



CITY OF OAKS
foundation

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FY 2019

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Moving Forward Through Transitions

Our eighth year was a time of transition for the City of Oaks Foundation. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters who made 2018-2019 a successful year for the City of Oaks Foundation, but especially to several departing trustees who made an invaluable contribution to the success of our organization during their terms. Thank you to Diane Sauer, Susan Wyatt, and Carter Worthy! We could not have done this work without you!

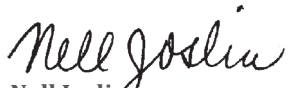
The year was not without challenges – delays at the Internal Revenue Service, resulting from a partial government shut-down, delayed final confirmation of our charitable tax status and created an obstacle to our grant writing and fundraising. We overcame this difficulty thanks to overwhelming community support, and we are especially grateful to all our patrons and supporters who stepped up during this time and allowed our good work to continue.

Other examples of transitions can be seen at the beautiful Joslin Garden, where renovations were initiated to improve access and safety, and to make the house and garden truly enjoyable by all. A more poignant example was saying good-bye to Susan Wyatt and Leewyn Kellam as they moved from their homes on the Kellam-Wyatt Farm to new addresses, as Wake County took ownership of their 60-acre farm and began the process of transforming it into a public park and nature preserve with a special emphasis on our agricultural heritage. We thank Susan and Leewyn, and the late Bob Kellam, for this precious gift to our community. Even one of our long-standing programs, Give Play, experienced an evolution. Building on its core mission to help local youth enjoy active, outdoor summer camp experiences, the program worked with its partner, the Raleigh Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department, to identify children in critical economic need, such as those living in area homeless shelters, and to move them to the front of the line for financial assistance and support.

Through each of these transitions, the City of Oaks Foundation moves forward, evolving and growing, and working to keep nature around for all to enjoy. We thank you for your past and present support through all of this change, and we excitedly look forward to the great future we will share as we work together to ensure a great outdoors for a great Raleigh!

Sincerely,


Chris Heagarty
Executive Director


Nell Joslin
Chairwoman of the Board

THANK YOU!



DIANE SAUER



SUSAN WYATT



CARTER WORTHY

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*** term ended April 2019, named "Trustee Emerita"*

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!

Art Direction: Sergio Analco

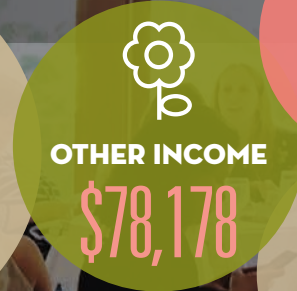
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EIGHT
GREAT
YEARS!

Financials

(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

REVENUE



EXPENDITURES



Note: Independent financial review of the financial statements of the City of Oaks Foundation, Inc. performed by PLC Rouse Norton PLCC, Certified Public Accountants, completed November 15, 2019.

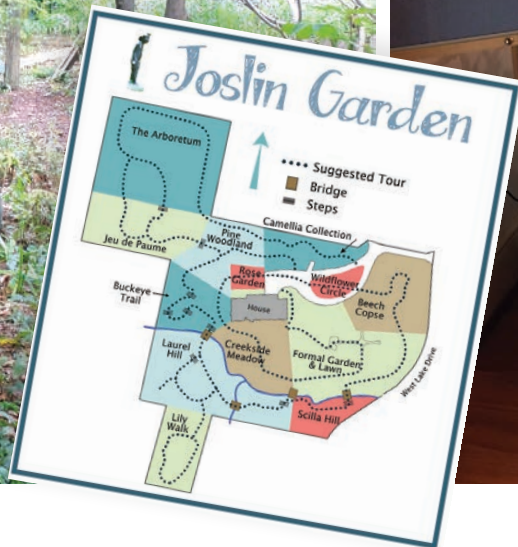
Joslin Garden

HISTORY

This hidden treasure in the heart of Raleigh was designed and tended by the late William and Mary Coker Joslin from 1950 until 2016. The four and one-half acres of rolling hills and gardens overflow with streams, wildlife, and a diverse collection of rare and native plants, arranged in both formal and informal areas. Joslin Garden and the Joslin House were donated by the Joslins to the City of Oaks Foundation, an organization they helped to create in 2010. The House and Garden are currently only open to the public on certain days and for private events, but the Foundation is working with the City of Raleigh to make the property a neighborhood amenity open year-round as a public garden.



William and Mary Coker Joslin.

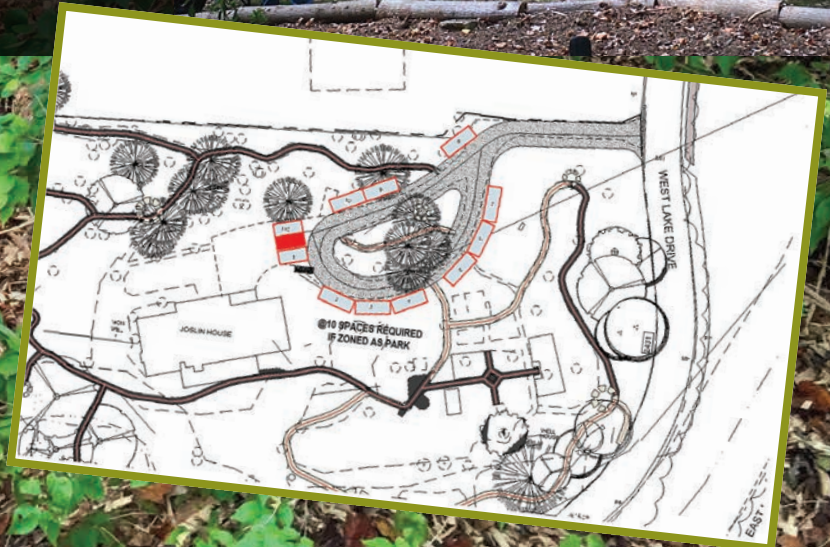


IMPROVEMENTS

The next phase transforming the beautiful Joslin Garden into a public garden and neighborhood park has begun. Capital improvements and renovations to the 68 year-old house and garden began this past winter, to make the residential property more accessible and enjoyable by more people.

During the summer season, the City of Oaks Foundation limited events held at Joslin Garden while these improvements and renovations were taking place. The parking area was redesigned, using permeable pavers to reduce stormwater impact. Construction was initiated on new entry way and bathroom improvements to make the Joslin House more open and accessible, especially for those with limited mobility. These improvements were paid for by the capital funds left by William and Mary Joslin for the stewardship of the property and, while not inexpensive, were necessary to support the transformation of this residential property into a public space. Completion is projected for late 2019.

We would especially like to thank Clearscapes, and the team of Fred Belledin and the late Steve Schuster for contributing their vision and guidance to this project.



Joslin Garden



SHARING THE GARDEN

Hundreds of visitors toured Joslin Garden in FY 2019 from school groups to garden clubs, for a variety of events such as our Open Garden Days, the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Mother's Day Tea Party, our outdoor dinners, and our Oak-toberfest celebration, featuring outdoor painting sessions and our OWL-oween Nature Program.



The Joslin House was also the filming location for an original short film, *Inoculation*, a production supported by the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, and has been used for recitals and rehearsals by several local musical groups.

IN FY 2019 we also continued to grow food donated to Logan Trading Company's "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program and we will look for volunteers willing to manage this community garden in future years.

Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve

A LEGACY OF CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURE

The Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve, a lush property featuring woods, lakes and trails, had been in Bob Kellam's family for generations. Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt preserved the property as a farm and sanctuary to hundreds of plants and animals, while neighboring lots were sold, divided, and developed into neighborhoods and shopping centers. Bob and Susan envisioned that Kellam-Wyatt Farm could become a place for environmental education and sustainable farming for future generations, and, through the City of Oaks Foundation, protected the land with a conservation easement. Through the efforts by the City of Oaks Foundation to promote Bob and Susan's vision, the Wake County Commission accepted donation of Kellam-Wyatt Farm as a future park, nature preserve and community agricultural site to share with future generations. The Foundation continues in its role as an environmental steward, monitoring the conservation easement on the property and advocating for the Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve's future.



Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt.

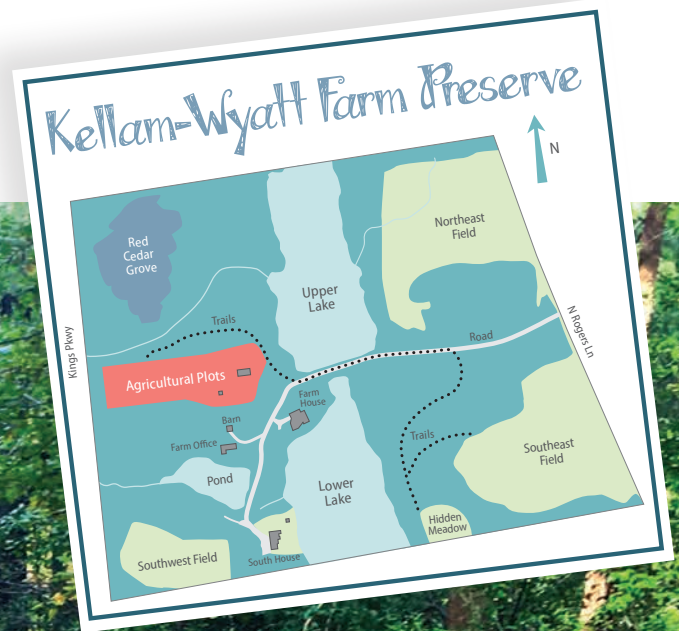


BOB KELLAM'S LEGACY

Bob Kellam died on August 5, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. After his passing Susan Wyatt established the "Kellam-Wyatt Nature and Farm Education Public Park Project" as a special memorial fund of the City of Oaks Foundation. Over twenty-five thousand dollars have been raised for this fund, which will build a suitable memorial in the future Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve to honor Bob's passion for conservation and agricultural education.



Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve



COUNTY PLANNING

Passage of Wake County's recent Parks Bond Referendum means that the next phase of the Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve's development can begin. Included in the bond is **\$34.7 million** that will go toward new park and nature preserve construction. The Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve is one of the projects eligible to benefit from these funds.

Moving forward will mean initiating a comprehensive master planning process in 2020 before any groundbreaking would begin. The planning process is important because it allows the County to engage the public and ensure that the new park and nature preserve fills community needs.

Give Play



THANK YOU FY2019 SPONSOR!
Crabtree Rotary Foundation

MORE THAN FUN!

Through the Give Play program, the City of Oaks Foundation partners with Raleigh's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department to provide financial aid to Raleigh area families so that local children can attend active, outdoor summer camps connected to nature. Through the generosity of private donors, in addition to community sponsors such as the Crabtree Rotary Club, the Foundation provided a week of summer camp experiences to 68 local youth in 2019.

This year the program made a special effort to reach out to children in extreme economic need. Partnering with local community shelters we were able to provide a week of summer camp to 12 children experiencing homelessness in the greater Raleigh area.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE GIVE PLAY PROGRAM
PLEASE VISIT**
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“I have a long history of being involved around Raleigh, and I know my friends and neighbors respect City of Oaks. I was a friend of the Joslins, and I know how loved and respected they were. The Foundation has continued the Joslins’ important efforts and earned the trust of people I trust.”

– Art Ross, Volunteer



The City of Oaks Foundation is proud to recognize the many memorials and donations made in honor of William Joslin and Mary Coker Joslin.

DONATIONS IN HONOR OF / MEMORIALS*

Chris Heagarty
Nell Joslin
Tom McGuire*
John McMillan*
Mary Coker Joslin*
William Joslin*

IN-KIND GOODS AND SERVICES

Alvarino, Frances
Heagarty, Chris
Joslin, Nell
Meeker, David
Worthy, Carter
Wyatt, Susan

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Gant, Elizabeth
Hyde, Jeanette
Joslin, David
Joslin, Nell
Larrew, Treena
McFarlane, Ron & Nancy
McGuire, Tom & Barbara
Nichols Media
Sauer, Diane
Threatt-Taylor, Dale
Townsend Family Foundation
Watson, Carolyn
Worthy, Carter
Wyatt, Susan

SUSTAINERS (\$500 - \$999)

Anderson, Lide & William
Anonymous
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Bradshaw, Tom & Mary Mac
Brice, Mary & Kevin
Duke Energy Carolinas
Fallon Park Garden Club
Frantz, Ella & Stuart
Jones-Roe, Charlotte & Chuck Roe
Joslin, James
Killough, Ann
Midyette, Carlton
Richmond, Ellen
Seed Art Share
Smyth, Fran



“City of Oaks can make a life-changing difference for these kids by getting them out into nature and giving them a connection to these small green spots in their own communities.”

– Dale Threatt Taylor,
City of Oaks Board Member;
District Director at Wake Soil
and Water Conservation District

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Claggett, Nancy	Jeffreys, Edie	Oliver, Charlie	Woods, Perry
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Note: Only donations processed between July 2018 - June 2019 are included in this report. Contributions made in late June of 2019 but not processed prior to the end of the fiscal year will be included in next year's report.

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*The Foundation has also partnered with the City of Raleigh to support important youth programs such as the **Raleigh Summer Youth Employment Program** and the **Neighborhood Ecology Corps!***
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***Azalea Falls** is another property protected by the Foundation that will be in an important link in the Capital Area Greenway System!*



*The Foundation would like to thank **Nestle USA** for its support of the **Millbrook Dog Park** volunteer group.*



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*The Foundation is the Fiscal Sponsor for the **Raleigh Riders** program that provides special tandem bikes to help citizens with limited mobility enjoy Raleigh's parks and greenways.*