Three Rivers Park District FOUNDATION





Three Rivers Park District Foundation 2015 Annual Report

Message from the President

Each year, Three Rivers Park District offers many life-enriching opportunities for our region's residents. Parents register their kids for summer day camp, knowing that their curiosity will be ignited and their outdoor skills developed. Families eagerly plan to gather outdoors to enjoy a picnic or an outing to the beach. And cyclists savor the spectacular views of our lakes on regional trail bike rides throughout the western suburbs. These are the experiences that Three Rivers provides, that all of us on the Foundation value, and that we want to ensure that all can enjoy. To that end, our banner year is detailed in the highlights section of this report, and includes:

- Funding a specially equipped "Parks on the Go" van to reach people of all ages who do not have close access to our parks and programs.
- Hosting a successful "Shakespeare at Silverwood" fundraiser in July.
- Exceeding our Give to the Max Day goal of \$25,000 to fund the Park District's plan to bring summer day camps to kids in first tier suburbs.

We also want you to know that we welcome and appreciate general donations, as well as gifts with specific designations for support to a park, a facility, a program or project that is important to you or your family.

Mark your calendar for our fundraiser, SUMMER-BRATION @ the Farm, on Saturday, July 23 at Gale Woods Farm. We're planning an evening that will stimulate all your senses with local food and beverages, farm tours and wagon rides, great music, and a fabulous sunset over Whaletail Lake. Proceeds from the event and a silent auction that all park lovers will not want to miss will fund scholarships and unique programming "to connect everyone to the wonders of our parks."

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to achieve far more than we imagined in 2015, and we look forward to connecting with you more in 2016.

Sincerely,

Carol Schreiber, President

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2015 Highlights



"Parks on the Go"

In April, Foundation Directors presented the Park District Board of Commissioners \$67,500 for an outreach van. Furnished with specific outdoor education and recreation equipment, the van helps park staff to bring nature programming and activities to cities that lack regional park facilities. Last year, staff utilized the van to reach nearly 10,000 people at city festivals, farmer's markets, health fairs, and open streets events. This summer, the van is already booked for most days of the week, including one day each week at Park District Explorer camps and with a number of cities to bring more activities to their existing day camps. The van is also scheduled to provide nature programs to seniors at assisted living facilities.



Shakespeare at Silverwood

On a mid-summer evening in July, more than 125 people gathered at Silverwood Park in St. Anthony for an exceptional evening of wine, food, art, and entertainment. They enjoyed a short program highlighting the work of the Foundation and then attended a performance of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" under the stars. This first-time fundraising event raised \$5,000. Most importantly, the event brought together our friends, donors, and new members to promote the good work of the Foundation.



Give to the Max Day Success

Thanks to the generosity of more than 140 donors, the Foundation raised over \$28,000 on Give to the Max Day, plus an additional \$10,000 in matching funds from an anonymous donor. We surpassed our goal of \$25,000, which will provide scholarship funding for the Park District's new Explorer Camp program. Camps are currently scheduled from mid-June through August. These donations ensure that no child will be turned away from the Explorer Camps for lack of funds.



Planting Trees for the Future

In addition to our scholarship and outreach efforts, we welcome your donations to help restore, enhance and manage the park system's native woodlands, wetlands and prairies. In 2015, more than 31,000 trees were planted with the help of our donors.

Join Us

Your \$50 Foundation Membership provides financial assistance to those who cannot afford to participate in park activities, supports natural resource stewardship projects, and helps to enhance park amenities. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible as provided by law. (Federal Tax ID #41-1579104)

To learn more about the Foundation and our efforts, or to become involved, please contact:

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Call us at 763.559.9000 or send an email to Info@ThreeRiversParksFdn.org.



SUMMER-BRATION

@THE FARM

JULY 23, 2016

LIVE

IVORY BRIDGE

5:30-9 PM / AGES: 21+ \$50

@ GALE WOODS FARM
7210 COUNTY ROAD 110 W. MINNETRISTA

LOCAL FOOD
LOCAL BEER/WINE
SILENT AUCTION
PARK ACTIVITIES
BARN & GARDEN TOURS
WAGON RIDES
BONFIRE

TICKETS:

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proceeds benefit:

Three Rivers Park District FOUNDATION

Connecting <u>everyone</u> to the wonder of our parks.

Three Rivers Park District Foundation Financials

Three Rivers Park District Foundation	2015	2014	Support and Revenue
Balance Sheet			
Assets			Grants Investment Income 4.5% 0.5%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$60,253	\$73,543	4.5% 0.5%
Other Current Assets	\$0	\$0	Event Revenue
Property and Equipment	\$0	\$0	11%
Investments/Endowments	\$49,105	\$48,746	
Total Assets	\$109,358	\$122,289	Contributions
Liabilities and Net Assets			84%
Liabilities Liabilities	\$0	\$0	
Net Assets	\$0 \$109,358	\$0 \$122,289	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$109,358	\$122,289 \$122,289	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	¥109,556	\$122,209	
Statement of Activities	2015	2016	
Support and Revenue			
Contributions	\$74,361	\$48,756	Expenses
In-kind gifts	\$330	\$0	Lxperises
Grants	\$4,000	\$36,000	Fundraising (Non- Fundraising (Event) Event)
Investment Income and Interest	\$423	\$3,521	Management and 4% 1%
Event Revenue (including contribution	ns)\$10,150	\$0	General
Other	\$98	\$0	4%
Total Support and Revenue	\$89,362	\$88,277	Program Services 91%
Expenses			
Program Services	\$92,695	\$58,531	
Management and General	\$3,784	\$2,345	
Fundraising (Event)	\$4,693	\$0	
Fundraising (Non-event)	\$1,121	\$1,337	
Total Expenses	\$102,293	\$62,213	



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