

Prairiewoods

A Place of Peace
and Transformation

2016

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends:

The sign at the entrance to Prairiewoods says, *"All are welcome."*

If you have been to Prairiewoods, you know that by *welcome*, we mean the warm hospitality so deeply rooted in our Franciscan heritage. And when we say *all*, we mean people of any culture or background, on any spiritual path. Truly, all are welcome!

As a friend to Prairiewoods—guest, program participant, retreatant, volunteer, donor, neighbor—you have personally experienced this welcome. More than that, you have contributed to the atmosphere of peace and healing that has transformed so many lives in our first twenty years!

You have helped Prairiewoods impact the environment, change lives and renew spirits—and *we are truly grateful!*

What Prairiewoods has to offer is vitally important: 70 acres of woods and prairies in which to reconnect with nature and experience the interdependence of all creation; programs and retreats that focus on spiritual growth, renewal and understanding; a generative community co-creating a shared future and holding space for what is emerging.

In a turbulent and rapidly changing world, our community needs Prairiewoods. Your gift can ensure that Prairiewoods remains a place of peace and transformation by helping us present a rich and varied slate of retreats and programs, while also keeping the cost to participants affordable. Plus, your gift now is automatically multiplied by a donation of matching funds through our Rooted & Growing campaign, so this is the perfect time to donate. Thank you for contributing to Prairiewoods' welcoming spirit!

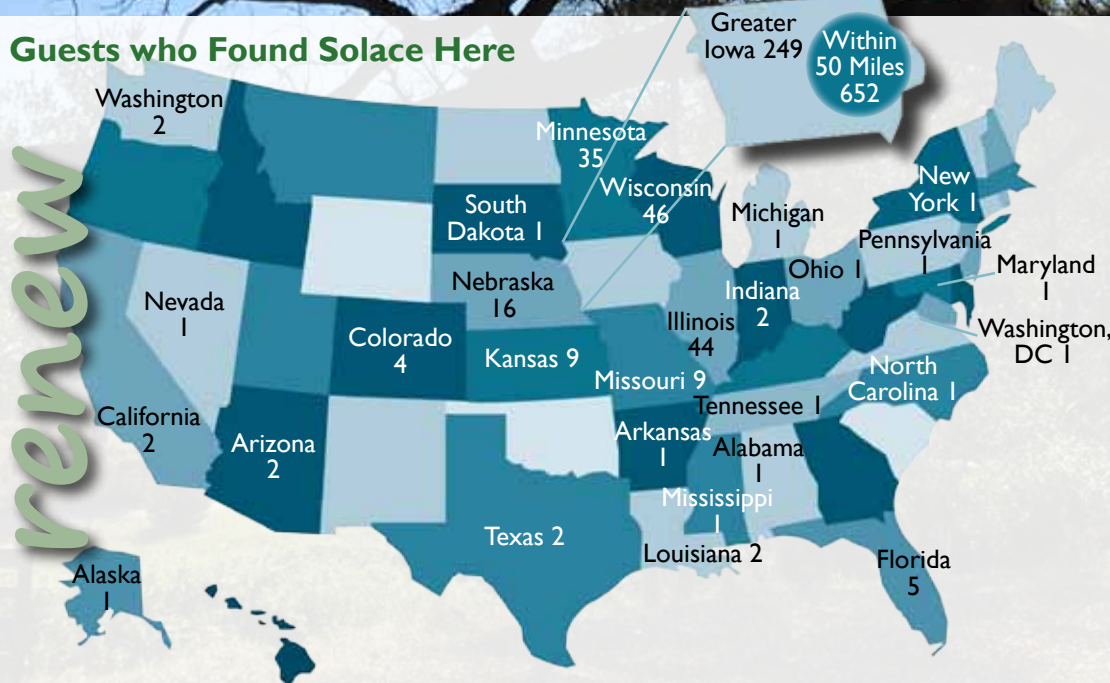
Peace and all good,

Jenifer A. Hanson, Director

Highlights from the Last Fiscal Year

- Aug. 2015:** Celebrated Pope Francis' eco-encyclical *Laudato Si'* with *Praise Be* series of programming focused on eco-spirituality
- Sept. 2015:** Kicked off 8th annual *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)* retreat that lasts 9 months
- Sept. 2015:** Hosted Iowa's 1st native music festival with *Sweetgrass Flute & Nature Fest*
- Oct. 2015:** Began hosting 8-week *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction* classes
- Dec. 2015:** Provided meaningful gift-giving options at annual *Holiday Bazaar* and Cedar Rapids' 18th annual *Alternative Gift Market*
- Jan. 2016:** Launched 2016 with announcement of 25 spiritual retreats
- April 2016:** Welcomed Diarmuid O'Murchu, MSC, and Peter Mayer to annual *Spirituality in the 21st Century* conference with 230 people
- May 2016:** Completed East Culvert Project to reshape eroded banks of Dry Creek to help our community with stormwater mitigation
- June 2016:** Celebrated our 20th anniversary with 200 friends at *Garden Party* fundraiser, raising \$31,325 for future of Prairiewoods

Guests who Found Solace Here



2,065
nights spent in Guest House &
2 solar-powered Hermitages

825
holistic services received,
including massage, reflexology
& healing touch

1,525
spiritual direction sessions
experienced with
8 certified spiritual directors

help

5,403
hours of volunteer time
donated by

174
individual volunteers &
5 service groups

learn



Holistic Health
Programming

Spiritual
Programming

Ecological
Programming

4,476
people attended
393 Prairiewoods
programs & retreats

3,220
people attended events
hosted in meeting spaces
at Prairiewoods

grow

34
different types of produce grown in
gardens shared with Metro Catholic
Outreach (MCO)

634
pounds of produce given to those in
need through MCO's food pantry

7,991
healthy meals served at Prairiewoods

conserve

100
solar photovoltaic panels
produced

21,858
kWh of energy,
which is enough
to power 2 homes
for a year

support

Grants &
Donations



Gift
Shop

Holistic
Services

Space
Rental

Endowment
Interest

Income
July 2015–June 2016

Grants & Donations
\$431,531

Programming
\$190,432

Endowment Interest
\$152,983

Space Rental
\$73,382

Holistic Services
\$67,242

Gift Shop
\$41,931

Other Income
\$2,588

Total
\$960,089

Expenses
July 2015–June 2016

Salary & Benefits
\$604,381

Administration & Upkeep
\$73,817

Programming
\$59,899

Restricted Gifts
\$38,882

Marketing
\$29,584

Gift Shop
\$25,164

Food Services
\$24,446

Total
\$856,173

Thank you for all YOU helped Prairiewoods accomplish in 2015–16!
For a complete list of donors, please visit www.Prairiewoods.org/Donate.