

City Of Oaks foundation

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Exciting New Directions

In year eleven, the **City of Oaks Foundation** saw the realization of its original goal, the preservation of **Joslin Garden**, ensuring that it would always be open for all to enjoy. The proposed transfer of the property to the City of Raleigh was approved in April of 2021, but would not become official until this fiscal year, after a decade of hard work by a team of loyal supporters dedicated to the vision of William and Mary Coker Joslin.

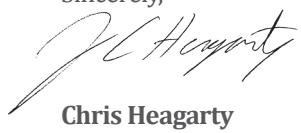
With this accomplishment, and following mindful introspection and self-evaluation, the City of Oaks Foundation set out in exciting new directions in 2022, spreading its roots throughout the capital city and beyond to serve all people of our region. As we emerged from the shadow of COVID-19, we saw new appreciation for the value of outdoor spaces, and for programs that bring people together as a community. More people were enjoying local parks and people were once again engaging with their neighbors, both old friends and new ones. However, not everyone had the same opportunities as others.

The Trustees of the City of Oaks Foundation committed with new dedication and intentionality to make sure that all of our citizens have equitable access to the outdoors and to healthy recreation programs, and that neither neighborhood location nor household income create barriers to healthy living. This meant blazing new trails to get to the same goal, to keep nature nearby for ALL to enjoy.

While the City of Oaks Foundation remains a vital partner in the growth and stewardship of **Joslin Garden**, the Foundation is working to support, protect, and preserve similar spaces throughout our community, while ensuring they remain open to all. Our **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 are expanding these opportunities for youth to participate in other important programs. We continue to steward and champion other natural treasures in our community, like the **Kellam Wyatt Farm Preserve** and our parks and greenway system.

Throughout all of the changes over the past eleven years, Raleigh is resilient and remains a special place, one that is worth investing in and preserving, for our own enjoyment, for our kids, and for generations to come. Through the inspiration of the Joslin family's vision to preserve our natural neighborhood treasures, the City of Oaks Foundation moves into its second decade of service, working to ensure that everyone in our community has equal access to parks, recreation, and open spaces. Through your generous support, all of what we do is made possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Chris Heagarty
Executive Director

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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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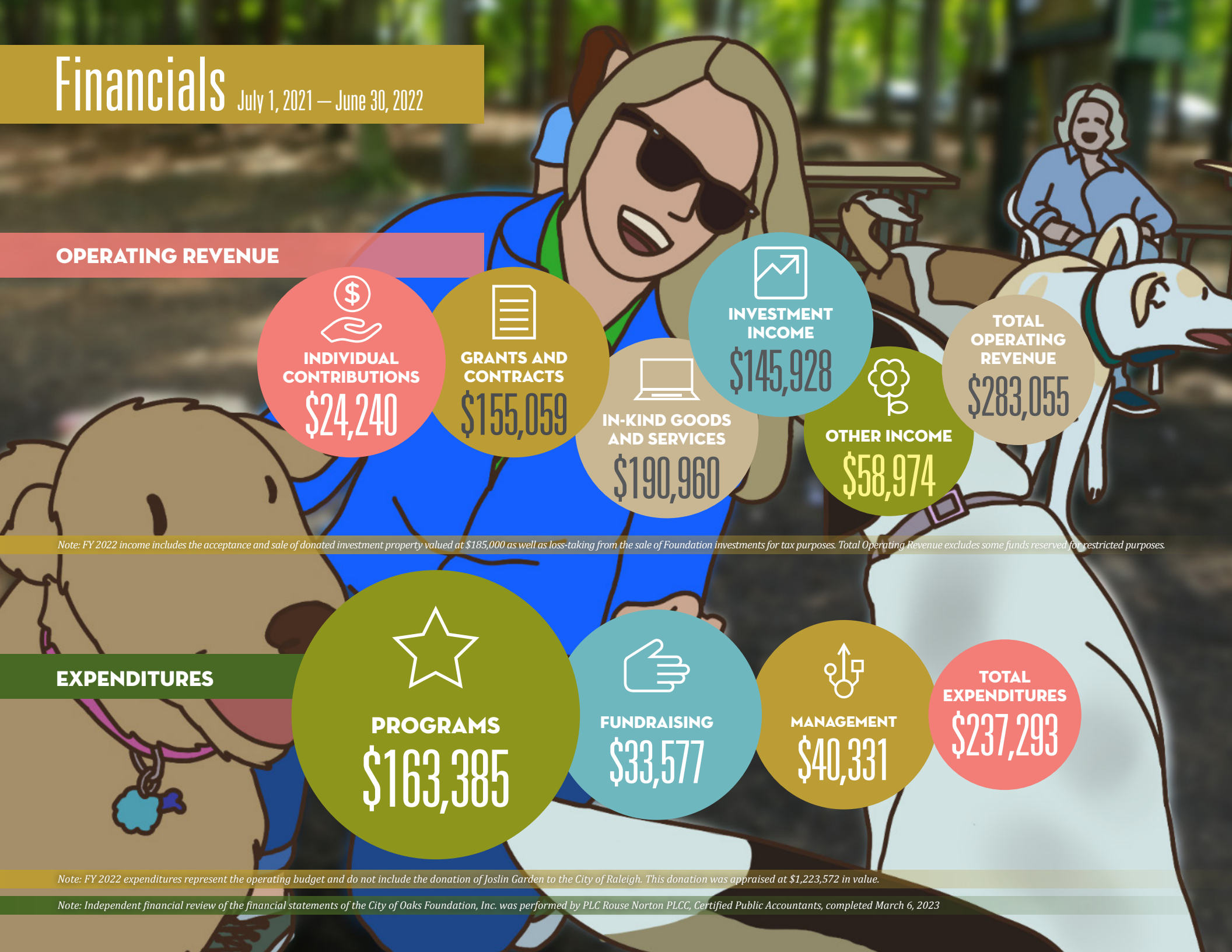
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Financials July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022



OPERATING REVENUE

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
$24,240

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
$155,059

IN-KIND GOODS AND SERVICES
$190,960

INVESTMENT INCOME
$145,928

OTHER INCOME
$58,974

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE
$283,055

Note: FY 2022 income includes the acceptance and sale of donated investment property valued at $185,000 as well as loss-taking from the sale of Foundation investments for tax purposes. Total Operating Revenue excludes some funds reserved for restricted purposes.

EXPENDITURES

PROGRAMS
$163,385

FUNDRAISING
$33,577

MANAGEMENT
$40,331

TOTAL EXPENDITURES
$237,293

Note: FY 2022 expenditures represent the operating budget and do not include the donation of Joslin Garden to the City of Raleigh. This donation was appraised at $1,223,572 in value.

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 March 6, 2023

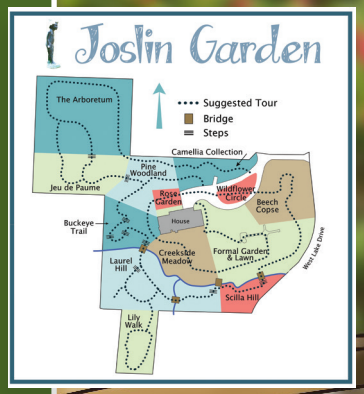
Joslin Garden



The City of Oaks Foundation was originally created in 2010 to help deliver this hidden natural treasure as a gift from the family of William and Mary Coker Joslin to the people of Raleigh. Joslin Garden became Raleigh's newest public park and garden in July of 2021, with the Joslin House serving as the new headquarters for the Foundation.

Though maintained by Raleigh's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department, the City of Oaks Foundation continues to offer community programming at Joslin Garden throughout the year, and 2022 saw the return of the famous Easter Egg Hunt following the pandemic and children's drama productions produced by Seed Art Share. Local artists hosted elegant exhibits at the Joslin House, with painter Anthony Ulinski greeting patrons in a special Meet the Artist reception. Volunteer organizations like the Gardeners of Wake County have adopted a section of Joslin Garden and are making great strides to restore and beautify their special corner of the park.

Continued investment by the City of Oaks Foundation and its supporters continue to make Joslin Garden great. Special gifts were made to the Foundation's Joslin Garden endowment in 2022, including a very generous donation of coastal investment property by Charles Sedberry, former law partner of William and Nell Joslin, and by the Friends of Charlotte Hilton Green Park. These gifts will be used solely for the maintenance and improvement of the Garden.



Land Conservation 2022

Through the Foundation's Raleigh, Naturally land conservation program, landowners wishing to protect their land in a natural, green state are able to do so through conservation easements and land donations. In some cases, the Foundation may be able to help facilitate donation of protected land to city or county governments as a future park such as they did for conservation easement donors Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt, in creating the **Kellam-Wyatt Farm and Nature Preserve**. This almost 60-acre property of fields, forests, and is in the master-planning phase of design and will become a new county park scheduled to open in coming years.

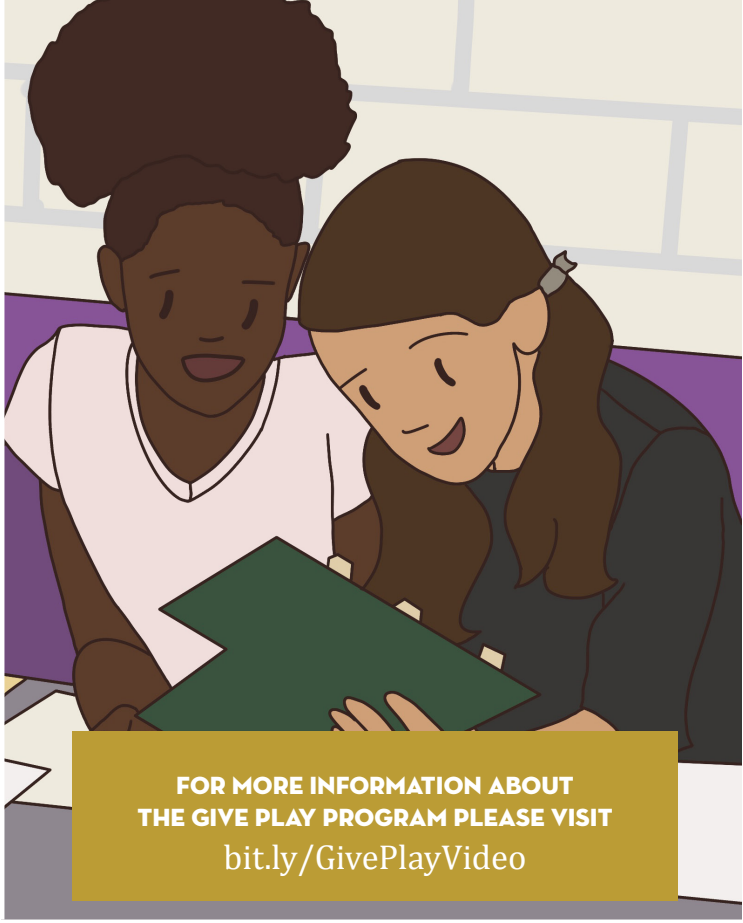




Citizens are also able to support existing parks, greenways and nature preserves through the City of Oaks Foundations, which allows donors to designate gifts to existing parks and recreation sites around Raleigh, from basketball and pickleball courts to beautiful landscaping and tree planting. The City of Oaks Foundation also plays an important role helping steward new and emerging neighborhood groups that are aligned with our mission, serving as an advisor and fiscal sponsor to help them operate as a charitable organization, such as the **Friends of Millbrook Dog Park**.

Youth & Nature Programs





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

The City of Oaks Foundation's programs for youth focus on conservation, environmental education, and getting outdoors and active. Its signature youth program, Give Play, provided over 100 families with financial assistance to attend active outdoor summer camps in 2022, after participation was limited by the pandemic the previous summer.

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

Through the **Neighborhood Ecology Corps** program, created by the Randy Senzig and the Center for Human Earth Restoration, the Foundation partners with Raleigh Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources to sponsor an after-school program that gets teams of students involved in assessing the environmental condition, assets, and needs of their shared neighborhoods. In FY 2022 expansion of this program was made possible in part through the support of Pepsi Bottling Ventures LLC and the "Fund for the Triangle – Support for the Environment of the Triangle Community Foundation."

The City of Oaks Foundation also thanks the Bank of America Foundation for its continued sponsorship of **Partnership Raleigh** which employed a team of young adults over the summer to conduct a variety of natural resources-related projects within several Raleigh parks and nature preserves and the Office of Sustainability. The primary goal of the program was to expose the students, made up primarily of youth under-represented in conservation professions, 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.

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*The City of Oaks Foundation extends its deep and sincere gratitude to **Mr. Charles Sedberry** for his generous donation of investment property in Oak Island, North Carolina, with proceeds from the sale dedicated to the Joslin Garden endowment fund. A former law partner of William Joslin and his daughter Nell Joslin, Mr. Sedberry's contribution to the Joslin Garden endowment will help ensure stewardship of the Garden for many years to come.*

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