

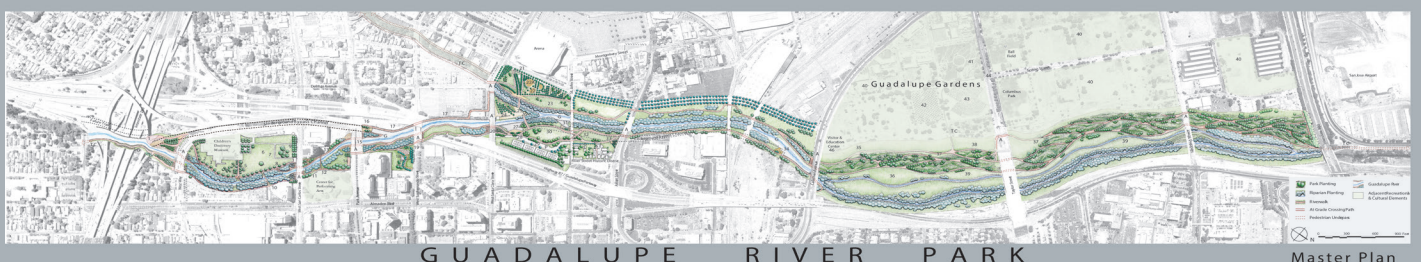
2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Guadalupe River Park & Gardens is a 3-mile ribbon of park land that runs along the banks of the Guadalupe River in the heart of downtown San Jose from Highway 880 at the north, to Highway 280 at the south

254 acres of land — 3 miles of trails — 2,600 rose varieties in the Heritage Rose Garden — 14 fruit varieties in the Historic Orchard

Over 100,000 residents and 90,000 workers are within a 10-minute bike ride to the River Park



2019 MILESTONES



We unveiled the new shade structure over the Rotary PlayGarden's western lawn in November 2019! This was at the top of park patrons' wish list, and we appreciate the support of community members in advocating with us, and our partners at the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services and Public Works for implementing the project.



Our Education Team's technology intern, Grace Kwak, created these awesome 3-D printed skulls that let field trip students interact closely with models of animals and their skeletons during field trips so that they can better understand their bodies and how they survive in wild spaces like the Guadalupe River Park.



The Rotary PlayGarden reached a milestone of 700,000 visitors in 2019! With growing interest, we figured it was time to "grow" the PlayGarden, as well. In conjunction with the City and PGAdesign, we held a number of meetings and surveys to gauge feedback for inclusive expansion plans.



The Conservancy experienced a leadership transition in 2019 as Jason Su joined the Conservancy staff as our new Executive Director on June 3rd. Jason succeeded Leslee Hamilton, who served in this role with heart and soul since 2008. Jason previously served for five years as the Street Life Manager at the San Jose Downtown Association.



Thanks to grant funding from Valley Water, we partnered with Local Color and artist Laurel Picklum to paint this stunning educational mural on the wall facing the west bank of the Guadalupe River Trail under Coleman Ave. The mural highlights the diverse array of birds and aquatic life that comprise the Guadalupe River ecosystem. We hope you enjoy the new look!

THE CONSERVANCY

Our Mission:

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy provides community leadership for the development and active use of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens through education, advocacy, and stewardship.

Our Staff:

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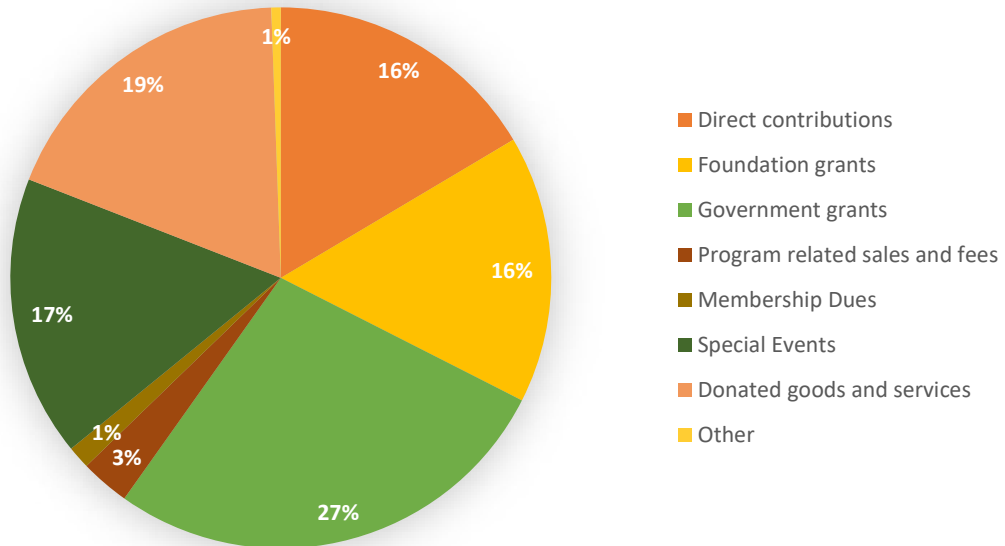
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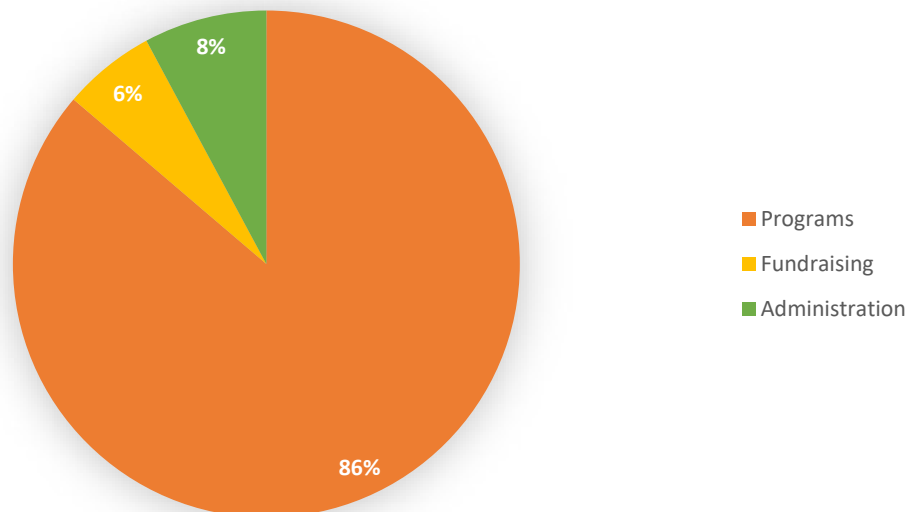
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2019 BUDGET

Revenue (FY 2019) - \$883,500



Expenses (FY 2019) - \$930,500



*Due to how revenue is recognized, we show a projected loss for FY19.

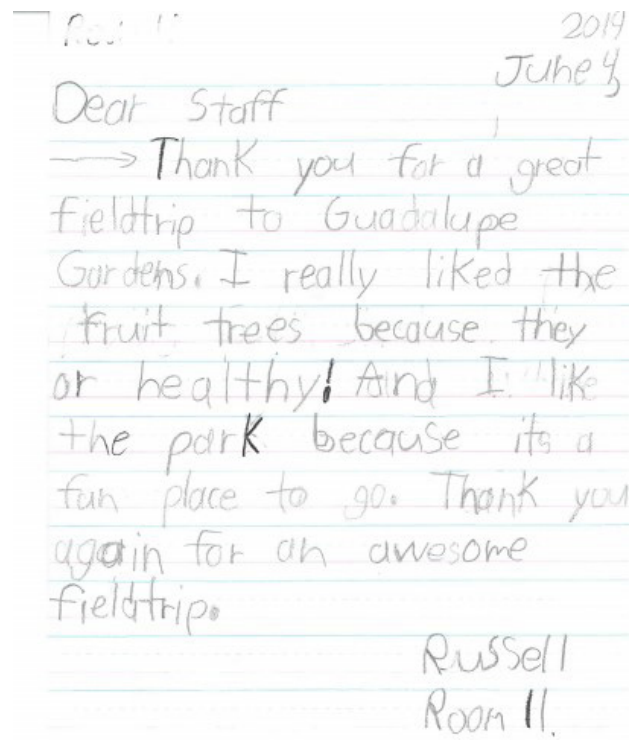
EDUCATION



4,000 students reached
from 20 Title 1 schools
on field trips



700 youth reached through
our Beginning Environmental
Explorers (BEE) program



Room 11
2019
June 4
Dear Staff
→ Thank you for a great
fieldtrip to Guadalupe
Gardens. I really liked the
fruit trees because they
are healthy! And I like
the park because it's a
fun place to go. Thank you
again for an awesome
fieldtrip.
Russell
Room 11.

The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy education programs include: Beginning Environmental Explorers (BEE), Community Homeschool Investigators of the River Park (CHIRP), K-12 field trips, and Camp Guadalupe.

We diversified
our education
programs to
support homeschool
students and
summer camp
classes.

We increased
access to our
programs with
offerings in Spanish,
and through
implementation
of inquiry-based
pedagogy.

We have programs
designed for
persons who need
accommodations,
including those with
autism, blindness,
deafness, and
mobility impairments.

“My students loved their park experience, exploring and observing their surroundings. **It was truly rewarding** to see students connect the activities to key concepts we were learning about and investigating in class. Participation in the Field Trip Class **allowed students to take on the role of biologists** in a meaningful way.”

- Maribel Fong, 2nd grade teacher

ADVOCACY

Super Guadalupe River Run



Pumpkins in the Park



Viva CalleSJ

Viva Calle is San Jose's annual open streets event that activated Arena Green along September's route, creating a thoroughfare for pedestrians and cyclists.

Super Guadalupe River Run, a race around the River Park that benefits the River Park, features a kids' fun run, 5k and 10k.

Pumpkins in the Park, our harvest festival, encourages community members to partake in the bounty of the Valley of Heart's Delight every second Saturday in October.

We celebrate the active use of the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens through our annual events.

We promote park priorities and engage with elected officials, community organizations, and local businesses.

We advocate for the support of City and County park and education initiatives, including the expansion of the Rotary PlayGarden.



It's a bird! It's a plane! Well, it's usually a plane this close to Mineta San Jose International Airport. Other times, it's our friendly sky captain **Buteo jamaicensis**— the red-tailed hawk! These are the most common type of hawks in North America. They're diurnal, which means they're awake during the day just like us, not to mention highly intelligent with superb eyesight. Don't be surprised if you catch one staring at you in the River Park!

STEWARDSHIP



We logged 13,000+ volunteer hours by 2,000+ community members to steward park assets.

We engage our community with dues-paying members and 6,000+ monthly newsletter recipients.

We participate in key stakeholder groups, like the San Jose General Plan Taskforce, that affect development of the area around the Park.



Carolyn Kameya is our head Master Gardener, who leads our other Master Gardener volunteers in taking care of the family section (fruit trees you might find in a back yard) of the Historic Orchard. Carolyn has been a Guadalupe River Park volunteer for over ten years.

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\$25,000+

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John S. and James L. Knight Foundation
County of Santa Clara
David and Lucile Packard Foundation
Leo M. Shortino Family Foundation
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority
Valley Water
Western Digital

\$10,000+

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www.grpg.org/membership

- Become a corporate or community partner!

Email Jason Su, Executive Director at jason@grpg.org for more details

Volunteer!

- Join us for community work days, corporate volunteer groups, and individual volunteer opportunities on the trail, in the Rose Garden, and at the Rotary PlayGarden
 - Check out all our upcoming volunteer work days on our website
www.grpg.org/volunteer
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