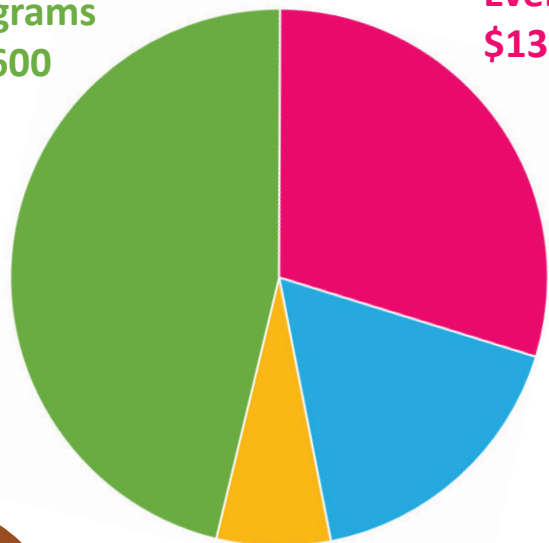


Thank you for helping us ignite lifelong curiosity, understanding, and respect for nature through education.

Memberships & Programs  
\$202,600

Special Events  
\$130,000



Other  
\$30,000

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\$75,000

In 2023, memberships and program participation were the Center's greatest source of financial support.

Join us in 2024 to see how we grow.

With your donation, we will hatch new plans to further ignite your curiosity.

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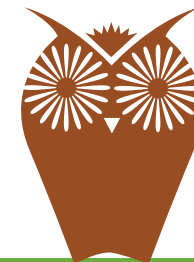
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## 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW



See what we've been hatching...



## Letter from the Director

As the days shorten and the crispness of winter begins to set in at our beloved Nature Discovery Center, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year. Though the land appears still, beneath the leafy surface, life is teeming, poised to emerge — much like the potential that has been incubating within our community and programs throughout the year.

2023 has been about nurturing these promises of growth and watching in awe as they begin to break through the surface. It's been a year of cultivating resilience and celebrating the emergence of new life, new programs, and new connections.

The reopening of our Discovery Rooms marked a renewal of wonder and engagement, and attracted over two thousand visitors. We've seen and heard the night come alive with state-of-the-art bat detection technology used in our new Adult and Family Bat programs.

The completion of the Angelo McNulty-Portnoy Alligator Enclosure exemplifies a collaboration between the NDC, our family-community, and partnerships with other organizations and businesses. This beautiful, living-instillation will ignite lifelong curiosity in the next generation of young naturalists.

This year, we celebrated more than 300 dedicated volunteers. Special recognition was given at our Twilight Gala to honor Betsy and David Black, whose talents, passion and dedication rise taller than any tree in our park.

As we bundle against the chill and cherish the warmth of community gatherings, we look ahead to the growth and announcements that await us in the New Year. Exciting changes are coming to the Nature Discovery Center, and we are eager to unveil this new chapter to you.

I extend a heartfelt invitation to join us through these cooler months. Together, we'll witness the marvel of nature's quiet preparation for the spring to come, and the exciting new developments that await us just beneath the surface.

With warm winter wishes,

DeAndrea Ramsey, Executive Director

## Russ Pitman Park's Wildlife Impact

Our nature park is a thriving urban ecology containing a balance of green spaces for humans and wild spaces for all species. Over 1562 unique species of flora, fauna, and fungi call Russ Pitman Park home including:

- o 9 mammals
- o 67 birds
- o 9 reptiles
- o 5 amphibians
- o 784 insects
- o 56 arachnids
- o 11 gastropods
- o 418 vascular plants
- o 173 fungi



**"Krosis"**

American alligator  
(*Alligator mississippiensis*)



## Our Program Reach

Free programs = 5,715 visitors  
Discovery Rooms = 2,000  
Bird Walks = 305 birders  
Nature Story Time & other = 3,715

Paid programs = 15,275 participants  
Field Trips & Outreach = 6,272 students  
Scout Programs = 258 scouts

