



# TWENTY EIGHTEEN ANNUAL REPORT

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# A word from Executive Director John Myers



## What is a Champion of Nature?

**F**or the past several years we have been adamant that Indian Creek Nature Center exists to create Champions of Nature. Yet, it is important to truly define what Champions of Nature are and why we believe they are so important.

Strong educational programs, progressive land restoration and sustainable practices are important aspects of what we do at the Nature Center. We have focused on these things very well since we were founded in 1973. The reality is that the Nature Center is so much more than *what* we do. As a social change organization, what we do is not nearly as important as *why* we do it.

For many of our members, volunteers and staff, the answer to why may include:

- 🌿 To protect the environment
- 🌿 To restore land
- 🌿 To educate kids
- 🌿 Or to simply enjoy beauty in our natural world.

There's a deeper meaning to our "why" that is equally important.

So many people enjoy having their kids come out for a field trip, take pleasure in a bird watching experience or enjoy a hike on a trail; and those actions matter. Each interaction with nature further solidifies our appreciation for and desire to protect natural spaces. True Champions of Nature take it one step further; they think beyond today, they act in a manner that is uncharacteristic with societal norms and they work collectively with others for future benefit.

Indian Creek Nature Center is more than just 500 acres of land and a collection of buildings and trails. *We are a set of collective ideals that is modeled in our behaviors and values.*

We practice this mentality to think beyond today. Many of our new initiatives are concentrated on how we can act to benefit the world 20 years and beyond.

# executive director's MESSAGE



Henry Ford once said "If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said a faster horse." Rather, Ford built a car. This philosophy is why we have made major investments in certain nontraditional areas over the past few years.

The founding of Indian Creek Nature Center by B.B. Stamats and Jean O'Donnell was a deliberate action to build a car and not find a faster horse. These two women, who were Champions of Nature in every sense, lived their ideals by creating a legacy which still exists today.

Amazing Space is another iteration of Ford's thinking. It is a focus on responsible construction, not just a building with classrooms and exhibits. The Living Building Challenge (LBC) certification — a program that is 20 years ahead of LEED in its practices — forces us to think to the future and address energy, water and other real problems head on. It would have been easier and much cheaper not to strive for LBC, but not doing so would have sacrificed our values.

These same ideals exist with the addition of Etzel Sugar Grove Farm and the *Midwest Organic Center*. By focusing on regenerative, organic practices we commit to the future of agriculture within Iowa, looking beyond the status quo and traditional practices.

We educate and inspire others to become Champions of Nature using these projects as models.

Champions of Nature hold values and model behaviors that will have a substantive and lasting impact. They are models for the future. They advocate, protect and cherish nature.



They are innovators, push beyond the status quo and challenge others. They work together and teach. They build bridges and look for real impact. They give their time, talent and treasure to build a legacy. Most of all, they align their values and their behaviors.

We pledge to live these ideals and we ask that all of you — our members, volunteers, donors and supporters — do so as well and in turn become Champions of Nature!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jean O'Donnell".



# YEAR IN REVIEW

2018 marked our 45th year of creating Champions of Nature through education and inspiration, as well as several other milestones:

- ICNC became a **1% for the Planet** nonprofit partner. The purpose of 1% for the Planet is to bring dollars and does together to accelerate smart environmental giving.



- Frontier Co-op funded the **Frontier Field** at Etzel Sugar Grove Farm. This field will be transitioned from conventional row crop to organic agroforestry and permaculture.



- The FUSE group, a partnership with union electricians and electrical employers connecting for a cause, funded the purchase of a **6 person electric golf cart** to enhance access to Amazing Space.

- Squiggles**, our painted turtle, took up residence in the fountain. A new baby turtle named **"Squish"** was introduced into the foundation as well. Squish's annual maintenance is generously funded by Tris Dows and Steve Junge. Its name was chosen by their granddaughter, Ava.



- Countless children and those young at heart flocked to see the **Chick Hatch** exhibit. All waited 21 days while the chicks incubated. On hatch day we saw several baby chicks emerge. They were then placed in the brooder and watched over lovingly by volunteers.

- Bill Stamats** chose to showcase his art show titled "One Path, Many Directions" in ICNC's Art Alcove. This show was inspired by his love of nature and in honor of his mother, ICNC co-founder B.B. Stamats. Bill generously donated 50% of the proceeds of his sales of this collection to ICNC in honor of his mother.



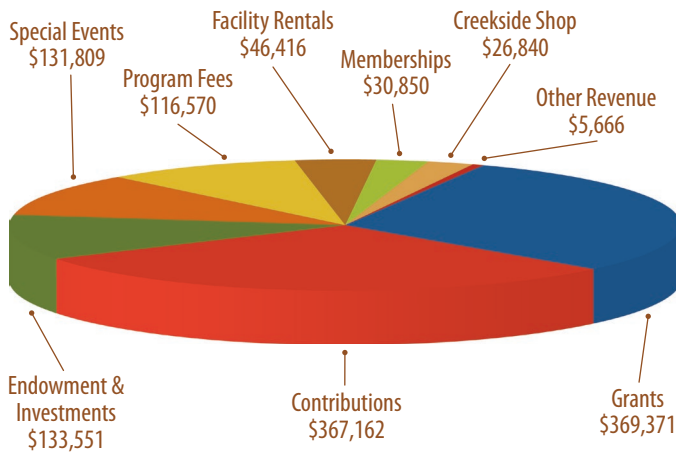
- The McGrath Family of Dealerships donated funds to purchase a **bike repair fix it station and bike racks**. This gift welcomes all cyclists to spend time on our grounds, cool off, and refill their water bottles in our building.



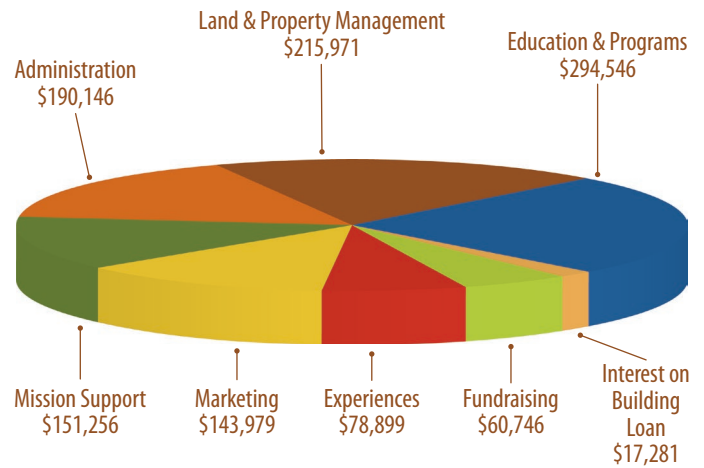


# Financials

Total Revenues — \$1,228,236

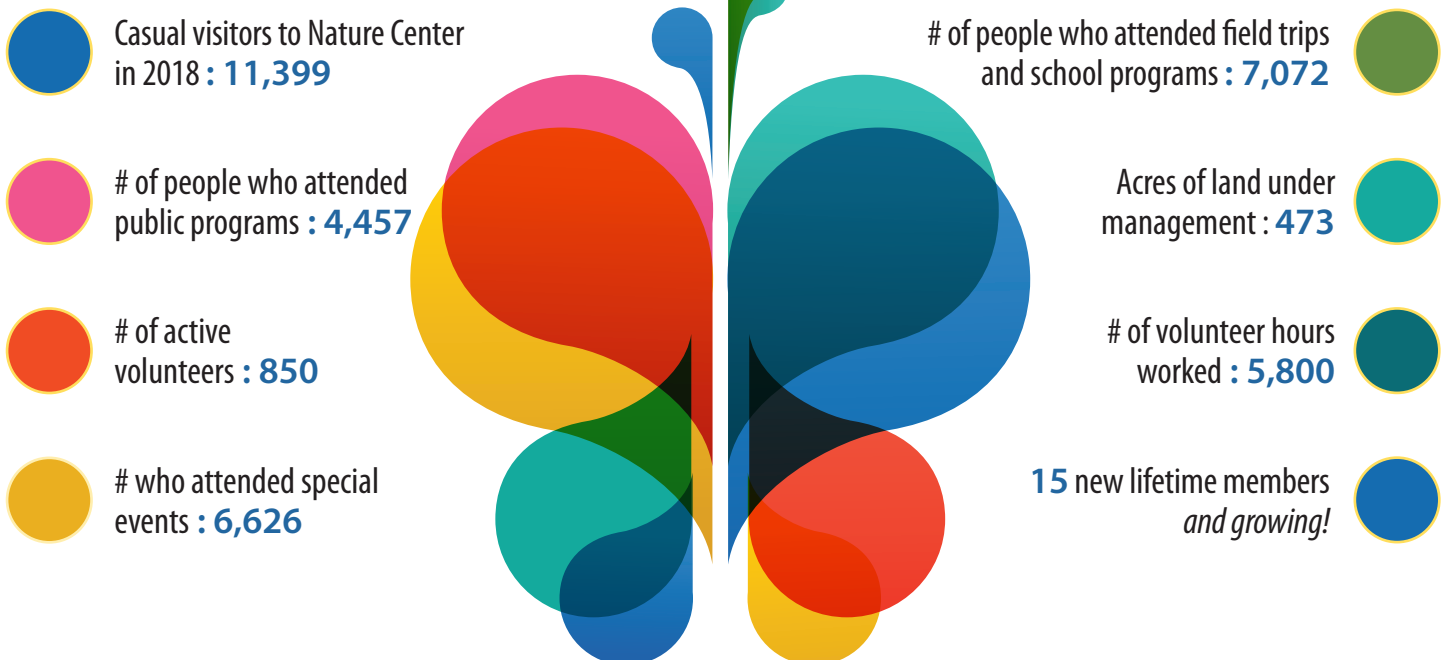


Total Expenditures — \$1,152,824



In 2018, we welcomed **15 new lifetime members** and saw an overall increase in membership, **raising more than \$30,000** for the Nature Center's operational budget. More people are coming to the Nature Center and joining as members to support events and programming they enjoy. **The Friends of the Nature Center raised a total of \$29,217.80** in 2018 from their signature annual events: **Nature's Noel** and **the Spring Plant & Art Sale**.

## By the Numbers — for the year 2018





# impact story

# EDUCATION

## Importance of Experiential Learning

Kelli Kennon-Lane, Director of Education



It's impossible to sum up the 2018 educational programming at Indian Creek Nature Center with a word or phrase. To simply state the statistics of the number of children and teachers we served on field trips (7,073) or adults and families in public programs (5,760) or guests during special events (6,524) wouldn't tell the whole story. Simply put: Creating Champions of Nature through educational programming was as diverse and multi-faceted as those we served.

Of particular impact was our field trip programming for area schools and daycares. Our immersive, experiential learning field trips create opportunities to learn about local flora and fauna, environmental issues and the importance of land stewardship. These field trips are held outdoors in all weather and, to our excitement, many teachers booked winter field trips in late 2018!

Like always, preschool through 12th-grade students tromp through the Bena, Stimple, and Christiansen prairies, search for critters on the muddy banks of the Lynch and McCarty wetlands and take a magical hike to the Ancient Bog by way of the Founders Grove. This is experiential learning - students learning by doing, by exploring at their own pace under the guidance of our naturalists and volunteer teacher-naturalists.

"As a parent and educator, the Indian Creek Nature Center is near and dear to my heart," said Cassidy Reinken, magnet coordinator at the River Academy Magnet School at Taylor Elementary School.

"They are committed to providing opportunities for learners of all ages to be connected to nature and the beauty of our world," she continued. "My children have participated in several Creek Camps where they fostered a love of nature through hands on learning activities and unstructured play. Because of the Nature Center, my children feel more connected to nature, are excited to learn more and are empowered to make the world more sustainable."

In Spring 2018, we supported area teachers by aligning all of our preschool field trips to Iowa Early Learning Standards. All



of kindergarten through 12th-grade field trips were aligned to Next Generation Science Standards and cross-curricular standards in the Common Core. Teachers are able to visit our website, read up on field trip offerings and review standards met in each field trip curriculum. The education team also designed, wrote and implemented brand new field trips especially for secondary (6th-12th) grade students. All of these benefits are also detailed in our Field Trip Guide for Educators, which was rewritten and distributed to area teachers in August 2018.

"With the variety of programming and the ability to tailor the curriculum offerings to your group, Indian Creek Nature Center offers a lot of opportunity for kids to get outdoors and experience nature," said Mike Anderson, an at-risk, special education and outdoor leadership teacher at West Branch High School. "The more (students) learn about the outdoors, the more they'll see how it affects their lives and how we need to protect it for the future."



Children who attend a field trip at Indian Creek Nature Center are the benefactors of the generosity of many passionate donors who believe in our mission to create Champions of Nature. This was evident on Giving Tuesday, when 56 individuals donated a total of \$7,245 to fill the 'gap' between what schools pay for a field trip and the actual cost to execute a field trip. At the Nature Center, scholarship funds exist to fund admission and/or transportation for schools facing financial barriers. This is a tradition that has been generously supported by grants and donors for years, and one we promoted to all teachers in 2018.

"ICNC's financial assistance provides opportunities for field based learning experiences in the real world that may otherwise not be possible," Reinken said. "I've seen firsthand how the Nature Center team is committed to partnerships with local schools and providing educational opportunities for all learners."

We ended 2018 by supporting students and teachers in implementing zero waste principles during their free time on the Amazing Space campus. Many schools take advantage of the picnic tables, pergolas and patio at Amazing Space for a picnic lunch. They also spend time in Hazelnut Hideaway, our Nature Explore Certified Outdoor Classroom. These amenities allow schools to extend their field trip to an entire day at the Nature Center. After students finish their lunch, a member of our staff teaches them the differences among trash, recycling and compost, and supports them while they sort the remains of their lunches. At the end of the field trip we weigh their



recycling and compost and present them with the total number of pounds of waste diverted from the landfill. This endeavor, among many others, will lead us into 2019.

"Kids are so stuck indoors and to reconnect them with nature and understand its importance, that's just so important," said teacher-naturalist and donor Jenni Semelroth.

"Their eyes just light up," she said of children who attend Nature Center field trips. "And it connects so much to what they're learning in schools. ... You can learn so much outside the classroom, in nature, which is why we need to protect it for future generations."





# 2018 Land Accomplishments

In 2018, our land team made great strides in improving the Nature Center's property and facilities, which is critical to achieving our mission.

Added ADA accessible fire ring to Education Circle



Removed failing asphalt from Penningroth Barn site



Completed amphitheater and rain garden boardwalk



Restored 26 acres of prairie by burning  
•  
Added unique Flow Hive to Apiary



Started and maintained flock of 18 Wyandote chickens



Refurbished the chicken coop

Relocated shed to better support wetland  
•  
Added overflow parking lot



Added bike rack and repair station



Added maple trees to food forest  
•  
Created native plum hedge



Removed invasive shrubs & saplings from 8 acres



Achieved Net Zero Energy over the year via solar panels



## Donor spotlight

**W**hen choosing where to invest their hard-earned dollars, Mike and Jan Vlasak knew they could trust Indian Creek Nature Center to put it to good use.

"We knew our money would be going toward a sustainable organization — not only ecologically, but also from a funding standpoint," said Mike, noting the Nature Center's focus on endowment giving for larger projects and initiatives, as well as day-to-day operations.

The Vlasaks have long been supporters of the Nature Center and often brought their kids to play, explore and learn.

"The mission of Indian Creek Nature Center is applicable to everyone," Mike said. "How could you take a side on what you're doing here — it's good for the earth and for people."

When the Nature Center announced George Etzel's donation of the 190-acre Etzel Sugar Grove Farm, the Vlasaks were inspired by the mission to establish sustainable, economically viable permaculture farming practices there. Growing up on a farm, Mike had seen the erosion of land firsthand.



"When we heard the mission of the Etzel Sugar Grove Farm, we knew that's where our money had to go."

Jan agreed, and as an animal lover, wanted to see the money go toward quality of life for farm animals.

The Vlasaks made a generous donation — \$20,000 over two years — to support the farm's chicken coop.

"I really feel strongly about animal welfare," Jan said. "Farm animals aren't here for very long, and we owe them a good life while they're here. I wanted to make sure the chickens had a good life."

Today, Etzel Sugar Grove Farm's chicken coop is home to about 25 free-range, egg-laying, happy Wyandotte hens.

Indian Creek Nature Center is grateful for the Vlasaks' support of the vision and mission of the Nature Center and Etzel Sugar Grove Farm. As a private nonprofit the Nature Center relies on the generosity of members, donors and corporate sponsors, for whom we are so grateful.

"We love that the Nature Center is not a governmental organization," Mike said. "That means there's flexibility with funding and you know right up front that whatever you contribute is going toward a sustainable organization."

## Anniversary Gift

**I**t's not often Barry Boyer is at a loss for words, says Gilda Boyer, Barry's wife of 35 years.



But when she surprised him on the 40th anniversary of their first date with a \$10,000 donation to support Etzel Sugar Grove Farm's apiary, she said he was so touched by the thoughtful gift that he was left speechless.

"I just thought it would be really fun and meaningful if we did something to mark our first date," Gilda said, noting the couple's passion for sustainable agriculture and protecting the planet.

"Pollinators are so important to our environment, so I thought the apiary would be a perfect gift," she said.

"We just really support the mission of the organization," she continued. "Barry and I can't change the world on

our own, but it's just a way for us to try to make a small difference with all the issues surrounding our environment — especially with the farm and sustainable agriculture practices."

Indian Creek Nature Center's 190-acre Etzel Sugar Grove Farm in rural Marion represents the future of agriculture in Iowa. It's where the Nature Center will implement restorative, regenerative agriculture practices that lead us toward greater sustainability in farming, and will serve as an educational tool for farmers and the public on how these practices work to restore the health of Iowa's farms, watersheds and environment.

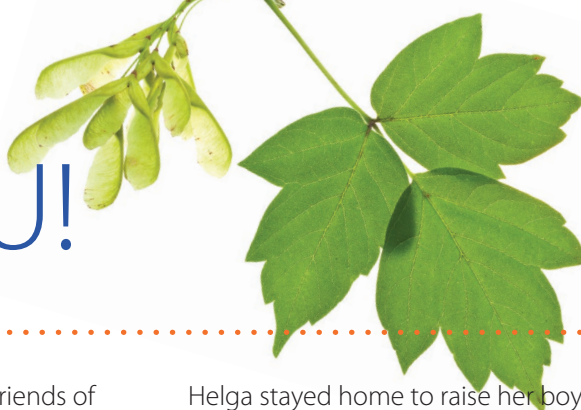
The farm, donated to the Nature Center in 2016 by George Etzel, is one of the largest gifts in the Nature Center's history and is an incredible opportunity to impact environmental sustainability.

"There is a huge opportunity to create cutting edge practices that benefit our farmers, as well as Iowans in general," Gilda said. "Barry and I are happy to support that vision."





# our volunteers THANK YOU!



Interested in joining Friends of the Nature Center? Just fill out the volunteer application at [indiancreeknaturecenter.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://indiancreeknaturecenter.org/get-involved/volunteer), or call us at (319) 362-0664.

**H**elga Mayhew, 79, has volunteered with the Friends of Indian Creek Nature Center for at least 20 years and served as the Friends' board representative at the Nature Center for six years. This year marks the end of her term on the board. We are so grateful for her dedication and hard work over the years! Jane Schildroth now represents the Friends Group on the board.



Born in Westprussia, Germany in 1939, Helga's earliest memories are the final years of World War II. When she was just five years old, Helga and her family had to flee their home as the Russian army invaded Germany. While she doesn't remember much, she remembers fleeing across the Baltic Sea into

Denmark, where she and her family lived in a refugee camp for two and a half years.

Helga described the camp as a military base, with not much other than barracks and a kitchen facility. There were no trees or natural areas, she said.

In 1947, Helga's family was repatriated to Germany and assigned to live on a farm in the countryside with a farm family. She was eight, and remembers much of her childhood spent playing in the woods. That early connection to nature instilled in Helga a passion for the natural world — just like Champions of Nature at Indian Creek Nature Center.

Her work as an electrical engineer eventually brought her to the United States. In 1965, she worked in Ohio as a design engineer. Her plan, she said, was to work a couple of years in the States and then return to Germany. Then she met her husband and "got stuck," she said with a laugh.

The pair eventually moved to Cedar Rapids and worked for Rockwell Collins. When their twins were born in 1974,

Helga stayed home to raise her boys. But once they were old enough for elementary school, Helga returned to school herself to study economics and business administration at Coe College. She graduated in 1989 and began to work in the environmental industry. She began volunteering with the Nature Center after a friend invited her to join the Friends group — then known as the Guild — in 1998.

The rest, as they say, is history. Helga has dedicated countless hours and talent to the Nature Center, and does so because she wants to "bring city children into nature," echoing the opportunity she was given when she was young.

"Having worked in the environmental field, I know how important it is for people to be conscious about the effect they have on the natural world," she said. "That's what I want to impart on children."

Active Volunteers: 850  Total volunteer hours: 5,800

## Volunteers Recognized

The following individuals were recognized at our 2018 Volunteer Recognition Dinner for their incredible contributions of time and talent to Indian Creek Nature Center:

**Land Volunteer of the Year** Bob Pearson

**Education Volunteer of the Year** Jenni Semelroth

**Commitment to Excellence** Brooke Fitzgerald

**Outstanding Service by a Community Supporter**

Frontier Co-op and IBEW Local 405

**Jack in the Pulpit** Jo Ann McNiel, Tom Hart and Maria Dummermuth

**Founders Award** Bill Desmarais and Sally Stephenson

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Thank you to the following businesses and organizations who completed group volunteer projects at Indian Creek Nature Center in 2018:

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- 🌿 Etzel Sugar Grove Farm Members-only Tour (join like-minded supporters to get an insider tour of our permaculture farm)
- 🌿 Guided Fall Leaf Walk for Explorer level members and above (a slower paced, guided hike for those who enjoy viewing the splendor of nature's autumn glory)
- 🌿 Monarch Fest Members-only Preview (come early and enjoy breakfast and a preview of the day's events)

*Enjoy additional benefits depending on your membership level, including: free snowshoe rentals, free Maple Syrup Festival tickets, early access to the Spring Plant & Art Sale, Creek Camp summer nature camp discounts, sustainable living tips delivered to your inbox, and more!*

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