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INTRODUCTION
WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Friends,

AT ACCPF we see first hand the need to help connect our community to the outdoors. Over one-third of our population is overweight and diabetes is prevalent. Screen time use is at an all time high. Children are experiencing mental and physical health issues from overuse. By most accounts, children spend 6 – 8 hours a day in front of a screen and as little as a few minutes a day outside in unstructured play. We know that kids and adults feel better when they connect with others, engage in meaningful activity, and spend time outdoors.

Our mission is to change this trend by turning screen time into green time. Since 2015, our programs helped community members spend over 5,000 hours outside. We provided unique outdoor events and activities, supported capital improvements in our parks, and ensured that our most vulnerable populations have access to recreation programs and camps. We continue to be one of the fastest growing non-profits in Napa County.

In 2018, we helped students get hands-on after school with new Studio Arts and LEGO Engineering programs. We held two unique outdoor events: our Fireworks Hike and Harvest Moon Hike. In May, we coordinated a screening of the documentary Project Wild Thing, a motivational film about the challenges of raising outdoor-loving children in the digital era. We partnered with the City of American Canyon for a Meadow Bay Volunteer Day to improve one-half mile of trail along our Wetlands, hosted a Black Friday Hike, and became an integral partner in the 8th Annual 5k/10k Reindeer Run.

Last year was a year of record growth. Our third Annual Evening at the Ruins Fundraiser and Dinner was our most successful yet. Utilization of our programs and events saw corresponding growth. From standing room only at Wild American Canyon lectures to a packed house for our Community LEGO Build, we continue to find new ways to bring local families together and encourage a love of the outdoors.

As we look ahead, 2019 will be another year of growth. We look forward to new programs, events, and more giving to the community we love so much. We will strengthen our Foundation by implementing our newly adopted three-year strategic plan. Plans are in place for a new community-giving program, picnic table and bench sponsorship program, more funding for recreation scholarships, and expansion of after-school enrichment classes. We are also excited to offer more hikes, volunteer days, and member coffee mornings at our Wetlands.

We are energized for the New Year and hope that you will join us! Please participate, become a member, volunteer, or donate. With your support we will continue to give back to the community, ensuring quality parks, programs, and play for all.

In the Spirit of Play,

Janelle Sellick, Founder and Executive Director
Karen Ritter, Outgoing Board President

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2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD
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Dr. Jeffrey Nichellini
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Heather Piazza, Marketing Consultant

LIFETIME FOUNDING MEMBERS
Antonio & Ana Castro
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Vince & Cathy Dacanay
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Matt Plate & Anne Garner
Andrew & Elizabeth Goff
Joy & Stephen Hilton
Cannon & Henie James
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Kenneth Leary
Fran Lemos
Nance Matson & Sande Sutter
Anthony & Crystal Mallare
Elizabeth Moulds
Dr. Jeffrey Nichellini
David & Patricia Oro
Heather & Deven Piazza
Belia Ramos
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Joseph Schunk
Janelle & Mike Sellick
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Alan Tran & Saeko Sugo
CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

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GALA COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS
Megan Mann
Gina Margolati
Anne Garner
Robin Craig Photography

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
American Canyon Arts Foundation
American Canyon High School
American Canyon Library
Barry Christian – Docent
Brickspace LEGO STEAM Learning Center
Canyon Oaks Elementary School
City of American Canyon
Donaldson Way Elementary School
Junction Brewery
KHOPE International
Napa County Resource Conservation District
Napa County Regional Open Space District
Napa Junction Elementary School
Nimbus Arts
Solano Land Trust
Teens Connect
Vine Trail Coalition

2018 MEMBERS & DONORS (con’t)
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Tracey Jones
Mark Joseph
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La Evolucion Dance Co.
Zita Latona
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Kasama Lee
Minerva Lee
Andrea Long
Fran Lemos
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Mary Shaw
Anne Steinhauer
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WE NEED YOU!
We are always looking for new committee members and volunteers. Reach out to us to learn more!
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**OUR IMPACT**

**2018 BY THE NUMBERS**

- **157** students served in after-school programs
- **30** students from migrant education served
- **$1,000** donated for two ACHS Senior Scholarships
- **4** Wild AC lectures with 180 people in attendance
- **$4,000** in funding for recreation scholarships donated
- **300** hikers at two docent-led hikes
- **58** new members in 2018
- **$4,100** in community sponsorships donated
- **1,100** children, teens, & adults attended ACCPF programs
- **2nd** year in the Napa Valley GiveGuide
- **90** volunteer hours on Meadow Bay Volunteer Day
TESTIMONIALS
WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY

“ What a joy it was to work with the group of elementary students at Donaldson Way this last fall! Nimbus Arts partnered with the ACCPF to offer quality arts programming after school for four weeks to a group of 20 students. Each day we worked with a different medium. The students were bright, engaged, and truly seemed to enjoy the experience. I know I did! I look forward to future programming with ACCPF to reach more young people and to share in the joy of creative work!

Anne Pentland, Nimbus Arts

“ Every city should have a Foundation like this. It comes from a place of love, and it comes from a place of support.

Fary Koh, Brickspace LEGO Learning Center

“ The Harvest Moon Hike was a great opportunity for my family and my community to bond in nature. Thanks ACCPF!

Cannon James, Lifetime Founding Member

“ I work and go to school, so my daughter would just be at home. Recreation programs would be something for her to do besides sitting and watching TV. The scholarship program was amazing! It enabled me to put my child in swimming and dance; things I otherwise wouldn’t have done as a single parent.

Parent of a City of American Canyon Scholarship Recipient

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GALA OVERVIEW
AN EVENING AT THE RUINS UNLIKE ANY OTHER

An Evening at the Ruins, the annual fundraising event for the ACCPF raised over $205,000 in its third year!

The event was attend by a sold out crowd of guests from American Canyon, Napa County, and beyond. An Evening at the Ruins was generously supported by hundreds of sponsors, donors, and volunteers.

Proceeds from this year’s event are earmarked to expand ACCPF’s conservation, after school enrichment, and scholarship programs.

The highlight of the evening was a show by renowned performance painter David Garibaldi, who surprised guests with a custom painting of Napa’s beloved Grape Crusher statue, and shortly after, a second painting of the Statue of Liberty. Over the course of 20 minutes, David created the paintings to the delight of the audience, many of whom cheered on and recorded the entire performance.

Garibaldi’s paintings were among the highest bid items in the live auction. The Grape Crusher sold for $30,000 and the Statue of Liberty sold for $4,500.

Other popular auction items included a private sunset hike, wine and picnic dinner at Nichelini Family Ranch, an autographed Bass guitar by Green Day bass player Mike Dirnt, and the much anticipated Spring Pig Roast in Carneros.

Guests were also treated to entertainment by the Napa Valley Youth Symphony and guitarist Stewart Degner. At the end of the evening, guests witnessed an energizing performance by John Hannaford and Cosmos Percussion Orchestra under the light of the stars.

Use of the the cement and basalt ruins venue was generously donated by McGrath Properties, the Jaeger Family, and the Watson Ranch Project.

Generous financial and in-kind support was made by the following organizations:


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