



# FLYING DEER NATURE CENTER

2024 Annual Report SEPTEMBER 2023–AUGUST 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM A YEAR OF CONNECTION

Thanks to your support, we served 1,910 children and family members, and nurtured 28 community partnerships, through initiatives that included:

- The 2nd annual Children’s Ancestral Homeland Trip, which brought 8 youth and 3 leaders from the Mohican Community in Wisconsin to Flying Deer for a week of nature immersion and cultural engagement
- A day for teens from Hong Kong and Berkshire County focused on wild edibles as a vital component of food security
- Our 5th year of Treecess in-school programming at Ihabod Crane schools, serving 580 students and 35 teachers biweekly
- Trainings and workshops for teachers, parents, and students, to support the launch of Morningside Playcare’s daily outdoor forest programming in Manhattan for 5- and 6-year-olds



Flying Deer was chosen for a cross-cultural anthropology study that explores how children in diverse cultures form relationships with the natural world. Researcher Amey Zhang of Learning Natures selected us for our intentional culture-building, commitment to childhood and young adult development, and longstanding community.

We welcomed three Indigenous educators (including Kristine Hill, at right) who shared teachings throughout the year, connecting our seasonal celebrations to Indigenous practices and infusing programs with a deeper understanding of the stories of Mohican and Haudenasuane people.



# IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

# 103

hours of paid staff training, bolstering the ability of our new and returning staff to provide inclusive and empowering programming for all



increase in staff pay in the past year, as part of our work to ensure sustainable employment for our instructors

# 60

unique programs offered, including summer camps, weekly homeschool programs, year-long Saturday programs, and ongoing in-school and after-school programs

633 individual donors and volunteers supported our work, representing a

# 36%

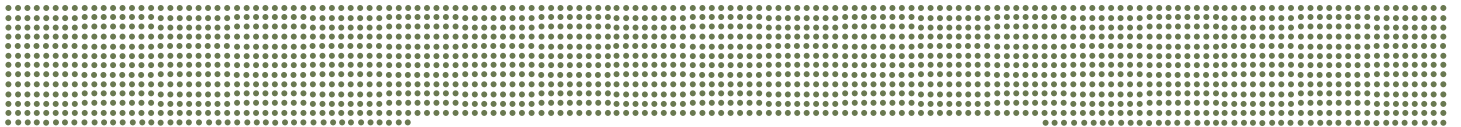
growth in community support in the past year

# 942

kids received in-depth nature immersion programming at no charge to them, through schools and community centers

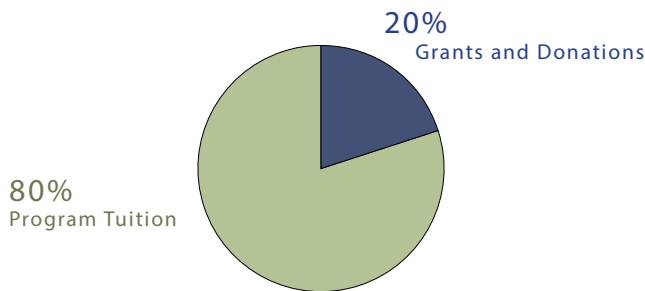
# 45

volunteer teen counselors engaged in nature mentoring throughout the summer and school year—finding strength, resilience, purpose, and joy



1,910 children and family members served

## 2023 INCOME



## 2023 EXPENSES

