



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Thanks to your generous support, 2015-2016 was a big year for the Loppet Foundation -- and for all lovers of year-round outdoor activities in the Twin Cities area. We were busy making the world a better place -- with more kids and families enjoying year-round outdoor activity and adventures. With your help, the Loppet Foundation:

- Taught over 800 North Minneapolis students to ski through eight Minne-Loppet programs;
- Led the effort to start TRAIL KIDS, a regional program designed to get 7-14 year-olds involved with lifetime activities early in their lives;
- Expanded our scholarship and summer job offerings through Loppet Adventure Camp;
- Helped North Minneapolis youth develop skills and leadership through our Junior Loppet programs and through our new Loppet Alumni program;
- Won our third-straight national championship as the best junior club in the country;
- Renewed our non-profit certification through the Charities
- Review Council and received podium/gold certification through the United States Ski Association (USSA) - meaning that you can count on us to do things right;
- Celebrated great participation, volunteer work and spectating at all of our major events; and
- Built our fiscal reserve at the same time, making us a healthier organization as we move into the future.

But our biggest achievement of 2016 was the execution of a series of agreements with our long-time partner, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB). These agreements will guide our relationship for years to come. They will allow us to construct The Trailhead project, donate The Trailhead building to the MPRB, lease it back from the MPRB, and then run The Trailhead, winter recreation

throughout the MPRB system, as well as year-round activities in The Trailhead area.

This work has already begun! We are just launching our newest line of business: Loppet Trails & Recreation. We have hired our first Trails Superintendent to lead the efforts and a crew to do the snowmaking and grooming. We have begun to construct mountain bike event trails and have reconfigured the ski trails and the tubing hill at Wirth Park. We are adding a cooling tower for cold water and additional snowmaking equipment and infrastructure.

Even with all of this going on, we continue to fundraise for The Trailhead. We are 80 percent of the way toward our \$8.5 million goal, but we still have \$1.8 million to raise. Pending progress on our fundraising, we start construction on the next phase of the Trailhead project - the building and site work - in spring 2017, with an expected completion date of fall 2017, in time for the Masters World Cup in January 2018.

It is an exciting time for the Loppet Foundation. As an organization, we are making a big investment in Trails & Recreation and The Trailhead, and we need your support more than ever so that we can make our collective dreams of an outdoor-active world come true. We need your voluntarism. Your membership. Your Annual Fund contributions. And your support for The Trailhead Campaign.

See you on the trails!



John Munger
Executive Director



Bill Blazar
President, Board of Directors





VISION

The Minneapolis area leads the world in year-round outdoor activities. Ethnically and economically diverse individuals and families come together around a shared passion for the outdoors – a passion that is universal. The Loppet Foundation is at the center of this shared passion in Minneapolis.



MISSION

We create a shared passion for year-round outdoor adventure in the Minneapolis area, focusing on underserved youth and families.



VALUES

ADVENTURE

We believe that living an inspired life requires taking paths with uncertain outcomes. We focus on the journey.

EXCELLENCE

We set the highest standards and strive for continuous improvement in everything we do.

STEWARDSHIP

We are committed to nurturing the resources – like youth, natural resources, and financial assets – entrusted to our care.

INTEGRITY

We value honesty and high moral standards, but our definition of integrity also includes holding each other accountable for living the outdoor active life that we promote.

INCLUSIVENESS

We believe that an outdoor active life is part of all cultures and we strive to share our passion for outdoor activity across individuals with differing abilities, as well as ethnic and economic lines.

EVENTS



All-star Loppet volunteers made the 2016 Loppet Festival one to remember--again. We could not make big decisions until Tuesday evening after a large snowfall, leaving only three days for final preparations. In the end--thanks to our amazing volunteers--we pulled off a full weekend of events, including the inaugural Speedskating Loppet. The outdoor post-luminary party received rave reviews, as people danced and celebrated winter in Minneapolis into the night.

The Salomon City Trails Loppet, UCare Tri-Loppet, and Surly Brewing Co. Trail Loppet each had strong attendance this year, engaging competitors of all ages, including youth from our programs. A record 36 Junior

Loppet athletes and alumni, 29 from North Minneapolis, participated in the spring trail run, while 18 paddle partner volunteers paired up to complete the off-road triathlon.

Our 2016 events season ended with the Surly Brewing Co. Trail Loppet, where runners embraced a wet and muddy course at Wirth Park. Junior Loppet team members and alumni participated in the varied-distance events. Sixth grader Denise accidentally took a wrong turn in the course, which led her to complete the 13.1K course. This change of events had a positive impact on Denise; she now is very determined and encourages her teammates to push themselves to accomplish their goals.

 **13,884** combined participants in the four major Loppet events

 **1,711** volunteers provided more than **7,703** hours of service

4  **7,050** people of all ages participated in the Comcast Luminary Loppet

Loppet Adventures continued to expand our reach in 2016, strengthening our work with high school students, deepening our connection to partner schools and increasing family involvement.

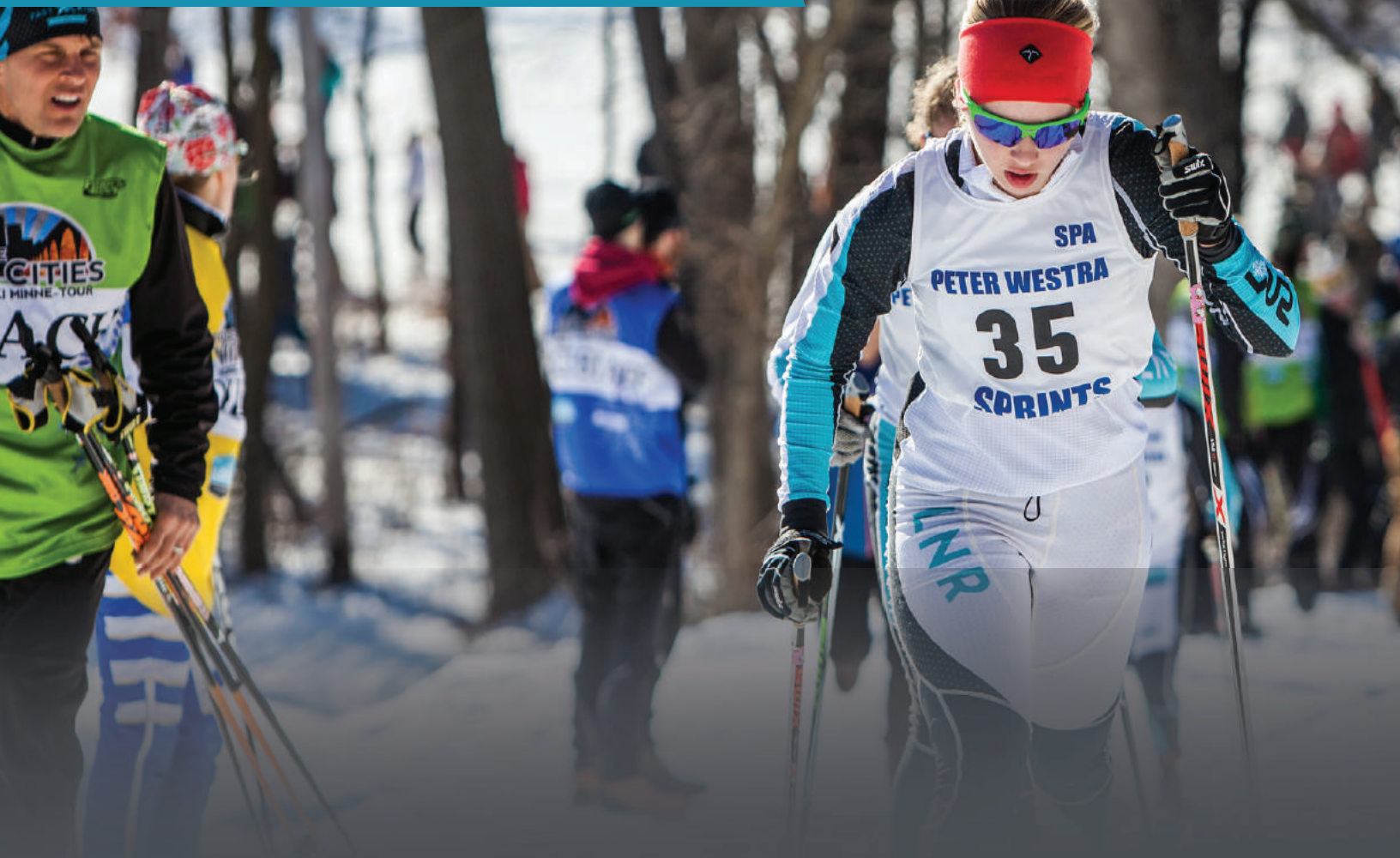
In our high school Loppet Alumni program, we found that increasingly our Loppet alumni are truly adopting the outdoor-active lifestyle and defining themselves by it, whether or not they continue to ski. They are serving as mentors to younger students as camp counselors and to their communities more broadly. In March, two Loppet alumni, Saysetha Philaphandeth and Teagan Brogdon, represented the Loppet Foundation on the first Loppet-Porsgrunn School Exchange in Norway.

We are deepening our relationship with our eight Minne-Loppet schools, as the staff involved increasingly see us as an integral partner in the social-emotional development of students. In 2016, we launched an outdoor adventure school that connected outdoor activities with academics: orienteering as a mapping lesson, journaling as a writing exercise and exploring the ecosystem as a science project. We believe our outdoor activities create a unique backdrop for learning.

On the adult programming side, we saw great involvement across the board. Increasingly, Loppet Adventures is serving as a launching point for people who want to pursue new activities. We had 60 women take an introduction to mountain biking, and they now see themselves as confident and adventurous bikers.

-  **567** youth participated in eight weeks of Adventure Camp, **179** on scholarship
-  **835** students learned to ski in eight Minne-Loppet program elementary schools
-  **540** adults participated in a variety of Loppet Adventures programs, from Ski Club to bike clinics.

LOPPET NORDIC RACING



Loppet Nordic Racing continues to dominate the Junior National Championships. In 2016, LNR won the overall club national championship and women's title for the third consecutive year. LNR also had four athletes competing at the World Junior Championship in Romania, three in cross-country skiing and one in biathlon. LNR biathlete Amanda Kautzer also competed in the Youth Olympic Games, held in Lillehammer, Norway, and placed 10th, an amazing result. In 2016, we had 15 LNR Juniors accepted into NCAA skiing programs, including eight on athletic scholarships.

LNR takes pride in the quality of our coaching staff. We now have 30 coaches who have achieved U.S. Ski & Snowboard Association (USSA) Level 100 certification

and eight who are certified as Level 200, which is more than any club in the country. In 2016, U.S. Olympians Brian and Caitlin Gregg increased their involvement in LNR, helping to coach, mentor and inspire our young athletes.

In preparation for The Trailhead, we expanded our adult LNR programs, adding strength training, more training groups and classes, and a masters ski team to compete at the 2018 Masters World Cup. We also launched TRAIL KIDS, a new and regional approach to outdoor endurance activities for youth, ages 7-14 years old, and continued our mountain biking and running adventure races, now in their fifth year.



1,600 LNR registrations in 2015-2016



28% increase in LNR participation overall compared to 2014-2015



748 TRAIL KIDS registrations, an increase from **465** FAST KIDS registrations last year



THE TRAILHEAD



Thanks to the generosity of 637 campaign contributors, Theodore Wirth Park will soon be home to The Trailhead, the new name for the Adventure and Welcome Center. In 2016, we achieved critical milestones in the project: executing a series of operating, lease and donation agreements with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) and reaching 80 percent of our \$8.5 million goal. Our fundraising progress positioned us to broaden our campaign appeal or "go public."

Our progress also sparked the launch of our newest line of business, Loppet Trails & Recreation, which will spearhead the work surrounding The Trailhead. In 2016, we hired our first Trails Superintendent to lead the effort, as well as a snowmaking and grooming crew. We started to construct mountain bike event trails

thanks to a notable \$100,000 gift from Quality Bike Products and reconfigured the Theodore Wirth Park ski trails and tubing hill. We also confirmed plans to add a cooling tower, equipment and infrastructure to enhance snowmaking, as part of The Trailhead project.

Pending progress on our fundraising, we start construction on the next phase of The Trailhead project - the building and site work - in spring 2017, with an expected completion date of fall 2017, in time for the Masters World Cup in January 2018.

For a complete listing of campaign contributions and pledges made through 9/30/16, see page 12.

🍁 **\$6.7** Million raised toward **\$8.5** Million capital campaign goal

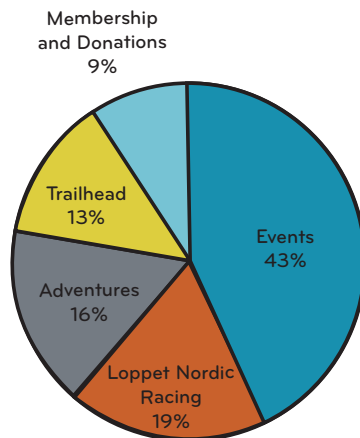
🍁 **\$145,000** specifically designated towards new mountain bike event trail and learning area

🍁 **1** transitional operating agreement, and 3 agreements (donation, lease and operating) reached in principle with the MPRB, marking a major milestone in this public-private partnership

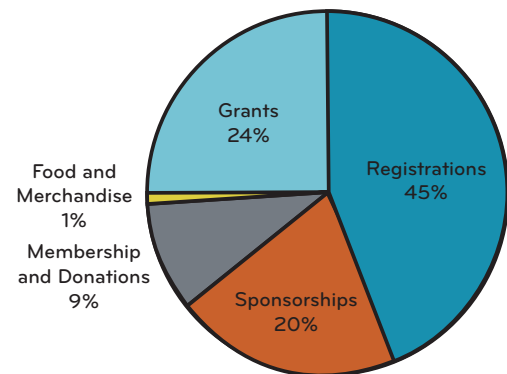


FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2016 REVENUE BY PROGRAM



2016 REVENUE BY TYPE



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION*

September 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$2,619,462
Accounts and Contributions receivables	\$674,909
Prepays	\$26,529
Equipment, net	\$57,807
Total Assets	\$3,378,707

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$21,306
Accrued Payroll and other Expenses	\$75,497
Deferred Revenue	\$32,505
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$27,898
Restricted Net Assets	\$3,221,501
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,378,707

(*) Subject to final audit

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES*

For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

REVENUE

Registrations (Events, LNR)	\$1,089,659
Sponsorships (\$245,004 in kind)	\$489,004
Grants (Adventures, Trailhead)	\$587,482
Membership & Donations	\$213,350
Food & Merchandise sales, net	\$28,164
Total Revenue	\$2,407,659

EXPENSES

Program Services (81%)	\$1,837,837
Management and general (8%)	\$196,802
Fundraising (11%)	\$243,459
Total Expenses	\$2,278,098

Change in Unrestricted Assets **\$129,561**



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Participants in Junior Loppet teams paired up with adult partners to compete in the 11th annual UCare Tri-Loppet. Above pictured is Kemari Williams (left) and Spencer Davis.

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STEP-UP Partnership Continues:

Five Minneapolis high school students - Youssou, Daveion, Jamiya, Yahye and Wilfredo - spent the summer cleaning up trails as part of the City of Minneapolis STEP-UP internship program. Avid mountain biker and outdoor enthusiast Rachel Olzer led the team. Thank you, BMS Intermediaries, for your support.

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Hail the Hale Sisters: When Jacey Hale (right) resigned as the Loft Literary Center's executive director, she made a goal: to finish the Puoli Loppet, her first ski race since 1981. She trained hard and did it! Jacey is the sister of long-time Loppet supporter and participant Leslie Hale, who was the ninth woman finisher in the 2016 Hoigaard's Classic Marathon.

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"The Loppet has been an instrumental part of our relationship, and we're both excited to be a part of it for years to come. From running to biking to paddling to skiing, we're pretty much always training for our next Loppet event." In lieu of gifts, Allison Hannon and Blaine Gudbjartsson generously requested donations be made to the Loppet Foundation when they got married.

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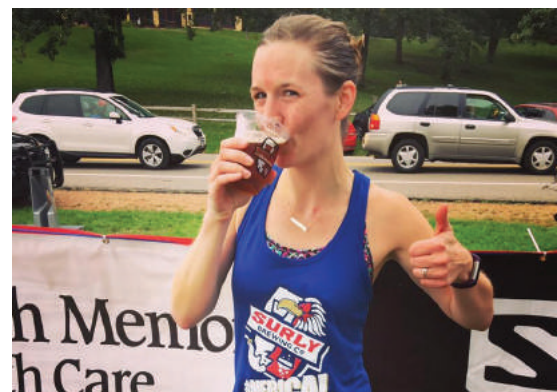
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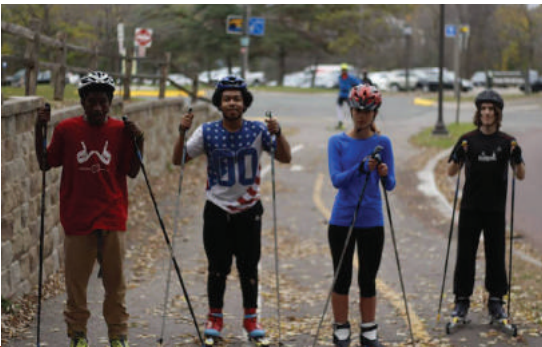
Grieving daughter finds solace

at Trail Loppet: After losing her mother, Loppet member Rachel Thielman turned to running. She signed up for the Surly Trail Loppet, but almost backed out. She told us, "The day before was one of the worst days I had in a long time. I was depressed and missing my mom...but the morning of the race I woke up, got ready and started getting excited." Participating in her first Surly Trail Loppet reminded Rachel how strong she is, and she felt her mother's presence cheering her on every single challenging mile.

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Anwatin Team Called "Incredibly Nice:" "Why are all the kids on the Anwatin team all so incredibly nice?" Cindy Pick asked her daughter Katy Scott, an Anwatin Junior Loppet alumna. "It's because of Allie," Katy responded. Cindy's question was prompted by Anwatin eighth graders and co-captains Victor Morales and Nico Borrello, who took 10-year-old Sam, Katy's younger brother, under their wing after finishing a TRAIL KIDS adventure race this fall.

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