



Where the Wild Things Go...



Explore • Respect • Protect Nature

Start Here



"All good things are wild and free," wrote naturalist and philosopher Henry David Thoreau in his essay Walking.

At Irvine, we are fortunate to have so much wild space to roam free, but we are especially privileged to have the support and friendship of our community.

This year, over 90,000 members of our community visited Irvine to hike our trails, play in our Outdoor Classroom, camp in our meadows, and meet our Animal Ambassadors up-close. Irvine staff offered over 800 programs that allowed children, families, and individuals to get outside and get wild...Irvine truly is the place where the wild things go.

We also know that wild doesn't stop at the entrance to Irvine; if students cannot get to Irvine, we will find a way to bring Irvine to them. That's why we've spent this past year expanding the programs we offer in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and beyond. Our naturalists and educators brought Irvine's nature-based education programs and animals to over 4,400 students across our area.

As our world continues to expand and develop at a rapid pace, Irvine continues its mission to bring exploration, curiosity, and joy to even more members of our community. We cannot achieve our mission without you. We invite you to join us on our journey and embrace the freedom that nature provides.

Sincerely,
W. Brooks Paternotte
Executive Director



Release Your Inner Wild



Irvine's 210 acres are the perfect backdrop for exploration and learning. Time spent playing in nature teaches children to take both joy and comfort in its grasses, trees, and living creatures. Those children then grow to become adults who are thoughtful and engaged stewards of our natural world.



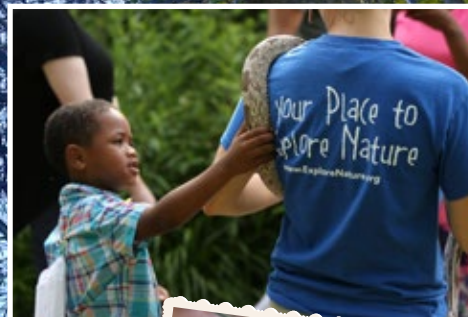
Wild Taught

Irvine welcomed a record of more than 3,300 students to our campus for field trips this year. With engaging, outcome-based programs, Irvine staff and volunteers led an average of four field trips per week for seven months, fostering curiosity and a love of learning in students across Maryland.

Our **Nature Preschool**, **Early Childhood**, and **Homeschool** programs continue to help children forge personal connections to nature. With the help of their teachers, over 350 children found joy in nature at Irvine.

For the sixth year Irvine welcomed **The Ark**, Baltimore's only licensed preschool for children facing homelessness. A generous grant allowed children to learn and explore over nine monthly visits.

Overnight camping offers children the chance to bond, both with their peers and their natural world. Generous funders provided first-time camping experiences at Irvine to 79 young people from Baltimore City.



Road Trip

If you can't come to Irvine, Irvine will come to you. Irvine brings its award-winning nature programs to children and adults throughout our state.



Science experiments, animal encounters, and hands-on exploration. Irvine believes that meaningful experiences with nature provide the foundation for a life-long love of our natural world. This past year, we expanded our school outreach programs to reach nearly 4,500 students in their classrooms.

Irvine delivered its successful **Eco-Explorers** Before and After School Club to 25 local schools serving 689 children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Irvine's naturalists and environmental educators traveled across our area, bringing Irvine programming with them.

Generous grant funding supported Irvine's **Growing Green Leaders** program, which allowed Irvine to form a partnership with Sinclair Lane Elementary School, located in the Bel Air-Edison neighborhood of Baltimore City. Over the course of two years, Irvine environmental educators provided professional development for teachers, assisted in the formation of a student Green Club, embarked on a school-wide recycling initiative, and created environmental lesson plans for all grade levels. The result of this powerful partnership? Sinclair Lane was awarded a Maryland Green School certification.

Irvine is committed to providing continuing education for the community. Our **Community Outreach** programs provided to garden clubs, senior centers, and scout groups reached nearly 4,000 members of our community.



Road Buddies



The Irvine Community came out to celebrate the opening of Bauer Preserve at our Summer Solstice Sunset 5K and Family Festival. Runners enjoyed the winding 93 new acres of trails generously provided by **The Charles T. Bauer Charitable Foundation**.



Fifteen families from The Family Tree of Maryland traveled from Baltimore City for a fun-filled day of exploration at Irvine!

In partnership with the **Baltimore American Indian Council**, we completed construction of our new Native American Site, located on Bauer Preserve. The site features an authentic longhouse and wigwam, as well as a three sisters garden. Local elementary schools can now compliment their Native American studies with a field trip to Irvine.

FY2018 was an exceptional year for volunteers at Irvine. A record **849 individual volunteers** gave their time and talent last year. They helped us expand our Woodland Garden, prepared our trails for the season, and forged friendships with our Nature Preschoolers.



Are We There Yet?

We are never “there.” We continue to explore and expand our program offerings across the Baltimore region. With your help we were able to deliver more than 800 programs and welcome 90,000 participants. But our work is not done. We’ve added numerous new programs, without increasing our Annual Budget, so our donors are more important than ever. Irvine’s mission is to continue to expand into the community, becoming an even greater resource for teachers, students and nature lovers across Maryland. In order to keep extending our mission throughout the region, supporters of all sizes and types are critical to our success. Thank you!



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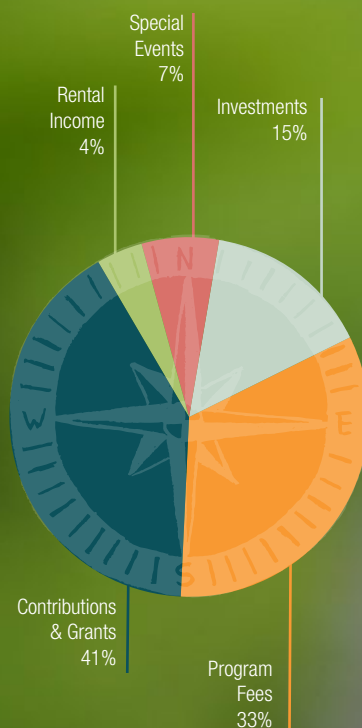
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Financial Report

	2018	2017
SUPPORT & REVENUES		
Contributions (Including Endowment)	513,931	518,028
Foundation Grants	416,886	527,713
Membership	27,690	29,830
Program Income	776,758	699,709
Special Events, net of direct costs	161,548	261,900
Rental Income	80,875	78,185
Retail Revenue, net of COGS	3,530	11,736
Investment Return	356,931	341,320
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	2,338,149	2,468,421
EXPENSES		
Program	1,471,151	1,421,998
Management & General	64,344	58,580
Fundraising	300,051	274,144
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,835,546	1,754,722
Change in Net Assets <i>before Depreciation</i>	502,603	713,699
Depreciation Expense	(198,084)	(180,482)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	304,519	533,217
ASSETS, LIABILITY, & NET ASSET SUMMARY		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	587,217	564,298
Investments for Endowment	3,972,688	3,517,666
Pledges Receivable, net	166,573	308,738
Inventory	2,571	982
Prepaid Expenses	37,370	12,431
Property & Equipment, net	6,836,206	6,827,994
TOTAL ASSETS	11,602,625	11,232,109
Total Liabilities	280,738	214,741
Total Net Assets	11,321,887	11,017,368
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	11,602,625	11,232,109



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