact? Next time you do, think of Outdoor Lab! Join the movement and make your mark in the $5 Club today!
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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- Kelyn Anker
- Blake Armitage
- Richard Armitage
- Elysabeth Ashe
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"On Monday, I wanted to go home. Now I want to stay forever!" - 2019 Sixth Grade Student

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"Outdoor Lab is a place where you find out who you really are." - Student, 2019
We 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.

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,

Paige Brophy

Envisioning the Future with Paige Brophy,
Deputy Executive Director
Join us for the best celebration of the year... in DENVER!

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