

A photograph of two children, a young boy on the left wearing glasses and a young girl on the right wearing a blue hat, both looking intently at a small butterfly perched on the girl's hand. The background is a soft-focus green field.

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IN ACTION**

**Eagle Bluff**  
Environmental Learning Center

**2020  
GRATITUDE  
REPORT**









## WITH THANKS & GRATITUDE

Dear wonderful Eagle Bluff supporter,

2020 was a challenging year for all of us, including Eagle Bluff. Due to restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our revenue plummeted and our staff was forced to tackle tough decisions about the immediate future of our programs.

However, thanks to your generous support, we were able to keep our staff on payroll, which allowed them to be hard at work developing COVID-19 protocols to help ensure the health and safety of our visitors. Thanks to this, we were the only Minnesota environmental learning center to host any overnight schools last school year! Because of your

support, our team was able to rise to the occasion to provide much needed outdoors time to help students, parents, and teachers decompress. Our schools were so grateful that they were able to come and have these amazing experiences in the outdoors during a tough year.

We truly appreciate your support and belief in what we do. The following pages provide a glimpse of what you made happen with your support in 2020. Thank you!

**COLLEEN FOEHRENBACHER**

*Executive Director, Eagle Bluff*

# BECAUSE OF YOU, IN 2020:



## WE WERE THE ONLY RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER TO HOST OVERNIGHT GROUPS IN THE FALL

Last school year 23 schools visited our campus for an overnight outdoor school experience. This is a far cry from the 140 schools that usually visit our campus annually. But, to be honest, we were so happy to be able to host ANY schools given everything that happened with the pandemic.

## THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO HAPPEN, DESPITE COVID-19 REVENUE LOSSES

This program brings recent college graduates to Eagle Bluff for a year spent facilitating outdoor experiences while developing teaching and public relations skills as outdoor educators. For much of 2020 we were uncertain if we would be able to run what is such an important and impactful program. Both our staff and board understand the value of this program and were supportive and champions for them coming last year!







## OUR BRAND NEW NATURE PRESCHOOL OPENED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEAD START

Eagle Bluff officially opened our campus to preschoolers last fall! The purpose is to provide children ages 3-5 with a kindergarten readiness program using environmental education to support the development of the whole child. The preschool is a partnership between Eagle Bluff and Fillmore County Head Start, a school readiness program for children ages birth to five from low-income families.

## KIDS & FAMILIES WERE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS IN SAFE AND CREATIVE WAYS THROUGH OUR EXPANDED PUBLIC EVENT OFFERINGS

We offered more high ropes experiences than ever before along with family archery and survival classes. For safety reasons, all experiences were 100% outside, and thanks to the dry summer, were a huge hit. We also offered a family weekend so folks could have a fun, outdoor-centric experience while staying safe within their own family unit. Finally, we reinvented our summer camps by instead offering only day-use options for small groups of youth.



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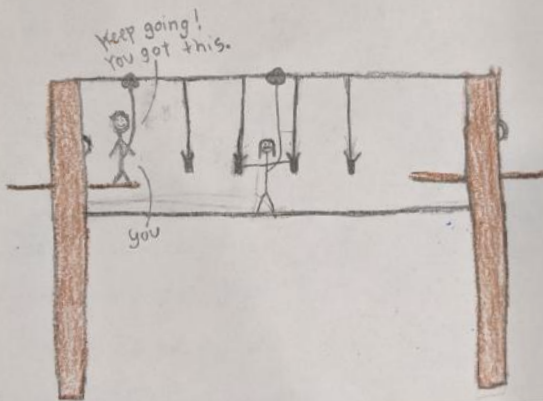
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for us!!



You were so brave on the ropes course,  
I was terrified, but I got through it,  
and I couldn't have done it without you.  
You encouraged us, and you didn't get impatient  
with us when we were slow. Thank you  
so much for everything!

Love, Anorah

P.S. Sorry I had to make stick people on my  
drawing. I didn't have enough room.



Thank you for Helping

us when we came,

I do not think it

Could be any better

then it was. wish

we could have

stayed longer

Sincerely,

Claire









# EAGLE BLUFF BY THE NUMBERS

	audited 2018	audited 2019	audited 2020
Grants	\$81,117	\$118,193	\$326,754
Contributions	\$184,880	\$205,637	\$246,144
Program Revenue	\$1,653,815	\$1,573,699	\$326,754
Investments	-\$33,929	\$93,674	\$36,457
In-Kind Contributions	\$163,918	\$35,918	\$36,068
Other	\$35,415	\$42,816	\$15,039
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,085,216</b>	<b>\$2,069,937</b>	<b>\$987,216</b>
Salary & Benefits	\$1,119,244	\$1,172,927	\$689,168
Insurance & Taxes	\$86,686	\$117,600	\$88,669
Supplies Maintenance	\$528,736	\$376,412	\$271,397
Other Expenses	\$256,568	\$274,304	\$85,311
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,991,234</b>	<b>\$1,941,243</b>	<b>\$1,134,545</b>
Operating Margin	\$93,982	\$128,694	-\$147,329
Depreciation	\$261,800	\$263,853	\$261,923
Net Income	-\$217,970	-\$143,032	-\$406,053
Net Assets: Year Start	\$4,292,435	\$4,074,465	\$3,931,433
Net Assets: Year End	\$4,074,465	\$3,931,433	\$3,525,380

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