

Prairiewoods

A Place of Peace and Transformation

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends:

Peace and all good (*pax et bonum*, in Latin). You may have heard this favorite greeting of St. Francis of Assisi, although until I came to Prairiewoods as director, I never had. It strikes me now as the perfect greeting for all who come to this place of peace and transformation, this gem of natural beauty on the outskirts of our community!

Peace and all good! As a friend to Prairiewoods—guest, program participant, retreatant, volunteer, donor, neighbor—*YOU add to the atmosphere of hospitality and healing that so many associate with Prairiewoods*. You do this through bringing and sharing your authentic self, and through offering your time, talent and treasure to make it possible for Prairiewoods to thrive.

In these difficult and divisive times, our community needs Prairiewoods! *This year in particular, we are intentionally focusing on and hosting hope*. We celebrate hope based in the interdependence of all creation; we offer programs and retreats that foster hope through spiritual insight, renewal and understanding; we actively steward a generative community, envisioning our shared future and holding space for all that is emerging.

Your gift can ensure that Prairiewoods remains a place of hospitality and hope. Your generosity allows us to present a rich and varied slate of retreats and programs, keeping costs for participants affordable. Your gift represents hope for ongoing investment in environmentally sound practices and the opportunity to keep this beautiful 70 acres of woodlands and prairies open to the entire community.

Peace and all good isn't just a Franciscan catchphrase. It is what so many of you openly shared with us throughout the 2016–17 fiscal year. And it remains our prayer for each and every one of you!

Pax et bonum,



Jenifer A. Hanson, Director

Highlights from the Last Fiscal Year

July 2016: Relaxed with first Adult Summer Camp focused on nature, wellness and creativity

Sept. 2016: Launched 9th annual *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)* retreat that lasts 9 months

Sept. 2016: Hosted 2nd year of native flute music at *Sweetgrass Flute & Nature Fest*

Oct. 2016: Kicked off *Rooted & Growing* fundraising campaign with a \$20,000 1-to-3 matching gift

Nov. 2016: Provided meaningful gift-giving options at annual *Holiday Bazaar*

Jan. 2017: Launched 2017 with announcement of 22 spiritual retreats

Feb. 2017: Began partnership with Backyard Abundance to create permaculture landscaping with Garden of Eat'n

May 2017: Welcomed Ilia Delio, OSF, and Sara Thomsen to annual *Spirituality in the 21st Century* conference with 270 people in attendance

June 2017: Celebrated at *Garden Party* with 200 friends, raising \$32,616 for future of Prairiewoods

help

5,181
hours of volunteer time
donated by

133

individual volunteers &
5 service groups

learn

Ecological
Programming

Holistic Health
Programming

Spiritual
Programming



5,664

people attended
466 Prairiewoods
programs & retreats

3,167

people attended events
hosted in meeting spaces
at Prairiewoods

renew

1,955

nights spent in Guest House & 2 solar-powered Hermitages

784

holistic services received, including massage, reflexology & healing touch

1,562

spiritual direction sessions experienced with 8 certified spiritual directors

36

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

1,453

pounds of produce grown here for Prairiewoods guest meals and for those in need through MCO's food pantry

7,818

healthy meals served at Prairiewoods

give

Thanks to you, the *Rooted & Growing* campaign has met its \$60,000 goal to secure a 1-to-3 matching grant, for a total of \$80,000. *We are so grateful for your generosity!* In the same breath, we ask you to remember that Prairiewoods still needs funds to remain on the cutting edge of care for Earth, upkeep and replacement of 21-year-old furnishings, and more! (Funds raised so far are included under "Grants and Donations" below.)

support

Grants & Donations



Gift Shop & Other

Endowment Interest

Holistic Services

Space Rental

Income
July 2016–June 2017

Grants & Donations	\$567,760
Programming	\$161,692
Space Rental	\$76,576
Holistic Services	\$65,720
Endowment Interest	\$57,834
Gift Shop	\$40,236
Other	\$2,487

Total Income
\$972,305

Expenses
July 2016–June 2017

Salary & Benefits	\$607,018
Administration	\$68,394
Programming	\$53,916
Grants & Restricted Gifts	\$34,269
Facilities & Grounds	\$33,414
Marketing	\$30,824
Gift Shop	\$20,798
Food	\$19,919

Total Expenses
\$868,552

Current Assets	\$10,890
Investments	\$2,217,660

Current Liabilities	\$66,412
Net Assets	\$2,162,138

Thank you for helping Prairiewoods harvest hope in 2016–2017!
For a complete list of donors, please visit www.Prairiewoods.org/Donate.