

City Of Oaks foundation

ANNUAL REPORT FY 2021

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TEN GREAT YEARS!

Honoring our Beginnings with an Eye to the Future



It was just over ten years ago, in December of 2010, that William and Mary Coker Joslin partnered with the City of Raleigh and the Triangle Land Conservancy to form the City of Oaks Foundation to preserve their beautiful property as a public garden and park. Over the years the Foundation and its mission grew, acquiring new conservation properties and developing new programs to help get children outdoors and connected to nature. Through all of these changes, however, the preservation of Joslin Garden as a public park has been a constant focus of the Foundation.

At the close of its tenth fiscal year, the Foundation arrived at doorstep of this goal. The Raleigh City Council voted to accept the Foundation's donation of the garden in April of 2021. The official transfer of the property would not be finalized until the beginning of fiscal year 2022, but a decade of hard work had finally come to fruition. While the lingering presence of the COVID-19 epidemic prevented any large-scale celebration, reaching this important milestone was an incredibly meaningful accomplishment for our staff and board.

After years of dedicated service, several board members took the opportunity to step away, having reached this important goal. We thank Louis Wilkerson, Jr., a founding board member, Tom McCormick, and Martin Brinkley for their invaluable counsel and contributions during their tenure.

Yet, even having achieved this major accomplishment, there are exciting new opportunities ahead. The City of Oaks Foundation remains a vital partner in the growth and stewardship of Joslin Garden, funding crucial maintenance and gardening costs required to keep the garden beautiful. The Foundation's Give Play program continues to grow and provide essential financial assistance for low-income youth to attend active outdoor summer camps and nature programs. And we continue to steward and champion other natural treasures in our community, like the Kellam Wyatt Farm Preserve and Azalea Falls.

We are excited to add many new and dynamic board members: Betsy Buford, Oscar Carmona, DeAntony Collins, Marshall Harvey, Yvonne Lewis Holley, Franklin T. "Sandy" Roberts, Jr., and Deja Smith.

While honoring our roots as stewards of Joslin Garden, the City of Oaks Foundation looks boldly into the future. Our new board is committed to working in collaboration with Raleigh's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department and other partners to ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to parks, recreation and open spaces, and that we identify and support future generations of conservation leaders, especially among the under-resourced and under-represented youth in our community.

Whether you are with us because of the Joslins' gift of their garden to Raleigh, or because of our work connecting kids to nature, or both, we are incredibly grateful for your support! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Chris Heagarty
Executive Director

Nell Joslin
Chairwoman of the Board

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020-2021

Nell D. Joslin (Chair)
Charlotte Jones-Roe (Vice Chair)
Oscar Carmona (Treasurer)
Martin Brinkley (Secretary)*
Kevin Brice
Betsy Burford
DeAntony Collins
Marshall Harvey
Yvonne Lewis Holley
Franklin T. "Sandy" Roberts, Jr.
Deja Smith
** partial term*

Chris Heagarty, Executive Director
Charles Meeker (Trustee Emeritus)
Diane Sauer (Trustee Emerita)

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!

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Financials July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

OPERATING REVENUE

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
$86,306

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
$107,335

IN-KIND GOODS, FACILITIES, AND SERVICES
$8,337

OTHER INCOME
$51,704

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE
$253,682

Revenue raised for restricted future uses not included in these figures.

EXPENDITURES

PROGRAMS
$193,032

FUNDRAISING
$13,051

MANAGEMENT
$38,162

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
$244,245

Note: Independent financial review of the financial statements of the City of Oaks Foundation, Inc. was performed by PLC Rouse Norton PLCC, Certified Public Accountants, completed January 28,2022.

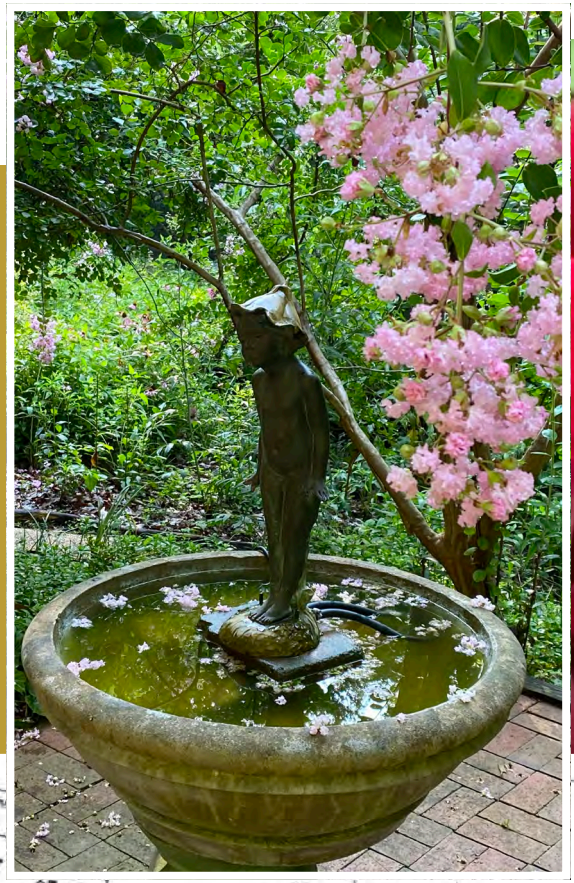
Joslin Garden

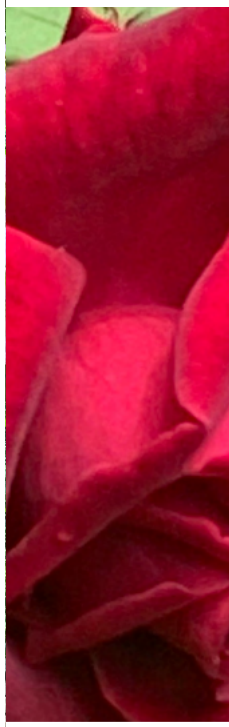


HISTORY

The City of Oaks Foundation was originally created in 2010 to help deliver this hidden natural treasure as a gift from the late William and Mary Coker Joslin to the people of Raleigh. The four and one-half acres of rolling hills and gardens overflow with streams, wildlife, and a diverse collection of rare and native plants. Ten years later, this vision is on the precipice of being realized, with the Raleigh City Council voting in April of 2021 to accept donation of the garden as a gift to the city. Final documents are being drawn up to finalize the transfer of the property to the City and to launch its new beginning as Raleigh's newest public park and garden in July of 2021. The City of Oaks Foundation will move its headquarters to the Joslin House when the transfer is complete.

Raleigh's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department has already begun active stewardship of the garden, with the hiring of Helen Yoest as the city's program coordinator for the garden. Ms. Yoest's expertise is helping transform the Joslin family's vision into a plan for the future, and has already laid the groundwork for this transformation in just her first few months.



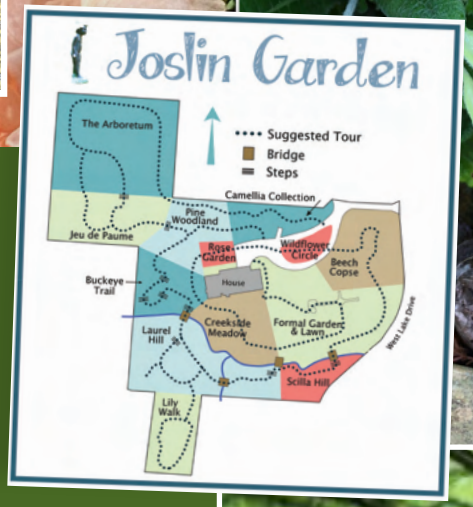




HELEN YOEST







EVENTS

While the resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of many of the City of Oaks Foundation's signature events at Joslin Garden, several new programs were developed to ensure that people could still enjoy the garden, even if in smaller numbers. Visitors enjoyed a variety of events, such as outdoor "Art in the Garden" water color classes, a Virtual Open Garden Day, and a Scarecrow Trail and scarecrow making contest for Halloween.

Volunteers from the Gardeners of Wake County organization have adopted Joslin Garden as beloved project and lead monthly meet-ups working to beautify the garden. The Foundation continued providing community assistance during the pandemic, growing and donating fresh food from Joslin Garden for Logan Trading Company's "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program.





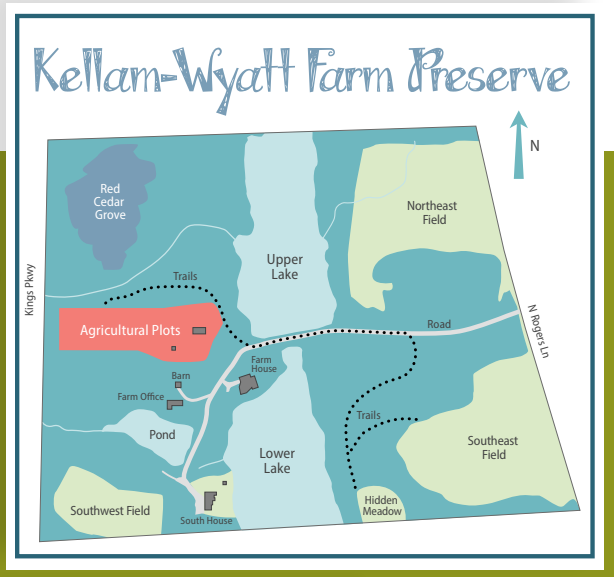
Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve & Azalea Drive

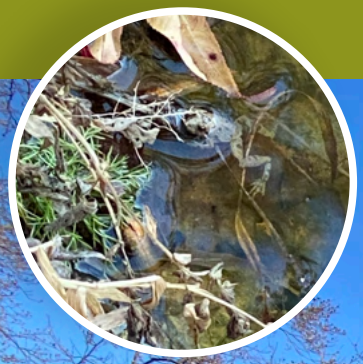
PRESERVING TRADITION, PROTECTING THE FUTURE

The almost-60-acre Kellam Wyatt Farm Preserve features forests, lakes, fields, and trails. Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt preserved the property as a farm and sanctuary to hundreds of plants and animals, through a conservation easement through the City of Oaks Foundation.

The Foundation promoted Bob and Susan's vision to the Wake County Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Department and the county accepted donation of the farm in 2018. The Foundation is engaged with the county and other partners as the master plan for the future Kellam Wyatt Farm Preserve continues to develop.









PROTECTING WATERWAYS, PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOODS

The steep slopes of the nine-acre Azalea Falls property form a beautiful natural buffer between private neighborhoods and Crabtree Creek. The rare native flora and fauna, including salamanders and mountain laurels, found in the area led to Azalea Falls being added to North Carolina's Natural Heritage Registry.



However, development of a neighboring property, part of the same natural ecosystem over the creek, has upset neighbors and conservationists. Though legal, deforestation of the property destroys the natural beauty of the neighborhood and potentially threatens neighbors and Crabtree Creek with damaging sediment and storm water runoff. The community organized to try to minimize the impact of the new construction and negotiated some concessions to protect bordering properties, but their effectiveness remains to be seen.



ECOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY

"THIS AREA POSSESSES THE NATURAL VALUES, JUSTIFYING ITS RECOGNITION BY THE STATE AS AN OUTSTANDING PART OF THE NATURAL HERITAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA."

– NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources

Nature Programs

The City of Oaks Foundation's new Conservation Explorers program is partnering with the City of Raleigh's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department to support nature programs for youth and young adults in our community.





NEIGHBORHOOD ECOLOGY CORPS

The Foundation joined the Parks Department to support students participating in the wonderfully successful Neighborhood Ecology Corp program, created by the Randy Senzig and the Center for Human Earth Restoration.

This after-school program gets teams of students involved in assessing the environmental condition, assets, and needs of their shared neighborhoods. Students develop their scientific skills, improve their communities, and get outside to see, understand, and explore nature! Expansion of this program was made possible in part through the support of Pepsi Bottling Ventures LLC, Citrix, and the "Fund for the Triangle – Support for the Environment of the Triangle Community Foundation."



PARTNERSHIP RALEIGH YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

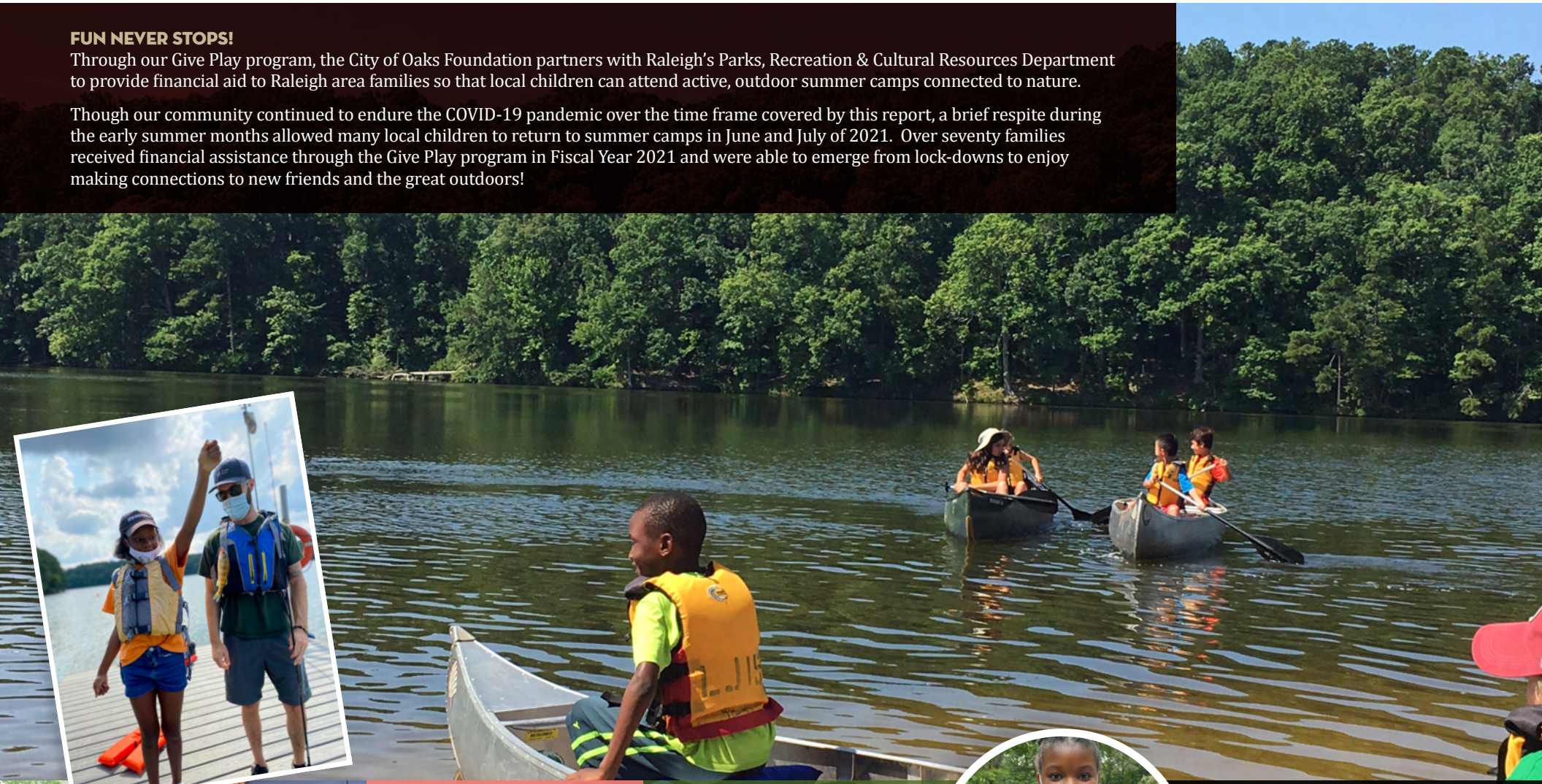
The City of Oaks Foundation also thanks the Bank of America Foundation and REI Co-op for their support in creating the new "Partnership Raleigh Youth Conservation Corps" (PRYCC), which employed 8 young adults over the summer to conduct a variety of natural resources-related projects within several Raleigh Parks and Nature Preserves. The primary goal of the program was to expose the PRYCC crew to a variety of natural resources issues, expert speakers, educational experiences, and professional develop opportunities geared towards helping them take the next step in their careers. The program prioritizes providing opportunities for youth under-represented in conservation professions.



Give Play

FUN NEVER STOPS!
Through our 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.

Though our community continued to endure the COVID-19 pandemic over the time frame covered by this report, a brief respite during the early summer months allowed many local children to return to summer camps in June and July of 2021. Over seventy families received financial assistance through the Give Play program in Fiscal Year 2021 and were able to emerge from lock-downs to enjoy making connections to new friends and the great outdoors!





"THANK YOU SO MUCH! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!"

– 2021 Camp Parent

"THIS IS I THINK THE BEST NEWS OF THE YEAR. I AM SO HAPPY."

– 2021 Parent



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GIVE PLAY PROGRAM PLEASE VISIT
bit.ly/GivePlayVideo

Parks

FRIENDS OF MILLBROOK DOG PARK

City of Oaks Foundation partners with the Friends of the Millbrook Dog Park to clean and maintain a beloved neighborhood gathering place for pets and their owners. Just as many people had been experiencing isolation over the past year due to the pandemic, so too did many of their pets. The Friends of Millbrook Dog Park help keep this popular spot clean and attractive, while the Foundation acts the fiscal sponsor for the volunteers, assisting them with their fundraising and access to grants, like a generous gift from Nestle USA in 2001.



DURANT NATURE PARK

After a series of storms left Durant Nature Preserve damaged, park patron Tim McKay created a beautiful calendar as an incentive for donors to contribute to restoration and clean-up efforts through the City of Oaks Foundation. Using his amazing photography skills, he rewarded donors who contributed at least $25 to his special fundraiser with a 2021 photo calendar with his favorite sights and scenes within the preserve.





PICKLEBALL!

The City of Oaks Foundation worked with Marilyn Sorin of Raleigh to facilitate Ms. Sorin's generous gift to the City of Raleigh's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department to create six new Pickleball courts in Raleigh. Pickleball is a fast-growing sport enjoyed by thousands of Raleigh residents, but with limited available places to play. Through the partnership between Ms. Sorin, the City of Oaks Foundation, and PR&CR, these new courts at North Hills Park, known as "Marilyn's Bucket", opened before the end of summer and are widely enjoyed by the growing pickleball community.



Donors

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Note: Only donations processed between July 2020 – June 2021 are included in this report. Contributions made in late June of 2021 but not processed prior to the end of the fiscal year will be included in next year's report.
** multiple donations*

Donors Con't.

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