



2018. Annual Report

walking mountains[®]
science center





Our Mission. To awaken a sense of wonder and inspire environmental stewardship and sustainability through natural science education.

20 Years of Accomplishments.
In our 20th year we look back on all we have been able to achieve for the youth, residents, and visitors of the Eagle Valley thanks to the generous support from our community.



1998 - 2018

**OVER
820,000**
PEOPLE REACHED



67,000+ 

Eagle County School District students reached through place-based natural science education

 **2,100**
Home Energy Assessments performed in Eagle County homes

234,000+ lbs. 
of waste diverted from the landfill through Zero Waste events, composting & recycling efforts

Over **380,000**
 *program participants served on Colorado public lands*

Dear Friends,

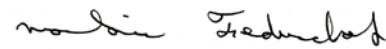
Our Annual Report for fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) brings more exciting news than ever before, and we are thrilled to share it with you.

This year we celebrated our 20th anniversary, highlighting the vast work and growth we have accomplished with your support. In this Annual Report, you will find statistics of which we are immensely proud—from an all-time high of people whose lives we have enriched through opportunities to learn more about the natural world through lectures, films, and hikes to record-breaking amounts of waste diverted from the landfill. We have increased our impact on our community, serving more children every year in part due to a 25% increase in Foley Graduate Fellows and, in the coming year, will be opening our doors to the Borgen Precourt Center for Sustainability, doubling our classroom space and significantly increasing the number of Eagle Valley children who will have the opportunity to be inspired and empowered to preserve and protect our planet.

Our efforts have also demonstrated a dramatic increase in sustainability efforts from around the valley, resulting in the Town of Vail becoming the first sustainable mountain resort destination in the world and the first Certified Sustainable Destination in the United States, in large part because of Vail's partnership with us.

There is so much we have celebrated this year, and so much we are looking forward to, including multiple program expansions to meet the ever-increasing demand for our programs. We could not have grown and fulfilled so many needs without your generosity and support, and we still have further to go. We are grateful for all our donors and partners, and look forward to what we might accomplish together in the next twenty years!

With Best Regards,



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Expansion. Walking Mountains broke ground on the new Borgen Precourt Center for Sustainability on the Tang Campus slated to open spring 2019. Preliminary funding was also secured for the Pete & Pat Frechette Educator Community. Both expansion projects will allow us to address growing capacity needs for programs and staff.


**OVER
169,000**
PEOPLE REACHED IN 2018
a 33% increase year-over-year!



*Borgen Precourt Center for Sustainability
Opening Spring 2019*



*Youth Programs. School Field
Science Programs. Girls in Science.
STEM Leadership Academy.
Summer Science Camps. The Foley
Graduate Fellowship in Natural
Science Education. Sowing Seeds.*

“My husband and I were AMAZED at the STEM class’s visits - everything about their week was so thrilling and exciting. My daughter absolutely loved it - I heard her talking to her grandparents about it this weekend, telling them every details of every trip.”

– STEM participant parent


“I love the fact that learning is always fun at Walking Mountains. When students have the opportunity to explore, learning comes naturally!”

– Maria Diaz

Homestake Peak School 2nd Grade Teacher



89% 
**OF ALL GIRLS IN
SCIENCE PARTICIPANTS**
*said the after school program helped
them better understand science.*

25% *increase of Foley Graduate Fellows,
enabling us to reach approximately
700 more students annually.* 

 **5,041**
**TOTAL YOUTH
PROGRAMS
PARTICIPANTS**
*9.2% increase year-over-year in
students served.*

Community Programs.

Science Center in Avon. Nature

Discovery Center on Vail Mountain.

Vail Nature Center in Vail.

Naturalist Guided Walks,

Hikes + Snowshoes. Adult Workshops

+ Lectures. Children's Pre-K

Programs. Eagle Valley Outdoor

Movement (EVOM).

61,487
PEOPLE REACHED

7,971
HOURS HIKING +
SNOWSHOEING
with program participants

2,762
Introduced
preschool-aged children to
science and nature exploration,
a 161% increase from last year!



“I was blown away by all the cool facts learned on this hike. Aspen trees are amazing and understanding the environment and why certain plants grow in certain areas. My kiddos and I had plenty of questions and our guide answered them with ease. Even my parents had a great time!!!”

—Anna D.



Sustainability Programs.

Actively Green. Energy Smart

Colorado. Landscape Stewardship.

Sustainable Film Series. Zero Waste.

Mountain IDEAL Sustainable

Destination Certification.

Climate Action Plan. Colorado's

Affordable Residential Energy

(CARE) Program. Climate Action

Collaborative.

 **102,739**
PEOPLE REACHED

49,222  lbs.
OF WASTE DIVERGED
from landfill and sent to compst or recycle

“My favorite green practice at home is encouraging my son to take charge of recycling and see him own it. What’s so neat is to look at him as a three-year-old and know that “recycling” is part of his vocabulary, it’ll always be there and he won’t have to learn that later.”

– Carrie Henderson

“The team from Walking Mountains Science Center helped Burton divert more than 55% of event waste away from landfill in our baseline year of actively managing and tracking waste. With over 20,000 attendees over the course of a week, and with events running from 10am to 11pm some days, that was no easy feat.”

– Jenn Swain,
Sustainable Innovation Project Manager
Burton Snowboards

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CERTIFIED
SUSTAINABLE
DESTINATION
in the United States (Vail).



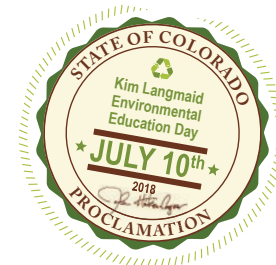
Special Events.

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.



> Save the date for 2019: Tuesday, July 9th.

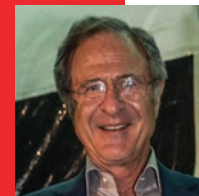


Reach for the Peak Award Recipients



2018 - Kim Langmaid

"Through her actions - and not her preaching - she has taught me (and I think all of us) that a life lived where we return as much or more as we take, is a more joyful life. In this way, Kim has become an important part of the soul of our valley" - Oscar Tang



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



2018 - Rob Katz Vail Resorts, Inc.

"This is one of the most thoughtful, most constructive, most productive partnerships we have in any community, and my hat's off to everyone at Walking Mountains. It's a real honor to receive this award tonight." - Rob Katz



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

“Walking Mountains’ Sweetwater property opens up virtually unlimited opportunities to expand science education for everyone in the Eagle Valley.”

– Penny and Bill George



EdVenture. A program series exclusively for our \$1,000+ donors, these engaging events combine learning and the opportunity to socialize with other supporters.



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2018. Financial Highlights.

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,859,699
Accounts/Pledges receivable	1,980,627
Other current assets	257,079
Total Current Assets	4,097,405
Non Current Assets:	
Pledges receivable	427,084
Restricted investments	1,045,072
Total Non Current Assets	1,472,156
Net Fixed Assets	14,288,390
TOTAL ASSETS	19,857,951
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	
Current Liabilities:	
Accrued payroll	105,761
Deferred revenue	414,084
Other Current Liabilities	50,557
Total Current Liabilities	570,402
Non Current Liabilities:	
Notes payable	31,836
Total Non Current Liabilities	31,836
Total Liabilities	602,238
Net Assets:	
Net investment in fixed assets	14,244,634
Unrestricted	553,701
Restricted	4,457,378
Total Net Assets	19,255,713
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	19,857,951

Statement of Cash Flows

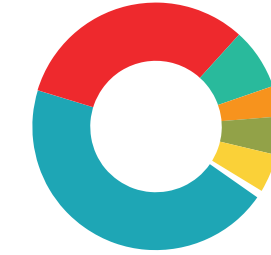
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Cash received from contributions, grants and special events	4,956,367
Cash received for program fees and tuition	1,033,351
Cash received from other and interest	74,994

Statement of Cash Flows cont.

Cash paid to employees	(1,976,634)
Cash paid for interest	(40,777)
Cash paid for goods and services	(1,223,487)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	2,823,814
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:	
Principal payments on debt	(2,686,001)
Cash received from debt issuance	348,233
Cash drawn on line of credit	327,843
Cash repaid on line of credit	(327,843)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	(2,337,768)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Payments for purchase of property and equipment	(1,357,716)
Cash received from sale of investments	24,446
Cash received from sale of tax credit easement	920,250
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	(413,020)
Net Change in Cash	73,026
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	1,793,370
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	1,866,396
Reconciliation to Cash on Statement of Financial Position	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,859,699
Cash held for others	6,697
	1,866,396
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income (loss)	2,606,790
Adjustments:	
Depreciation expense	310,607
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(59,495)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(8,940)
(Increase) decrease in pledges receivable	(44,591)
(Increase) decrease in bookstore inventory	(8,022)
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	(23,378)
(Increase) decrease in loan issue cost	4,998
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(38,106)
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	8,534
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	75,050
Increase (decrease) in infrastructure escrow	367
Total Adjustments	217,024
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	2,823,814

Income Statement

OPERATING INCOME (Loss):	FY 2018	FY 2017
Revenues:		
Contributions and Grants	4,850,389	5,182,587
Contributions In-Kind	144,728	188,169
Tuition & Program Fees	1,063,524	1,028,657
Special Events	54,286	23,417
Interest Income	98,160	100,469
Bookstore Sales	30,980	35,243
Other	5,349	28,620
Total Revenues	6,247,416	6,587,162
Expenses:		
Programs	2,354,946	2,742,721
Operations	698,280	216,607
Fundraising	587,400	365,712
Total Expenses	3,640,626	3,325,040
OPERATING INCOME (Loss)	2,606,790	3,262,122
NON-OPERATING INCOME (Loss):		
(Loss) on Contribution of Conservation Easement	-	(1,092,862)
Gain from Tax Credit on Conservation Easement	-	920,250
	-	(172,612)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,606,790	3,089,510
NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year	16,648,923	13,559,413
NET ASSETS - End of Year	19,255,713	16,648,923



FY 2018 Operating Revenues

Individuals 45%
Tuition + Program Fees 32%
Foundations 8%
In-Kind 4%
Corporate Gifts 5%
Government 5%



FY 2018 Operating Expenses

Programs 81%
Operations 8%
Annual Fundraising 8%
Special Events 3%

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 above reflect fiscal year 2018 expenses and revenues only related to annual educational activities. The financial statements of Walking Mountains Science Center for the period ending June 30, 2018 were audited by McMahan and Associates, independent certified public accountants. A copy of the complete audit report is available upon request.

New Community Movements.

In the past year we have broadened our horizons by contributing to two strategic collaborative movements. Through the Climate Action Collaborative and the Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement, we are discovering new ways to fulfill our mission.



\$1.8 million from GOCO awarded to the Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement to increase access to outdoor recreation areas for local underserved communities.



25% by 2025
Climate Action Collaborative carbon emissions reduction goal for Eagle County.



Climate Action Collaborative Founding Members

Colorado Mountain College - Edwards
Eagle County
Eagle County School District
Edwards, CO
Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
Eagle River Youth Coalition
Holy Cross Energy
R.A. Nelson
R&H Mechanical
Town of Avon
Town of Basalt
Town of Eagle
Town of Minturn
Town of Red Cliff
Town of Vail
Vail Daily
Vail Health
Vail Honeywagon
Vail Resorts
Vail Valley Foundation
Vail Mountain School
Walking Mountains Sustainability
WECMRD

Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement Partners

Generation Wild
GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado)
Betty Ford Alpine Gardens
Bureau of Land Management
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
The Cycle Effect
Eagle County
Eagle County School District
Eagle River Watershed Council
Eagle River Youth Coalition
Eagle Valley Land Trust
Epic Promise
High Five Media
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