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walking mountains[®]
science center

Annual
REPORT



Our Mission

*To awaken
a sense of wonder
and inspire
environmental stewardship
and sustainability
through
natural science
education*



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share our annual report for fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).

While this report reflects on our recent achievements, it is also setting the stage for the coming year, when Walking Mountains Science Center will celebrate 20 years of providing hands-on science education and sustainability initiatives.

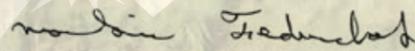
Since opening the doors of our Science Center in Avon six years ago, we have experienced exponential growth in our programs. In addition to our Youth Programs on which the organization was founded, we also serve our community broadly at our three locations – at our Avon campus, the Vail Nature Center and the Nature Discovery Center on top of Vail Mountain – with guided hikes, seminars, films and speakers.

Our sustainability initiatives include partnering with local businesses and governments to reduce waste, be more energy efficient, address climate change, and restore landscapes through environmental stewardship projects. We work with diverse groups in our community, from nature tykes to facilitating the first Climate Action Plan in Eagle County.

We have a lot to share and even more to celebrate, especially as we look to the future and the promise it holds.

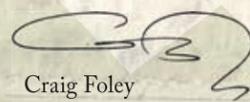
Of course, we could not build such a strong foundation for success without you – our loyal and dedicated donors and partners. Thank you for your steadfast support of our mission, and we look forward to all that lies ahead in the coming year and beyond!

With best regards,



Markian Feduschak

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Expansion

In December 2016, Walking Mountains purchased 5.8 acres of land next to their current campus in Avon thanks to the help of Eagle County, The Tang Family, Town of Avon, and the Eagle Valley Land Trust. Of the 5.8 acres, 3.5 is held in a conservation easement. This land will allow Walking Mountains to address their growing capacity needs for both staff and programs.

“The potential of this space to expand natural science education access is the best use for this beautiful land, which will be open to everyone. Now the entire Buck Creek area can be devoted to community, education, and open space.”
– Oscar Tang

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This year we served

over **127,000**
people

35%
INCREASE
FROM
PREVIOUS
YEAR!

Youth Programs

- School Field Science Programs
- Girls in Science
- STEM Leadership Academy
- Summer Science Camps
- The Foley Graduate Fellowship in Natural Science Education

"I was pleased to see the newfound leadership qualities that emerged in my son."

- High School STEM Solar Roller Parent

"It is a real testament to the success of your program that you are able to foster such passion and fervor for nature in a child so young."

- Summer Camp Parent



Youth Program Stats:

4616 students served – Over 58,000 contact hours

4.616

Average content knowledge improved by 23% after a School Field Science Program.

23%

4 educators completed the inaugural year of the Foley Graduate Fellowship working towards a master's degree in education and teaching our youth programs.

92%

of all Girls in Science participants said the after school program helped them better understand science.



Community Program Stats:

60,176
People reached.

1,054
Preschool-aged children introduced to science and nature exploration.

6,798
Hours spent hiking or snowshoeing with program participants.

STATS



“I was blown away by all the cool facts learned on this hike. My kiddos and I had plenty of questions and our guide answered them with ease. Even my parents had a great time!!!”

Community Programs

- *Walking Mountains Science Center, Avon*
- *Nature Discovery Center, Vail Mountain*
- *Vail Nature Center, Vail*
- *Naturalists Guided Walks, Hikes & Snowshoes*
- *Adult Workshops & Lectures*
- *Children Pre-K Programs*

“After participating in an EarthKeepers program, our kids didn’t want to leave. We stayed for hours while the boys played with hands-on activities. This is a great place to spend a morning out of the house enjoying educational activities and nature.”

Pre-K EarthKeepers Parent

Sustainability & Stewardship Programs

- *Actively Green*
- *Eco-Schools*
- *Energy Smart Colorado*
- *Landscape Stewardship*
- *Sustainable Film Series*
- *Zero Waste*
- *Mountains IDEAL Sustainable Destination Certification*
- *Climate Action Plan*
- *Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy (CARE) Program*

"I didn't realize how much money I was spending on energy bills... Now I'm saving about 50% on my electric and gas bills"

Energy Smart Program Participant

Since January 2016, Walking Mountains has partnered with Eagle County to convene and facilitate a stakeholder driven process to create a community-based climate action plan. The Eagle County community now has a long-term aspirational plan to help guide climate action.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Conserve, Solutions, Education, Goals, Vision, Energy, Community, Global, Ecology, Strategies, Knowledge, Future Generations, Renewables, Engage, Biofuels, Facilitator, Economy, Stewardship, Science literacy, Reuse, Recycle, Convener, Conserve, Future Generations, Ecology, Strategies, Knowledge, Future Generations, Renewables, Engage, Biofuels, Facilitator, Economy, Stewardship, Science literacy, Reuse, Recycle, Convener

Sustainability & Stewardship Program Stats:

63,196 people reached

126 Home Energy Assessments completed



17 newly certified Actively Green Businesses



29,564 lbs of waste was diverted from the landfill and sent to compost or recycle



Special Events

A Taste of Nature Gala

Each July, the Walking Mountains' community comes together for our A Taste of Nature gala to celebrate recent successes, honor people who have made a transformational impact on the organization and raise revenue for our science education programs. For the past two years, this festive event has sold out with 400 guests and raised more than \$500,000 each year.



Reach for the Peak Award Recipients

2016 - Ann Smead

"Walking Mountains will forge new collaborations with other key educational groups in our valley and together we will see the next phase of the dream." - Ann Smead



2017 - Alan Danson

"Alan is the consummate advocate for natural science education and environmental sustainability and stewardship. His passion for the mission is exemplified by his favorite motto, 'better students today, better stewards tomorrow'." - Markian Feduschak



Founder's Stewardship Award Recipients

2016 - Matt Donovan

"I thank Walking Mountains and all of you, because together we have a sense of stewardship in us. And it is stewardship of the natural world that we must all take an active role in protecting and feeling responsible for." - Matt Donovan



2017 - Dr. Jason Glass

"We partner with Walking Mountains because of the integrity with which they approach outdoor science education. They adhere to the scientific method and ignite curiosity that is already present in our kids." - Dr. Jason Glass



EdVenture

A program series exclusively for our donors, these unique and engaging events combine learning and the opportunity to socialize with other supporters. In July 2016, we partnered with Vail Resorts on "Learning Through Play" that included a behind-the-scenes tour of Epic Discovery. In April 2017, EdVenture members and their families enjoyed a reception and preferred seating for the sold-out screening of "The Eagle Huntress" at the Vilar Performing Arts Center.



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Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,787,040
Restricted cash held for others	6,330
Investments	115,715
Accounts/Pledges receivable	976,083
Bookstore inventory	29,145
Tax Credit held for sale	920,250
Other	40,614
Total Current Assets	\$3,875,177
Non Current Assets	
Pledges receivable	\$1,387,096
Restricted investments	1,043,531
Total Non Current Assets	\$2,421,627
Fixed Assets	
Land	\$6,222,534
Building	7,609,716
Equipment	80,368
Furniture and fixtures	728,321
Vehicles	68,366
Construction in progress	261,542
Website	97,516
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,827,082)
Net Fixed Assets	\$13,241,281
Total Assets	\$19,538,085
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$70,160
Accrued payroll	97,112
Deferred revenue	339,034
Held for others	6,330
Current portion of notes payable	7,902
Total Current Liabilities	\$520,538
Non Current Liabilities	
Notes payable	\$2,368,624
Total Non Current Liabilities	\$2,368,624
Total Liabilities	\$2,889,162
Net Assets	
Net investment in fixed assets	\$10,864,755
Unrestricted	2,520,801
Temporarily restricted	2,219,836
Permanently restricted	1,043,531
Total Net Assets	\$16,648,923
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$19,538,085

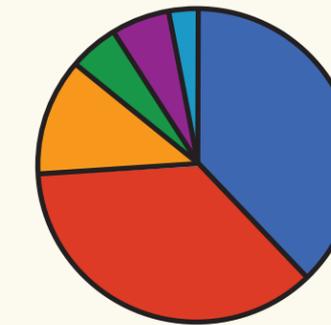
Statement of Cash Flows

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash received from contributions, grants & special events	\$4,411,795
Cash received for program fees & tuition	942,753
Cash received from other and interest	98,490
Cash paid to employees	(1,758,135)
Cash paid for interest	(61,189)
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,016,265)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$2,617,449
Cash Flows from Financing Activities	
Principal payments on debt	\$(574,602)
Cash received from debt issuance	2,347,939
Cash drawn on line of credit	454,969
Cash repaid on line of credit	(454,969)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	\$1,773,513
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Cash received from sale of assets	\$1,002,138
Payments for purchase of property & equipment	(4,073,373)
Cash paid to purchase investments	(691,880)
Cash received from sale of investments	699,106
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(\$3,064,009)
Net Change in Cash	\$1,326,777
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Beginning of Year	\$466,593
Cash and Cash Equivalents – End of Year	\$1,793,370
Reconciliation to Cash on Statement of Financial Position	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,787,040
Cash held for others	6,330
	\$1,793,370
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	
Operating income (loss)	\$3,262,122
Adjustments	
Depreciation expense	\$328,258
(Gain) loss on sale of asset	–
Donated fixed assets	–
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(65,842)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(62,176)
(Increase) decrease in pledges receivable	(790,888)
(Increase) decrease in bookstore inventory	5,548
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	(7,417)
(Increase) decrease in loan issue costs	(4,997)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(42,622)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	20,819
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	(27,049)
Increase (decrease) in infrastructure escrow	1,693
Total Adjustments	(\$644,673)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$2,617,449

Income Statement

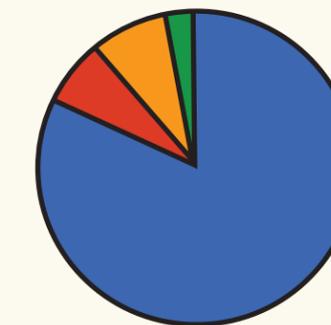
Operating Income (Loss):		FY 2016 (Restated)
Revenues	FY 2017	
Contributions and Grants	\$5,182,587	\$3,888,114
Contributions In-Kind	188,169	170,777
Program Fees & Tuition	1,028,657	917,127
Special Events	23,417	16,525
Interest Income	100,469	42,870
Bookstore Sales	35,243	36,696
Other	28,620	8,286
Total Revenues	\$6,587,162	\$5,080,395
Expenses		
Programs	\$2,742,721	\$2,724,207
Operations	216,607	217,478
Fundraising	365,712	313,277
Total Expenses	\$3,325,040	\$3,255,232
Operating Income (Loss)	\$3,262,122	(\$1,825,163)
Non-Operating Income (Loss):		
(Loss) on Contribution of Conservation Easement	(1,092,862)	–
Gain from Tax Credit on Conservation Easement	920,250	–
Change in Net Assets	\$3,089,510	\$1,825,163
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	\$13,559,413	\$11,734,250
Net Assets – End of Year	\$16,648,923	\$13,559,413

The income statement includes revenue and expenses for all Walking Mountains activities, including our capital campaign, the establishment of the science center campus and depreciation. The pie charts to the right reflect fiscal year 2017 expenses and revenues only related to annual educational activities. The financial statements of Walking Mountains Science Center for the period ending June 30, 2017 were audited by McMahan and Associates, independent certified public accountants. A copy of the complete audit report is available upon request.



FY 2017 Operating Revenues

Individuals	38%
Tuition & Program Fees	36%
Foundations	12%
In-Kind	5%
Corporate Gifts	6%
Government	3%



FY 2016 Operating Expenses

Programs	82%
Operations	7%
Annual Fundraising	8%
Special Events	3%

The Ripple Effect

The power of partnerships has no bounds. When we partner with organizations to implement our programming, we spread our mission to more people than we could ever do on our own.



Thanks to our partners who were involved in implementing our educational programs

10th Mountain Division Hut Association

Adopt a Trail

Alpine Arts Center

Bare Roots

Betty Ford Alpine Gardens

Black Hills Energy

Blue Sky Ranch

Boy Scouts of America - Troop 231

Breckenridge Heritage Alliance

Bureau of Land Management

Butterfly Pavilion

CDOT - Glenwood Tunnel

Colorado Energy Office

Colorado Environmental Leadership Program

Colorado Mountain College

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Tourism Office

Dusty Boot Steakhouse & Saloon - Eagle

Eagle County

Eagle County Adopt a Trail

Eagle County Historical Society

Eagle County Schools

Eagle County Solid Waste & Recycling

Eagle River Watershed Council

Eagle River Youth Coalition

Eagle Valley Birding Society

Eagle Valley Child Care Association

Eagle Valley Land Trust

Eagle Valley Library District

Edwards, CO

Energy Outreach Colorado

Energy Smart Colorado

Enso Farm and Forage

Family Learning Center

Friends of the Dillon Ranger District

Garfield Public Schools

Global Sustainable Tourism Council

Grid Alternatives

Habitat for Humanity

High Five Access Media

Holy Cross Energy

InteGREAT! Summer Lunch Program

John McConnell Math and Science Center

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Salvation Army

Shaw Cancer Center

Solar Rollers

Sonnenalp Hotel

SOS Outreach

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SteamMaster

Stone Creek Charter School

Sustainable Travel International

Sylvan Lake State Park

Tesla

The Cycle Effect

The Ground Up

Town of Avon

Town of Vail

Town of Vail - Vail Public Library

University of Northern Colorado

Ursula Gilguin

US Forest Service - White River National Forest

Vail Health

Vail Mountain School

Vail Recreation District

Vail Resorts

Vail Valley Art Guild

Vail Valley Foundation - Magic Bus

Vail Valley Jet Center

Vail Valley Partnership

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