



# OUR ALUMNI ARE GRITTY AND SERVICE ORIENTED LEADERS.



# What's inside: The

The future of Wild Earth Financial summary *and more* 

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### This year Wild Earth has...

• Provided nature connection programs to over 1,500 people throughout the Hudson Valley.

• Brought every 5<sup>th</sup> grader from the Kingston City School District into the wilderness for days filled with experiential learning. This year, every 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grader, more than 1,000 students are attending.

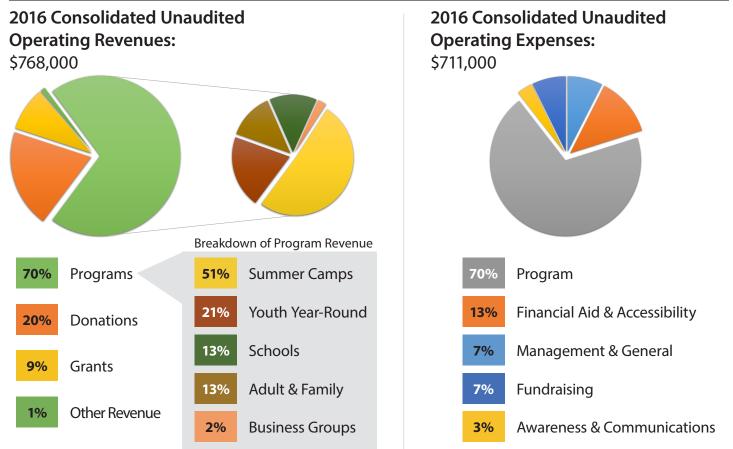
• Collaborated and engaged with community organizations

such as Astor Services and the Newburgh Boys & Girls Club to provide our empowering programs to more of our region's under-served youth.

- Awarded \$90,000 of financial aid and discounts to ensure that Wild Earth is accessible to all.
- Employed over 70 adults and teens in our local community.

Wild Earth programs enhance self-confidence, agency, and leadership, nurture relationships between youth, their peers, and adult mentors, and foster a deep connection to the Earth.

### WILD EARTH FINANCIALS



In the past thirteen years, we've seen Wild Earth's program create gritty, inspired, and service-oriented young leaders. **This year**, **we're bringing Wild Earth's transformative program to 1,000** under-served youth in the city of Kingston, NY.







After two years of piloting our programs in the Kingston City School District, Wild Earth has developed an ambitious four-year project to bring every Kingston middle school student outdoors for nature immersion programming that builds character, leadership, and meaningful connections.

This project will provide over 200,000 participant hours of experiential education to under-served youth, 60% of whom are classified as economically disadvantaged. In many cases, these children have never had the opportunity to play and explore in the woods. Scenic Hudson provided access to conserved lands to make this initiative possible.

### When fully implemented, more than 2,000 Kingston students will receive:

- Full-day Wild Earth experiences on pristine land at start and end of each academic year.
- Wild Earth instructor guided recess at school.
- On-site after-school programming for the most economically disadvantaged students.
- Training and employment opportunities as peer-mentors at Wild Earth programs.

KINGSTON PROJECT PARTNERS:







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**71 employees** \$385,000 in compensation back into our community.

287 program days

More than 1500 children and adults participated.

## 240 families donating

Including 43 businesses partnering with Wild Earth.

# \$90,000 in financial aid\*

*Every* family who requested financial support received it.

















