Dear Friends,

This year, we proudly introduced our new logo, which represents a bold reflection of our mission to ignite passion, curiosity, and respect for the natural world. Our tagline, “explore, discover, connect,” refers to the educational opportunities and personal growth that individuals and families experience through relationships with our environment and on our property.

We constructed a red cedar butterfly arbor in the heart of our Native Plant Meadow with generous support provided by Catherine A. Ludden and Eric Rothenberg. Every summer, visitors will now be able to get up-close and personal with butterflies in the arbor. The arbor serves as a centerpiece in our Native Plant Meadow and enables visitors of all ages to learn about the beauty and importance of butterflies.

This year, thanks to the generosity of Cathy Capasso and Steve Sprague, we introduced our Native American Replica Village on our property. The Lenape Longhouse and Weckquaesgeek Wigwam serve as important components of our school programming and we know the immersive experience will engage Nature Center visitors of all ages.

This summer, the Greenburgh Nature Center became the first nature center to achieve Westchester Green Business (WGB) certification. The WGB certification program was launched in 2014 to encourage businesses to institutionalize conservation priorities within a business practice. To achieve certification, we adhered to 90 requirements, which means that best sustainable business practices are incorporated in all of our activities, including waste management, energy consumption, and transportation.

We are proud to continue leading initiatives toward a more sustainable future and provide that experience to over 85,000 individuals annually. We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters, members, patrons, partners, and friends. We couldn’t thrive without you!

Sincerely,

Margaret Tjimos Goldberg
Executive Director

Catherine A. Ludden
President, Board of Directors
• 33-acre woodland preserve with trails, a pond, a native plant meadow, gardens, great lawn, butterfly arbor and educational exhibits
• Nature’s Discovery Playground
• Outdoor animal exhibits include a birds of prey aviary, barnyard, chicken coop and rabbit hutch
• Indoor exhibits include a live animal museum with over 100 specimens, hands-on nature exhibits, changing art exhibits and a greenhouse with botanical and hydroponics exhibits
• Native American Replica Village, including our Lenape Longhouse and Weckquaesgeek Wigwam
• Year-round classes and programs for all ages
• Camps for children during school holidays and summer months
• Birthday party options for children ages 3+
• Special seasonal community events
• Nature and environmental education programs for school groups, scouts, companies, counties, school districts and other groups of all ages and backgrounds
• Volunteer opportunities for all ages and skill levels
• More than 85,000 people of all ages and backgrounds from Westchester County and the New York metropolitan area are served by the Greenburgh Nature Center each year.

Grounds are open daily dawn to dusk throughout the year. The Nature Center’s indoor exhibits are open daily (CLOSED Fridays and a few holidays), 9:30AM - 4:30PM on weekdays and 10AM - 4:30PM on weekends.
The Greenburgh Nature Center helps adults, children and students understand our relationship to the natural environment, how these ecosystems function and how we all can live more sustainably. We teach in schools and community-based organizations as well as provide an extensive program roster at our preserve.

The following provides a brief snapshot of our year:

We taught more than 800 pre-K-12 school programs in 2016.

The Greenburgh Nature Center brings the community together through annual festivals, family campouts, and weekly education workshops and events. We had an exciting year: over 31,000 people participated in the 1,323 programs were presented in 2016! We held our first Great Green Eggstravaganza, which was our first environmentally-friendly egg hunt. We also hosted popular community events including our Story Walk and Butterfly Exhibit!

In September 2016, the Nature Center launched Explore, Discover, Connect, a unique nature immersion program for half-day kindergartners in the Edgemont SchoolDistrict.

With the generous support of Consolidated Edison, we constructed the indoor exhibit A Forest’s Life, to highlight the importance of forests for maintaining the health of our environment.
Visitors enjoyed our annual Maple Sugaring Party, which is held amidst the peak of maple sugaring season while enjoying the interactive learning experience of the sweet tradition.

Our annual egg hunt was renamed the Great Green Eggstravaganza, where visitors celebrated the emergence of spring with new environmentally-friendly egg hunts on our 33-acre property.

We held our 4th annual Golf and Gala at Scarsdale Golf Club in 2016, which raised over $70,000! The day included a complete round of golf with contests, food, and beverages along the course. An evening gala followed, set in the club’s beautiful dining area overlooking the course.
We added 14 new residents to the Nature Center in our barnyard and Live Animal Museum. Most of our animals are rescued!  

1 ferret  
1 hedgehog  
1 toad  
2 bullfrogs  
6 chickens  
1 blue-tongued skink  
1 bearded dragon  
1 California king snake  

Our animals get to meet the public every day in our busy museum and travel with our Naturalist Educators to meet children all over the NY Metro area.
Sustainability increasingly drives the focus and the content of Greenburgh Nature Center’s work with the communities it serves. As a regional educational leader, we partner with municipalities, businesses, schools, organizations, and individuals to provide environmental programming for residents of all ages. In 2016, the Nature Center led successful efforts to increase local/organic food systems, sustainable materials management, and climate change literacy.

Greenburgh Nature Center wove botany, nutrition, and climate change into engaging programs. Aquaponics and hydroponics exhibits were developed and installed in our greenhouse. With the new indoor vegetable garden, we taught students and the visiting public about sustainable food systems. We also built organic vegetable gardens at the Ossining Public Library, Richard J. Bailey School, and planted an heirloom orchard at Montessori Public School 31.

The Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Composting program was fully realized throughout the entire Edgemont School District. Greenburgh Nature Center’s expert sustainability staff led students, faculty and staff to reduce waste by up to 95%. The Edgemont Middle School/High School students were supported in their Zero Waste Club projects by the Nature Center. All of this was made possible thanks to support from Edgemont School Foundation and The Moses Feldman Family Foundation.

Our summer camps became more sustainable with the introduction of a zero waste program for over a hundred new campers. The training in the beginning of their camp week gave the campers the skills needed to properly sort their recycling and composting on our grounds and beyond.

Ten free public environmental programs were hosted in partnership with the Sierra Club Lower Hudson Group, including “Changes in Our Energy Grid: Reducing Carbon While Saving Money,” “Electric Vehicles Put New York in The Fast Lane,” “What’s Cooking in School Cafeterias? Students Lead the Way in Waste Reduction,” and “Film Screening: Before the Flood.”

In partnership with the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County we organized Greening Our Towns, a series of roundtable discussions on municipal best practices in sustainability. Topics included reusable bag initiatives and LED streetlights.

Greenburgh Nature Center achieved Westchester Green Business certification and was awarded the green business community’s recognition for Outstanding Achievement in Land Use. To celebrate, the Nature Center hosted an event to showcase our green business practices and facilitate green business networking which was attended by over twenty local businesses.
Two Native American Replica Sites were designed and constructed in 2016. Thanks to the generosity of Cathy Capasso and Steve Sprague, the Lenape Longhouse and Weckquaesgeek Wigwam were created to serve as important components of our school programming.

Our thoughtfully-constructed butterfly arbor was created with the generous support of Catherine A. Ludden and Eric Rothenberg in the middle of our thriving Native Plant Meadow. Each summer, the arbor will be filled with butterflies, creating an immersive experience for our visitors centered around these beautiful insects.
SUPPORT

A STRONG COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, partners, members and friends! Your generosity impacts over 85,000 individuals each year by allowing the Nature Center to provide exceptional programming and events to the community each and every year. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to igniting our visitors’ passion, curiosity, and respect for our natural world this year!

MEMBERSHIP

In 2016, we engaged members by offering free monthly events and discounts for weekend and special programming. We had over 820 families enjoy the many benefits of our membership! 46% of our members reside in Greenburgh and the remainder in other parts of Westchester County.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

“The Greenburgh Nature Center plays a crucial role as a place where people with special needs can get work experience as volunteers. Away from the challenging distractions of the world, Joseph feels accepted. The Nature Center has been his safe haven.”
- Tara Zegers, mother of volunteer Joseph Zegers

Volunteers are a vital source of staffing and visitor outreach. In our pre-professional training program for high school volunteers, students develop friendships and become a skilled team as they learn about animal care, sustainability, and the ecology of our preserve.

In 2016, we had a total of 95 active volunteers ages 14 and up who accumulated 3,573 volunteer hours altogether!

Our Live Animal Museum accounted for 70% of volunteer time and 30% volunteer contributions were in other fields such as sustainability, groundswork, and accounting. 58% of our total volunteers were ages 14-18 and 42% were ages 20 and up.
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2. Tuitions $269,454
3. Admissions $103,328
4. Contributions* $202,404
5. Annual Giving $34,877
6. Fundraising Events $85,676
7. Foundations and Corp Contributions $72,785
8. Grants-Government $95,830
9. Gift Shop $20,190
10. Investments $9,302
11. Miscellaneous Income $14,535
12. Town of Greenburgh $353,100

Total Operating Income $1,334,768

Net Assets Jan. 1, 2016 $495,542
Net Assets Dec. 31, 2016 $532,688
Temporarily Restricted Assets $63,831
Permanently Restricted Assets $13,200

*Contributions (includes in-kind of $129,594 in 2016)

OPERATING EXPENSES

1. Programs Expenses $878,297
2. Administrative Expenses $312,912
3. Fundraising $106,413

Total Operating Expense $1,297,622

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets $37,146
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