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INTRODUCTION

2020 IN REVIEW & WHAT'S AHEAD

Thinking back to January of 2020, our team was in full planning mode. Our Watershed Explorers Pilot Program was finally kicking off, we had just introduced outdoor fitness hikes, and held a first Wetlands Coffee Morning with record attendance. With excellent partners, dedicated staff, and a lot of creativity we were excited to expand outdoor programming in American Canyon.

I am proud that we took that same creative mindset and applied it during the pandemic. Without hesitating, we developed programs that would meet the needs of our community in a new way. **With the enthusiastic support of our board who told us “full speed ahead”, we quickly pivoted and created Covid response programs that reached over 2,000 people in 2020.  Read all about these new programs on page nine.**

Thinking back to a Park and Play in September 2020 we received one of the most heartfelt compliments from a child who told us “Thank you so much for doing this, it is the most normal I have felt since Covid began”. We are proud to serve and connect our community, even during the most difficult of times. As we ponder what life will be like in a post-pandemic world, I know one thing...parks will always be there for us, and ACCPF will pivot time and time again to support our community through park improvements and outdoor programming.

We are incredibly grateful to the members, businesses, sponsors, and donors that supported us during this challenging year. Special thanks to our hard-working staff who wholeheartedly embraced new programming, our hands-on board for their support and encouragement, ACCPF members for their continued support, and the many partners who dreamed up new programs alongside us.

**In the Spirit of Play,**

Janelle Sellick, Executive Director
PARKS, PROGRAMS, & PLAY
WHAT WE DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

THE PAST 5 YEARS
2020 was a big year for ACCPF – we celebrated our 5th Anniversary! March 2015 was our official introduction to the community, and we have been growing and expanding ever since. While Covid19 put a stop to our plans for a 5th Anniversary Party, it didn't stop us from reflecting on the growth and successes of our first five years. And wow, what an amazing five years it has been!

PARKS IMPROVEMENTS
In just five years ACCPF has contributed over $100,000 to make our good parks even better. Projects such as the Wetlands Trailhead Drinking Fountain, Owl Box Raising, and Outdoor Fitness Center are unique projects that benefit everyone in our community. New Park Benches make getting outdoors more comfortable, and volunteer projects engage our community in caring for our parks. ACCPF has partnered on seven different volunteer projects engaging over 500 volunteers.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
Programs such as educational hikes, outdoor summer camps, after-school enrichment, Watershed Explorers, Curiosity Kids, and the Park and Play Mobile Recreation Van have served over 7,000 kids, families, and adults in our community since 2015. ACCPF excels at identifying service gaps in the community and developing new programs to fill those needs. We believe that time outdoors can improve community health, children's education, and social opportunities for our residents. New programs are always in the works!

PLAY FOR ALL
Through scholarship and sponsorship support, and creative programming and planning, we strive for everyone in our community to be able to participate. ACCPF has donated $8,000 to recreation scholarships so that no child is turned away from summer camp, swim lessons, and more. Event sponsorships, Community Giving, and student scholarships totaling over $25,000 support our community’s efforts to keep program costs low. We've even partnered with a local volunteer, Barry Christian to bring a Pedicab so that seniors with mobility issues can participate in our Wetlands hikes. We work hard so that everyone has access to quality programs and parks.
OUR IMPACT

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

$61,000
RAISED IN OUR GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE CAMPAIGN

147
STUDENTS SERVED IN AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

200
KIDS SERVED AT OUR SUMMER KICKOFF CELEBRATION

$4,600
DONATED FOR ACHS SCHOLARSHIPS & COMMUNITY GIVING

432
PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN VIRTUAL AC BLOOMS HIKES

10
COLLABORATED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

140
STUDENTS BECAME WATERSHED EXPLORERS

757
KIDS SERVED AT NINE PARK & PLAY EVENTS

440
PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN OUTDOOR, COMMUNITY EVENTS

IN 5 YEARS ACCPF HAS PROVIDED $146,000 IN DIRECT SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY

630
CURIOUSITY KIDS PARTICIPANTS

4TH
YEAR IN THE NAPA VALLEY GIVE!GUIDE
CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE
CELEBRATING A CHALLENGING YEAR

The month of September is traditionally our Evening at the Ruins fundraiser, however, Covid19 put a stop to our plans. In place of an in-person fundraising event, we developed the Give Where You Live campaign with the goal of raising $50,000. Through creative activities such as AC Rock Hunt, Pinwheels for Parks, HulaHoop contest, and more we exceeded our goal and raised $61,000! We truly put the FUN in fundraising!

Special thanks to the business Sponsors and individual donors who helped us reach our goal. These donations supported us during a difficult time and allowed us to continue to operate and serve the community.

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ORIGIN OF FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

$61,000 raised to enhance parks, programs & play in our community!

Thank you!
Finances at a Glance
Celebrating a Challenging Year

Spending Percentage by Program

The challenges of 2020 were many, but ACCPF pivoted at each obstacle and filled the needs of the community through new programs.

Revenue and Other Support

Without the annual gala, we dipped into our reserve to help balance our budget. Thanks to creative campaigns, grant writing, and our reserves we were able to meet the needs of our community during COVID.

Over $149,000 given for Park Improvements, Programs & Community Support in 2020
COVID RESPONSE
THE YEAR OF NEW IDEAS

SUMMER KICK-OFF

With a limited number of in-person recreation opportunities available for children in summer 2020, ACCPF saw an opportunity to help facilitate outdoor play. The concept: provide free summer play activities & encourage healthy, active play by offering Facebook Live events to demonstrate creative ways to use the play equipment. Summer Kick-Off was a weeklong celebration beginning with a drive-thru pick-up event, followed by a week of Facebook Live events.

200 “Summer Fun Kits” were distributed to the local community at Summer Kick-Off and 125 people tuned in for the corresponding play events. Activities included: paper kites, pool noodles, sidewalk chalk, bubbles & jump ropes. Corresponding Facebook live events included guided pool noodle crafts, kite flying tips with Mayor Garcia, bubble art, sidewalk chalk art demos & jump rope sing-alongs.

PARK & PLAY

Park & Play was created to offer safe social distancing play opportunities in small group settings during the COVID restricted summer of 2020. By offering consistent play dates and individual/family play equipment at local parks, Park & Play offered community members a safe way to gather & enjoy the outdoors. Six Park & Play dates were offered in summer 2020 featuring sidewalk chalk, racquet sports, and hula hoops in addition to “take & play” activities to encourage screen-free at home.

As summer turned to fall & COVID restrictions tightened, Park & Play transitioned to a monthly drive-thru event for the remainder of 2020 with “take & play” activities available on a first-come, first-serve basis. “Take & Play” bags featured a Wellness Tip highlighting the importance of play and getting outdoors for maintaining positive mental health.

We reached nearly 800 local children with Park & Play activities in 2020.
CURIOSITY KIDS

COVID brought many changes to ACCPF and our community. We could no longer offer our after-school enrichment programs so we had to pivot to ensure we were meeting the needs of our American Canyon families. We landed on a fun concept, Curiosity Kids. This free online educational program consists of short video "bites" for kids and parents, to give them a break from, and enrichment to, their online, distance learning. All of the clips are less than 10 minutes and require minimal parent involvement (unless they want to participate).

Our goal was to motivate kids to get curious about the world around them. Once they watched the video they to turn off their screens and utilize common household items to create their own projects. These nature-based science projects advance various skills and help kids learn new science concepts. Each video has a printout of the supplies, instructions, and prompts to think, talk or journal about. The end goal was to get kids outside and have some fun!

AC BLOOMS

When spring rolled around and we were all under stay-at-home orders we knew that we had to do something to lift spirits in our community. We decided to celebrate the natural beauty of American Canyon with our AC Blooms celebration.

The outdoors are always healing, but we knew we couldn't host in-person hikes, so we got creative. With the help and hard work of Shelan Zundi at The City of American Canyon, as well as Barry Christian and JoeJoe Clark of the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, we created virtual wildflower hikes. These hikes brought the beauty of our trails directly into people's homes.

We continued our celebration with "Bloom a Friend", which connected our community during a time when people were most isolated. Finally, we encouraged community members to share their own beautiful blooms with everyone via social media.
COMMUNITY HEALTH

FITNESS MANIA

WETLANDS FITNESS CENTER OPENED

After several years of planning, the new Wetlands Fitness Center was installed in October 2020. This unique outdoor gym features ten pieces of equipment designed to provide a full body workout for anyone in the community, free of charge. The Wetlands Edge Fitness Center is a joint venture between the City of American Canyon and the American Canyon Community & Parks Foundation with generous financial support from Stravinski Development Group and local community members. After opening to the public with a virtual ribbon cutting, the center was immediately a popular attraction. It continues to be used by dozens of community members each day. ACCPF is proud to invest in the health and wellness of our community. Thank you to all of our donors and partners for making this project a reality!

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My family has really enjoyed the educational programs offered by ACCPF! My oldest son participated in the after-school music and arts programs and had a blast! Especially at a time when schools have less of a budget for electives and art, having these programs is a blessing! My family and I have also done nature hikes at the wetlands studying birds or observing the rise of the harvest moon.

Now that we find ourselves in our new normal with social distancing and schooling at home, ACCPF has come up with creative ways to safely get kids outside with their Park and Play program and provide fun take-home kids with arts and crafts. We are so lucky to have ACCPF here in American Canyon to provide enriching opportunities to get families outside, enjoying nature, and connecting with their community.

Thank you ACCPF!
Megan Dameron

As an assistant troop leader for my son's Boy Scout troop, I wanted to send the ACCPF staff a thank you note for putting together your Green Time Resources page. Our troop is currently working on our Environmental Science Merit Badge and your page helped a bunch!

Matt Kelly
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