The pecan trees at NDC were planted over 120 years ago thanks to the efforts of people past. During some winter long ago the roots of those very trees began to grow. Now, over a century later, those trees give us ample shade, delicious treats for local wildlife, and a place for children to play.

Seeds, both literal and symbolic, planted at the Nature Discovery Center in times past continue to bloom magnificently year after year, and 2022 was no exception.

Both our Twilight Gala and our Pumpkin Patch Fall Festival returned to their pre-pandemic levels of income for the center, bringing together both new and long-time supporters of the NDC. Membership to the center continues to grow too, reaching the highest number of members in the last 3 years. Just like our pecan trees, we have weathered some challenging storms and remain standing strong. Members, supporters, and friends like you truly are the nurturing roots of the Nature Discovery Center.

I am eager for what lies ahead because it will be a year of exciting growth for the NDC as we continue to expand our outreach, evolve our programs, and spring forth with new projects to ignite curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature. This winter, I’d like to invite you to plant a seed with us.

When you donate to the Nature Discovery Center, that seed grows into something special. I can’t wait to see you here this year and plant something new together.

Sincerely,

DeAndra M. Ramsey

Over 11,200 participants across our programs including:
- 2,400 kids had their curiosity ignited through field trips, or a class like Curious Kids and Mess Makers
- 800+ students on field trip visits
- 500 Scouts gained understanding and respect for nature
- Over 600 young children experienced a nature-based story time with someone they love
- 260 people attending family programs like Campfire, Family Nature Night, Walk on the Wildside

... and countless daily guests visiting Russ Pitman park.

359 Species counted on our 4 acres during the Fall BioBlitz, including:
- Over 150 plant species
- 44 species of bird
- 33 species of butterflies & moths
- 25 types of fungi
- 4 mammal species

265 people connected with native and migrating birds through our seasonal birding programs.
Your donation is a seed for the coming year.

In 2022 memberships and program participation were the greatest source of financial support.

Direct Donations & Grants
- $152,000

Memberships & Programs
- $170,000

Special Events
- $160,000

Other
- $37,000

$519,000 in total revenue
$451,000 in total expenses

Join us in 2023 and see how your seeds of support grow!

Thank you for planting seeds that help us ignite curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature through education.

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See the seeds that grew because of you.