

CITY OF OAKS foundation

ANNUAL REPORT FY 2018

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Reaping the rewards of hard work

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Our seventh year was a special one for the City of Oaks Foundation. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters who made 2018 a successful year for the City of Oaks Foundation.

We welcomed hundreds of visitors to Joslin Garden, introducing them to this special place in the heart of Raleigh and demonstrating its potential as a future public garden and community treasure. We took a huge step in realizing the vision of Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt to dedicate their 60-acre farm as a public park and nature preserve with a special emphasis on our agricultural heritage. The Wake County Commission voted to accept donation of the farm, protected by a conservation easement held by the City of Oaks Foundation, and helped turn this dream into reality. And with our support, scores of local youth from low wealth families enjoyed active, outdoor summer camp experiences where they could get outside and get immersed in nature.

Why do we do this? Nature enriches our lives. We are all physically and mentally healthier when connected with the outdoors, and nature-play helps children build confidence and develop social skills. The City of Oaks Foundation works in the present to create a lasting impact on our future. We thank you for your past and present support, and excitedly look forward to the great future we will share as we work together to ensure a great outdoors for a great Raleigh!

Chris Heagarty
Executive Director

Nell Joslin
Chairwoman of the Board



BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2017-2018

Nell D. Joslin (Chair)
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Charles Meeker, (Trustee Emeritus)

** term ended March 2018*
*** term ended December 2017, named "Trustee Emeritus"*

OUR VISION

We believe that lives are made richer by nature and we work to keep nature nearby for all to enjoy.

OUR MISSION

Working in collaboration with Raleigh's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department we work to preserve Raleigh's natural treasures, to connect children to nature, and to ensure a great outdoors for a great Raleigh!

Art Direction: Sergio Analco

City Of Oaks foundation

Financials (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

REVENUE

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
$257,131
includes restricted gifts

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
$157,534

IN-KIND GOODS, FACILITIES, AND SERVICES
$33,404

OTHER INCOME
$66,346

TOTAL REVENUES
$514,415

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE
$311,235

EXPENDITURES

PROGRAMS
$200,636

FUNDRAISING
$35,620

MANAGEMENT
$52, 823

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
$289,079

Note: Independent audit of the financial statements of the City of Oaks Foundation, Inc. performed by PLC Rouse Norton PLCC, Certified Public Accountants, completed September 18, 2018.

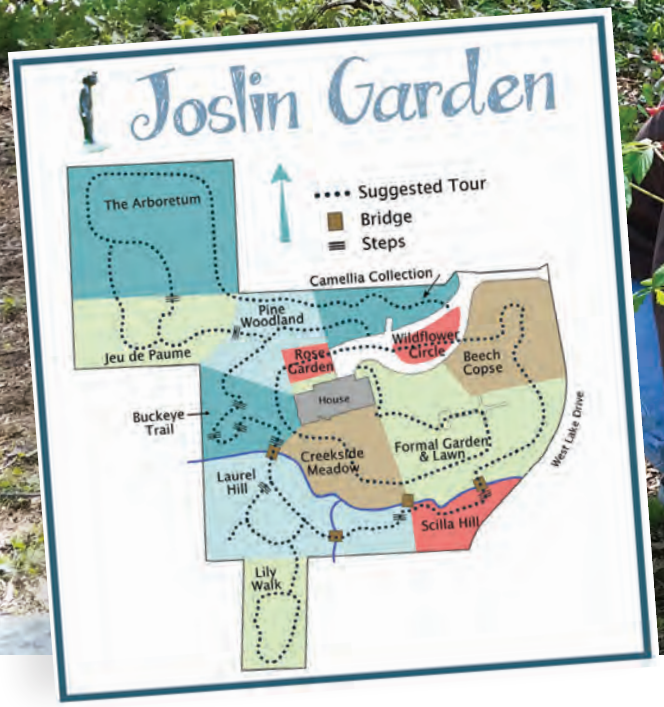
Joslin Garden



William and Mary Coker Joslin.

HISTORY

This hidden treasure in the heart of Raleigh was designed and tended by the late William and Mary Coker Joslin from 1950 until 2016. The four and one-half acres of rolling hills and gardens overflow with streams, wildlife, and a diverse collection of rare and native plants, arranged in both formal and informal areas. Joslin Garden and the Joslin House were donated by the Joslins to the City of Oaks Foundation, an organization they helped to create in 2010. The House and Garden are only open to the public on certain days and for private events, but the Foundation is working with the City of Raleigh to make the property a neighborhood amenity open year-round as a public garden in 2019.



JOSLIN IMPROVEMENTS

It is hard work maintaining the natural beauty of Joslin Garden. Fortunately, thanks to the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department and scores of volunteers from the neighborhood and the community, we were able to keep the garden growing, maintain the trails and paths, and clean up after hurricanes and storms.

SHARING THE GARDEN

Hundreds of visitors toured Joslin Garden in FY 2018, from school groups to garden clubs, for a variety of events such as our Open Garden Days, the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Mother's Day Tea Party, our outdoor dinners, and our Oak-toberfest celebration, featuring outdoor painting sessions and our OWL-oween nature program.





WE GROW

In FY 2018 we planted a community vegetable garden at Joslin Garden, with Raleigh's Parks and Recreation Department volunteers helping to grow food that we donated to Logan Trading's Company's "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program.

Joslin Garden



OUR WORK TO OPEN JOSLIN GARDEN TO THE PUBLIC REQUIRES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY SO THAT IT CAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL. MEANWHILE A SEASON OF STORMS HAS CHALLENGED US WITH FALLEN TREES AND LIMBS AND OTHER DAMAGE. DONATIONS OF TIME OR MONEY TO HELP MAINTAIN THE HOUSE AND GARDEN ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.



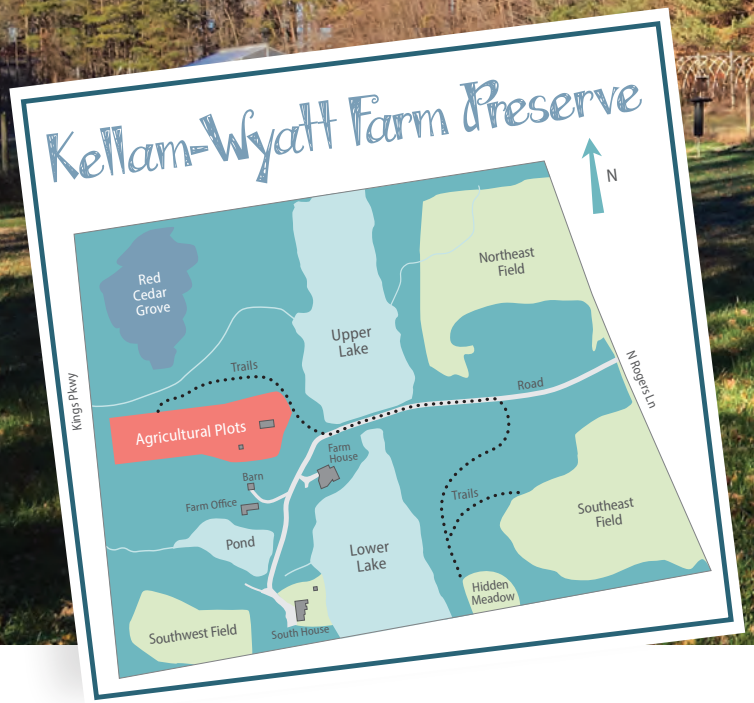
Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve

A LEGACY OF CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE

The Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve, a lush property featuring woods, lakes and trails, had been in Bob Kellam's family for generations. Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt preserved the property as a farm and sanctuary to hundreds of plants and animals, while neighboring lots were sold, divided, and developed into neighborhoods and shopping centers. Bob and Susan envisioned that Kellam-Wyatt Farm could become a place for environmental education and sustainable farming for future generations. Through the City of Oaks Foundation, they protected the land with a conservation easement. Through the efforts by the City of Oaks Foundation to promote Bob and Susan's vision, the Wake County Commission voted in April of 2018 to accept donation of Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve as a future park, nature preserve and community agricultural site to share with future generations.



Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt.

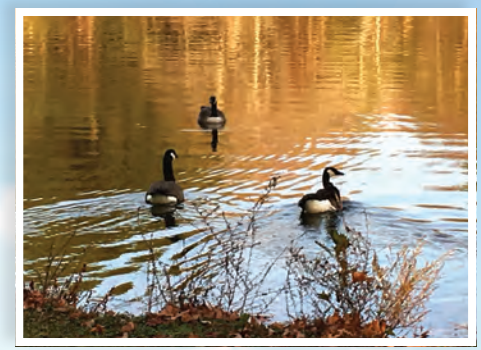




A VOTE FOR CONSERVATION

The Wake County Board of Commissioners, on April 2, 2018 accepted the donation of the Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve from Susan Wyatt, her late husband, Robert (Bob) Kellam, and his daughter, Leewyn Kellam. "Wake County shares our values of open space, environmental protection and sustainable agriculture, and we feel confident that Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space will be an excellent steward for the future of the farm," said Susan Wyatt after the vote.

Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve







WILDLIFE LIVES HERE!
The Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve is home to many birds and animals, including: deer, gray foxes, raccoons, possums, beavers, bats, groundhogs, herons, vultures, wrens, finches, ducks, woodpeckers, ospreys, hawks, and owls.





BOB KELLAM'S LEGACY

Bob Kellam died on August 5, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. After his passing Susan Wyatt established the "Kellam-Wyatt Nature and Farm Education Public Park Project" as a special memorial fund of the City of Oaks Foundation. Over twenty-five thousand dollars have been raised for this fund, which will build a suitable memorial in the future Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve to honor Bob's passion for conservation and agricultural education.

Give Play









MORE THAN FUN!

Through the Give Play program, the City of Oaks Foundation partners with Raleigh's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department to provide financial aid to Raleigh area families so that local children can attend active, outdoor summer camps connected to nature. Through the generosity of private donors, in addition to community sponsors such as the Crabtree Rotary Club and the Duke Energy Foundation, the Foundation provided 74 children with summer camp experiences in 2018.

THANK YOU FY2018 SPONSORS!

Duke Energy Foundation
Crabtree Rotary Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GIVE PLAY PROGRAM PLEASE VISIT

bit.ly/GivePlayVideo

Donors



GRANTS AND BEQUESTS

AARP
Bank of America Foundation
City of Raleigh – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Dept.
Crabtree Rotary Foundation
Duke Energy Foundation
Estate of Mary Coker Joslin
Grainger

EVENT SPONSORS

Boxcar Bar & Arcade
City of Raleigh – Public Utilities Dept.
City of Raleigh – Solid Waste Services Dept.
City of Raleigh – Storm Water Management Dept.
Hazen and Sawyer
HDR
OBS Landscape Architects
Raleigh Wine Shop
S&ME, Inc.
Sonoco Recycling
SPREAD Catering & Events
US Foods

IN-KIND GOODS AND SERVICES

Alvarino, Frances
Empire Eats
Friends of the Natural Sciences Museum
Great Outdoor Provision Co.
Heagarty, Chris
Joines, Robert
Joslin, David & Laurie
Joslin, Nell
Larry's Coffee
Lilly's Pizza
Medlin, Gray
Meeker, David
NCSU Athletics
Oak City Cycling
Richard Perritt & the Family of Nancy Perritt
Oppman
Raleigh Little Theatre
Red and White Shop
Runologie
Slim's
St. Roch
Tic Toc Escapes
Trophy Brewing Co.
Videri Chocolate Factory
Wyatt, Susan



THE GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

The City of Oaks Foundation is sincerely thankful to the many Raleigh area institutions that have donated items for our silent auctions. These generous gifts have helped us to raise money for programs vital to the Foundation in a fun and exciting format.



FOUNDER'S CIRCLE ($1000+)

Anonymous
Gant, Elizabeth
Joslin, David & Laurie
Joslin, James & Beth Hahn
Joslin, Nell
Killough, Ann
Larrew, Treena & Andrew
Meeker, Charles & Anne McLaurin
Midyette, Carlton
Pearce, Kate
Wyatt, Susan

SUSTAINERS ($500 - $999)

Gardner, Lyle
Heagarty, Chris & Tivey Clark
Hyde, Jeanette
Lobao, Celso
Mains Family Charitable Fund
McGuire, Tom & Barbara
Poole, Jr., Greg & Mary Ann
Wilkerson, Louis & Lynn
York, Smedes & Rosemary



IN HONOR OF THEIR MOTHER

"We selected this sculpture to represent my mother's love towards supporting art and art education for over five decades. We know it will shine forever within the beautiful landscape and within the spirit and values of the founders and the community of the City of Oaks Foundation."

- Richard Perritt

FOR A FAST WAY TO DONATE TO THE CITY OF OAKS FOUNDATION, PLEASE VISIT:

CityOfOaksFoundation.org/quick-donate

PATRONS ($101 - $499)

Alcock, Shannon
Allen, Russell
Anonymous
Auman, Bob & Agnes Marshall
Bacon, Blanche
Baggett, Fred
Baker, Elisabeth
Bell Family Foundation
Blavos, Melissa
Bowers, Henry & Sorry
Brice, Mary & Kevin
Buckman, Etta
Call, Parker
DiMaio, Maria
Duckett, Louise
Duke Energy Carolinas
Ferguson, Julie
Frantz, Ella
Freedman, Barbara
Galgon, Julia
Hammond, Melinda
Heagarty, Nicole
Hibbits, Richard & Ford
Hockmuth, Carl
Holbrook, Douglas
Johnson, Krishna
Jones-Roe, Charlotte & Chuck Roe
Kirby, Elizabeth
Kot, Kayla
Levin, Stuart & Sondra Panico
Lysaght, Greer & Chuck
Mabe, Walker
Maddison, Clare & Larry
McCaskill, Meredith
McDonald, Jessica
McLaurin, Meg
McMillan, Cornelia & Duncan
Merritt, Katharine
Miller, Claire
Nowakowski, Krista
Oxholm, Tom & Becky
Parnell, Rory
Paul, Greg
Rader, Megg
Robinson, Laura
Russell, Kelley
Sacco, Mark
Sauer, Diane
Scanlon, Shelley
Showalter, Becky
Stumm, Christy
Taylor, James
Threatt-Taylor, Dale
Walker, Karen
Watters, Molly
White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Williams, Robert
Wood, Elaine
Woolridge, Hyla
Worthy, Carter
Zomchek, Alexandra

FRIENDS (Up to $100 – Partial List)

Anonymous
Ashcraft, Carol
Ball Hodge, Anna
Baril, Joseph
Bateman, Joel
Baugh, Jeannette
Beaman, John
Bennet, Caroline
Bentley, Stephen
Bharathi, Deepa
Blanchard, Anna Neal
Bostic, Richard
Brady, Dan
Braun, Eric
Brown, Anna
Cannon, Jessie
Chalmers, Anita
Churn, Peggy
Cleveland, Nicole
Colavito, Anthony
Coley Forest North Garden Club
Conyers, Al
Daniels, Frank
Duffus, Jack
Edmisten, Rufus & Linda
Erazim, Mary
Fearrington, Edythe
Folda, Jaroslav
Fox, Melinda
Ganesh, Lakshmi
Gault, Diane
Giles, Jacqueline
Gogoi, Sukonya
Grant, Colleen
Grice, Safiya
Hammond, Robin
Harman, Karen
Harris, Jenny
Hauch, Josie
Hester, Belinda
Holloman, Brenda
Huston, Deborah
John, Joe
Joshua, Ellsworth
Joslin, John D.
Kellenberger, James & Leslie
Kennedy, Joan
Kimbrell, Erika
Lincoln, Cindy
Lopresti, Melanie
Loyek, Laura
Lundy, Clyde & Meredith
Mathers, Sandra Brooks
Maughan, Grayson
McCalla, Elke
McCoy, Leslie
McCullough, Jeanette
McLeod, Cara
McNair, Parham
Miller, Benjamin
Monahan, Kristen
Monath, Robert
Nelson, Marcie
O'Hara, Jennifer
Ostrow, Barry & Lois
Page, Sandy
Palmer, Donald
Pittman, Ellen
Poe, Phillip
Raman Krishnan, Parvathy
Ramsey, Anne
Reese, Shane
Robinson, Tamara
Ross, Art
Russell, Caroline
Sadler, Brandy
Schecter, Nancy
Schiffbauer, Lisa
Shaw, John
Sigmon, Miller
Simons, Anne
Skinner, Jenny
Spadorcia, Janice
Spilker, Brittney
Stafford, Louise
Styers, Gray & Barbara
Thrall, Lucinda
Tiller, Robert
Toms, David
Watkins, Randy & Jenny
Whiteman, Andrew
Wilson, John
Yanke, Grete
Younkin, Scott





Note: Only donations processed between July 2017 – June 2018 are included in this report. Contributions made in late June of 2018 but not processed prior to the end of the fiscal year will be included in next year's report.



***Azalea Falls** is another property protected by the Foundation that will be in an important link in the Capital Area Greenway System!*



*The Foundation has been a frequent co-host of the **Raleigh Environmental Awards**, and has sponsored the **Urban Agriculture Mini-Grant** program with the City of Raleigh.*



*The Foundation is the Fiscal Sponsor for the **Millbrook Dog Park** volunteer group.*

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*The Foundation is the Fiscal Sponsor for the **Raleigh Riders** program that provides special tandem bikes to help citizens with limited mobility enjoy Raleigh's parks and greenways.*