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.

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 820,000 people reached
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,

Markian Feduschak
President

Craig Foley
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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.
OF ALL GIRLS IN SCIENCE PARTICIPANTS said the after school program helped them better understand science.

89%

TOTAL YOUTH PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS

9.2% increase year-over-year in students served.

5,041

25%

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


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- STEM participant parent

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“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.

Community Programs.
Science Center in Avon. Nature Discovery Center on Vail Mountain. Vail Nature Center in Vail.

61,487 PEOPLE REACHED

7,971 HOURS HIKING + SNOWSHOEING with program participants

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

“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

102,739 PEOPLE REACHED

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

FIRST CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION in the United States (Vail).
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 than 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

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.

STATE OF COLORADO
PROCLAMATION
Kim Langmaid
Environmental Education Day

> A Taste of Nature Gala

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

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

– Penny and Bill George
The income statement includes revenues and expenses for all Walking Mountains activities, including capital campaigns, the establishment of the science center campus and depreciation.

For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS
Cash and cash equivalents 1,859,699
Accounts/Donors receivable 1,980,627
Restricted investments 1,045,072
Total Current Assets 4,097,405
Net Non-Current Assets 1,472,156
Total Assets 5,572,561

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 from program fees and tuition 1,033,351
Cash received from other and interest 74,994
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 used in financing activities (2,337,768)

Cash Flows From Investing Activities:
Proceeds for payment of property and equipment 310,607
Unrealized gains 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 (21,578)
Increase (decrease) in line of credit (4,998)
Increase (decrease) in line of credit (4,998)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue 73,050
Net Cash used in investing activities (413,020)

Net Cash Flows 2,474,766

Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:
Operating Income (Loss) 2,606,790
Adjustments:
Depreciation expense 310,607
Unrealized gains on investments (59,495)
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Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue 73,050
Total Adjustments 207,834
Net Cash provided by operating activities 2,823,814

Income Statement

OPERATING INCOME (Loss): FY 2018 FY 2017

Revenues:
Contributions and Gifts 4,850,589 5,182,587
Contributions In-Kind 144,728 108,169
Tuition & Program Fees 1,063,524 1,028,657
Special Events 54,286 23,417
Interest Income 98,160 100,469
Bookstore Sales 30,990 35,243
Other 5,449 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

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

2018 Financial Highlights

Statement of Financial Position

FY 2018 Operating Revenues

Individually + Program Fees 32%
Foundation In-Kind 4%
Corporate Gifts 5%
Government 5%
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
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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
InteGreat!
Edwards, CO
SOS Outreach
US Forest Service
Walking Mountains Science Center
WECMRD
Youth Power 365
Walking Mountains Science Center operates under a special use permit from the White River, San Isabel, and Pike National Forest and is an equal opportunity service provider. All or part of this operation is conducted on Public Lands under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.