



Eagle Creek Park Foundation

Annual Report

Executive Summary

September 30th, 2023



2023 proved to be another exciting year of growth for our organization thanks to our passionate supporters, dedicated board members, and frequent parkgoers. As we worked through a Strategic Plan, we hired a Program and Marketing Coordinator to engage members and showcase how our mission is spread throughout Eagle Creek Park every day. In 2023 we increased foundation membership to 1,749.

Our fiscal year started with the Westside Trail winning the Resource Improvement Award from the Indiana Park and Recreation Association. Thanks to a devoted committee composed of volunteers and staff from Indy Parks, ECPF, the Department of Land Stewardship, and the Department of Public Works, improvements to this trail project continued.

The good news continued to roll in when we received a phone call from The Lilly Endowment. We were awarded a \$2.6 million grant to create an ADA-accessible trail in the park near the Earth Discovery Center and a park documentary.

The year also brought sadness with the passing of Luna, the screech owl, the animal ambassador. Because the foundation has a fund reserved for animal care, we were able to provide her with the very best care while she was with us.

This year we sadly lost a retired staff member, Sam Chambers, who dedicated many years of service to our organization. Without his dedication to the park, we would not be where we are today. There is a bench on the fitness trail dedicated to Sam. When you are walking by, please take a moment to pause, breathe, and send energy to the world in his memory.

As you visit the park, you will probably notice some of our bigger funding accomplishments this year, all thanks to our donors and partnership with Indy Parks. These projects truly embody what can be achieved when people come together with common goals and shared resources to make our community better for all.

- Carlsen Aviary at Ornithology Center
- Orange Trail Bridge reconstruction project
- New AV equipment at Earth Discovery Center
- Westside Trail parking lot upgrades

Thank you for helping us grow and achieve more for all park visitors. I look forward to continuing to work with you on our mission to Promote, Preserve, Protect, and Enhance Eagle Creek Park.

Meghan Mustin
Executive Director



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Board of Directors

as of January 1, 2024



Executive Committee



Meghan Mustin – Executive Director



Emily Storm-Smith President



Joshua Astin – Vice President



Stephen Cranfill – Secretary



Bernie Cinkoske – Treasurer



Greg Grossart – Asst. Treasurer

Board Members



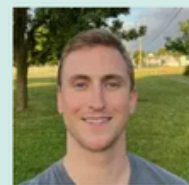
Lou Ann Baker



Brent Barta



Luke Brahm



Joe Brinkman



Jason Cookson



Mike Francis



Glenda Hernandez



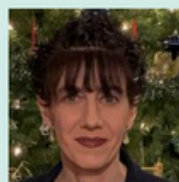
Andrew Keeler



Karen Klimowitch



Rachel Rhodes



Tabitha Klem



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Statement of Financial Position

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Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 126,839
Investments- Operating	\$ 452,465
Cash and cash equivalents- donor restricted	\$ 75,880
Investments- donor restricted	\$ 2,936,931
Investments - board designated endowment	\$ 513,059
Investments - endowment	\$ 504,336
Total Assets	\$ 4,609,510

Support and Revenue	
Contributions	\$ 2,996,046
Membership Fees	\$ 86,955
Retail sales, net of cost	\$ 2,808
Investment gain net	\$ 230,042
Total Support and Revenues	\$ 3,315,851

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,503
Deferred Membership Fees	\$ 20,665

Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 385,540
Administrative	\$ 156,712
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 61,899
Total Expenses	\$ 604,151

Net Assets	
Without Donor Restrictions	
Undesignated	\$ 548,136
Board Designated	\$ 513,059
Total Net Assets without donor restrictions	\$ 1,061,195
Total Net Assets with donor restrictions	\$ 3,517,147
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,578,342
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 4,609,510