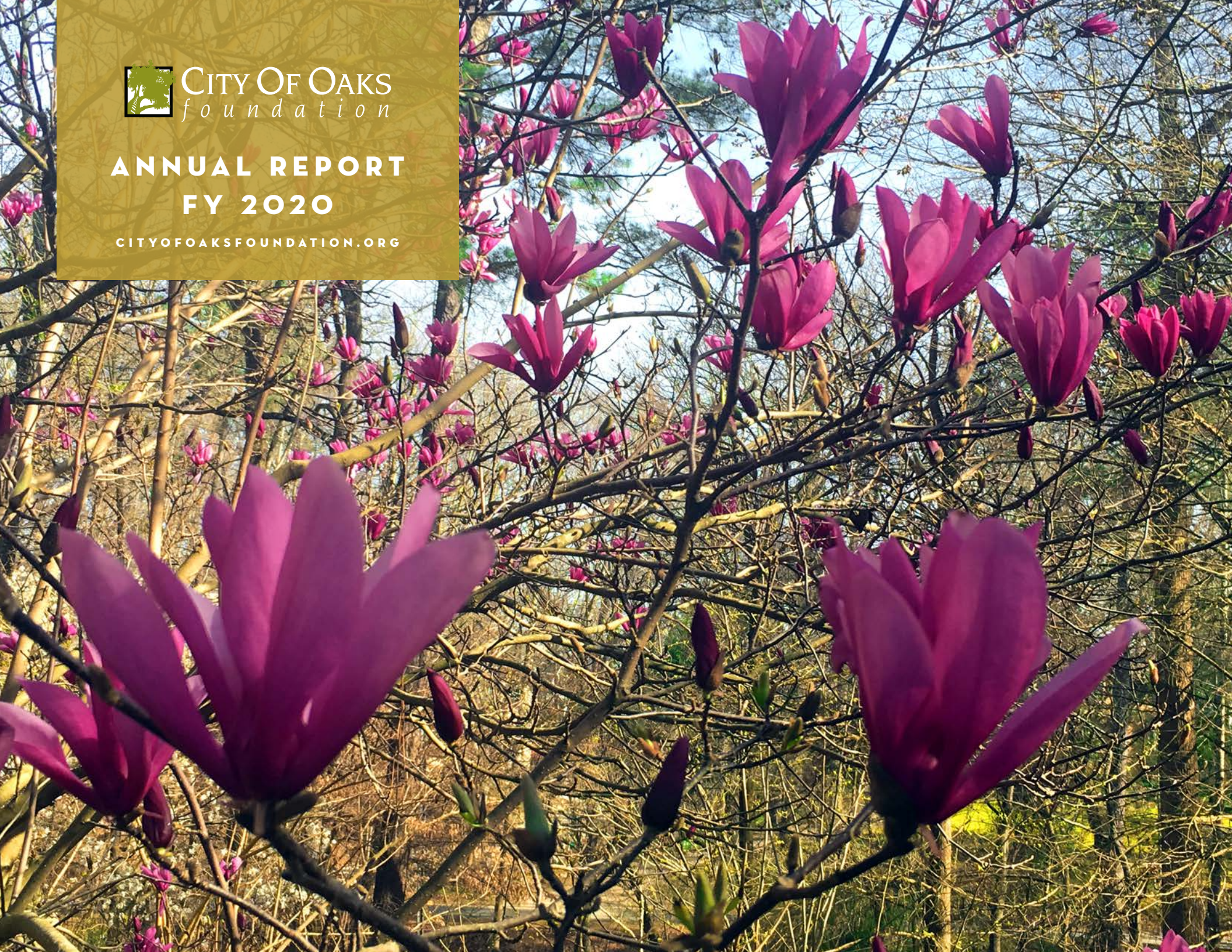




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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FY 2020**

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# Winter Before Spring

We present this report not only to document and acknowledge the challenges of 2020, but also to celebrate our resilience in the face of those challenges. We are so appreciative of our donors, volunteers, and supporters. Without them we would not have made it through our ninth fiscal year of the City of Oaks Foundation.

Like so many organizations, we faced incredible problems during 2020. With the cancellation of events and programs and grave funding challenges we ended the fiscal year on June 30th with a great deal of uncertainty. It would be disingenuous to sugar coat it. It truly was the winter of our organization.

But after every winter we greet the spring and, while it is outside of the scope of this annual report, we cannot leave our readers in the dark and without hope. This report details a challenging period but the good news is that 2020 has built a resilience which will carry forward and sustain us as we enter 2021. Our organization's spring is just around the corner, and we enter our tenth year with signs of strength and growth, even while challenges in our community continue. Our renewal has already begun, and there is every reason to believe that we will be stronger than ever in the year ahead.

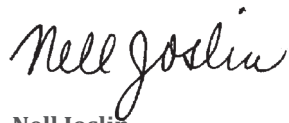
We would also like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for two special departing trustees who made an invaluable contribution to the success of our organization during their terms. Thank you to Dale Threatt-Taylor and Laura Robinson for the dedication, enthusiasm and expertise that greatly benefitted our Foundation. While they may have moved away for now, they have left behind an enduring legacy.

As we stated, our spring is just around the corner and we look forward to the great future we will share in 2021, our tenth year, 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!



DALE THREATT-TAYLOR



LAURA ROBINSON

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2019-2020

**Nell D. Joslin** (Chair)  
**Charlotte Jones-Roe** (Vice Chair)  
**Scott Payne** (Treasurer)  
**Martin Brinkley** (Secretary)  
**Kevin Brice**  
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## PARTIAL TERMS

**Dale Threatt-Taylor** (Vice Chair)  
**Laura Robinson** (Secretary)

**Chris Heagarty**, Executive Director  
**Charles Meeker**, (Trustee Emeritus)  
**Diane Sauer**, (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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# Financials

July 1, 2019 — June 30, 2020

## REVENUE



The Foundation used \$13,382 from its financial reserves to meet the deficit in operating revenue that occurred this year.

## EXPENDITURES

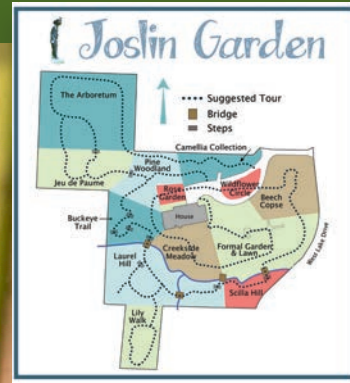
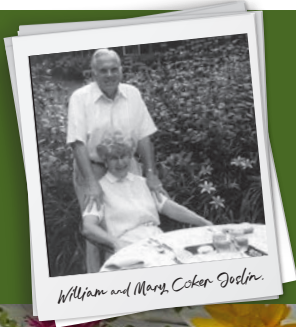


Note: Independent financial review of the financial statements of the City of Oaks Foundation, Inc. was performed by PLC Rouse Norton PLCC, Certified Public Accountants, completed November 15, 2020.

# Joslin Garden

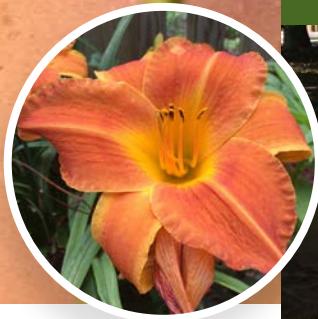
## HISTORY

The City of Oaks Foundation was originally created in 2010 to help deliver this hidden natural treasure as a gift from the late William and Mary Coker Joslin to the people of Raleigh. The four and one-half acres of rolling hills and gardens overflow with streams, wildlife, and a diverse collection of rare and native plants. While the pandemic slowed down this process, great progress was made in 2020 toward transforming this private property into a public park and garden in 2021.



## TAKING A PAUSE

Unfortunately many of the City of Oaks Foundation's signature events at Joslin Garden had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. In their place, the City of Oaks Foundation offered "Virtual" Open Garden Days and a limited number of smaller outdoor events following strict safety protocols while Joslin Garden provided a personal respite for those seeking a secluded and meditative natural space. The Foundation renewed its commitment to help provide community assistance during the pandemic, growing and donating fresh food from Joslin Garden for Logan Trading Company's "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program.



# Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve

## PRESERVING TRADITION, PROTECTING THE FUTURE

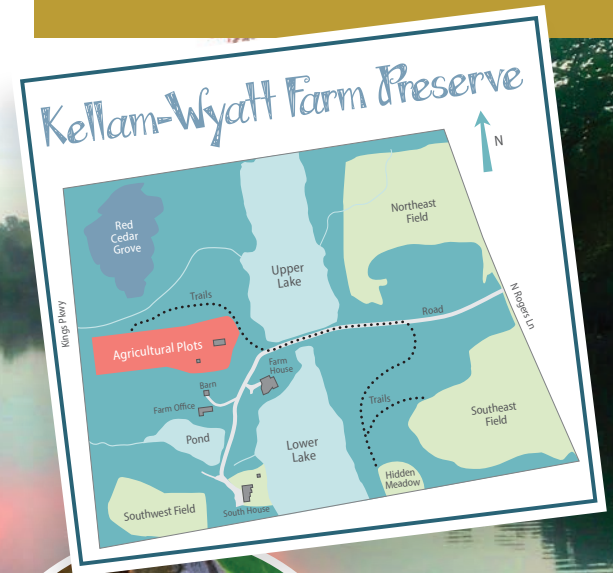
The Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve, a lush 60-acre property featuring woods, lakes and trails, had been in Bob Kellam's family for generations. Bob Kellam and Susan Wyatt preserved the property as a farm and sanctuary to hundreds of plants and animals, while neighboring lots were sold and developed into subdivisions and shopping centers.

Bob and Susan envisioned that the farm could become a place for environmental education and sustainable farming and worked through the City of Oaks Foundation to protect the land with a conservation easement. Through the efforts of the City of Oaks Foundation to promote Bob and Susan's vision, the Wake County Commission accepted donation of the farm in 2018 as the Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve, a future park, nature preserve and community agricultural site to share with future generations.



## VISION TO REALITY

Wake County has initiated a multi-year master planning process to transform Bob and Susan's vision into reality. This 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. Planning is expected to continue through 2021. The City of Oaks Foundation remains an engaged partner in this master planning process, monitoring the conservation easement on the property and advocating for the Kellam-Wyatt Farm Preserve's future.



# Give Play

## IT LOOKED DIFFERENT

Through our 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.

During the time frame covered by this report, many children benefited from these camps in July and August of 2019, but camps were canceled in June of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully most program sponsors have allowed us to hold this money for use in 2021, when we hope to support a record number of campers!



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*I just want to express how amazing the staff were and that this Trekking Wilderness camp was the BEST camp we've experienced with Raleigh. Our family wouldn't be able to afford this program without the assistance of the Give Play Financial Aid.*

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*My daughter was so happy with this camp and I loved that she learned important concepts like recycling and taking care of the earth etc. She loved all the games and the planned activities like biking, hiking and the field trips. Will absolutely sign her again next year.*

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*I'm extremely grateful for this program! It is an excellent program that helped me and my children out to enjoy the beauty of nature.*

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE GIVE PLAY PROGRAM PLEASE VISIT  
[bit.ly/GivePlayVideo](https://bit.ly/GivePlayVideo)**

# Donors

**FOR A FAST WAY TO DONATE TO THE CITY OF OAKS FOUNDATION, PLEASE VISIT:**  
[CityOfOaksFoundation.org/quick-donate](http://CityOfOaksFoundation.org/quick-donate)

**GRANTS AND BEQUESTS** .....

- Bank of America Foundation
- Berrien Community Foundation
- Carolina Hurricanes Foundation
- City of Raleigh – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources
- Citrix
- Crabtree Rotary Foundation
- Good Coin Foundation
- Nestle USA
- Network for Good
- Silicon Valley Corporate Foundation (Pepsico)
- Triangle Community Foundation

**DONATIONS IN HONOR OF/MEMORIALS** .....

- George Alwon
- Elizabeth Bass
- Chief Tom Davis
- Tom Fenner
- Chris Heagarty
- Mary Joslin
- Nell Joslin
- William Joslin\*
- Katherine Killough
- Charles Meeker
- Theo Miller
- Howard H. Morgan, Jr.
- Ellen Richmond
- Dale Threatt-Taylor

**FOUNDER'S CIRCLE (\$1000+)** .....

- Anonymous
- Gant, Elizabeth
- Jones-Roe, Charlotte & Chuck Roe
- Joslin, Nell
- Killough, Ann
- Townsend Family Foundation
- Watson, Carolyn
- Wyatt, Susan

**SUSTAINERS (\$500 - \$999)** .....

- Anderson, Lide & William
- Baker, Elisabeth
- Bradshaw, Tom & Mary Mac
- Brice, Mary & Kevin
- Bross, Cindy
- Dubrouillet, Cindy
- Gardner, Lyle
- McCormick, Tom
- Smyth, Fran
- York, Smedes & Rosemary

**PATRONS (\$101 - \$499)** .....

- Allen, Russell & Deborah Nelson
- Anonymous
- Auman, Bob & Agnes Marshall
- Baker, Prentiss
- Bentley, Stephen
- Brinkley, Martin & Carol
- Brown, Deborah
- Buford, Betsy
- Cain, Copie
- Conyers, Al
- Farres, Sean
- Finch, Emily
- Gardner, Maeve
- Hankins, Ellis
- Long, Robert
- Lysaght, Greer & Chuck
- Meeker, Charles & Anne McLaurin
- Morgan-Davis, Judy & Robert
- Oxholm, Tom & Becky
- Pepsi Bottling Ventures, LLC
- Raleigh Fine Arts Society
- Rocco & Elvira Di Fabio Charitable Fund
- Ross, Art & Jan
- Page, Stephanie
- Rusher, John
- Russell, Kelley
- Threatt-Taylor, Dale
- Watters, Molly
- Wilkerson, Jr., Louis & Lynn
- Woolridge, Hyla

**FRIENDS (Up to \$100 - Partial List)** .....

- Austin, Stephanie
- Baker, Shawsheen
- Barrier, Marianne
- Batchelor, Dale
- Beech, Kellee
- Bell Family Foundation
- Bostic, Richard
- Bowers, Henry & Sory
- Brennen-Lisko, Samantha
- Call, Parker
- Caroline, Margaret
- Christ Episcopal Church
- Clark, Catherine
- Clark, Steve
- Collins, Mary
- Cummings, Mary
- Daniels, Lucy
- Dawson, Jeff
- Edmisten, Rufus & Linda
- Etheridge, Amy
- Folda, Jaroslav
- Freedman, Barbara
- Gallitano, Lena
- Gilkeson, Bill
- Gillikin, Ginny
- Gilmore, Dargan
- Greer, Christine
- Harris, Giavonna
- Hartwig, Marcia
- Hisler, Ken
- Hoile, Jack
- Hutchinson, Sig
- Jeffreys, Edie
- John, Joe
- Johnson, Kelsie
- Kennedy, Joan
- Kent, Elizabeth
- Knittel Mabry, Christie
- Lauderdale, Steve
- Laurie, Samuel
- Levin, Stuart & Sondra
- Panico
- Mahaffey, Lindsay
- Maughan, Grayson
- May, Leila
- McCullogh, Helene
- McLaurin, Meg
- McMillan, Cornelia
- Medlin, Annie
- Medlin, Mary
- Miller, Claire
- Nicks, Robert
- Ostrow, Barry & Lois
- Page, Sandy
- Paul, Greg
- Payne, Scott
- Pearce, Kate
- Poe, Phillip
- Rogers, Kimberly
- Schiffbauer, Lisa
- Scott, Heather
- Shaw, John
- Sigel, Carl
- Sopko, Heather
- Steed, Margaret
- Stephenson, John
- Stevens, Cheryl
- Styers, Gray & Barbara
- Sullivan, Joanne
- Thigpen, Sally
- Thrall, Lucinda
- Trunkey, Adam
- Walser, Emily
- Weldishofer, Lauren
- Wilson, John
- Yang, Nellie

*Note: Only donations processed between July 2019 – June 2020 are included in this report. Contributions made in late June of 2020 but not processed prior to the end of the fiscal year will be included in next year's report.  
 \* multiple donations*

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*The Foundation partners 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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*Negotiations with the City of Raleigh led to additional right of way being acquired to improve access to the Foundation's Azalea Falls property. Construction will begin in 2021 on trails that will become 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.*



*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.*