Dear Loppet Community,

Our 2019-2020 fiscal year started with the frenzy of activity and excitement leading up to the 2020 World Cup. So many volunteers and staff poured thousands of hours of work into hosting the first World Cup on American snow in over two decades. As we all know, the event slated for mid-March had to be cancelled as COVID-19 took its hold on almost every aspect of life.

Programming and events were halted, and like every household, organization and business we had to learn and adapt to the “new normal”. With the creativity and determination of an amazing crew of staff and volunteers, we were one of the few organizations to still hold adapted events throughout the year and many programs and clinics safely at Wirth Park.

In July, John Munger stepped down as the Loppet’s Executive Director after 17 years of service to the organization. Ray Aponte, Loppet Adventures Director, stepped in at a critical time as Interim Executive Director and helped us finish the year strong.

I want to thank everyone who made this year happen - from our coaches, to our donors and volunteers and everyone in between. We couldn’t have done it without you!

After being the first paid employee running youth programs back in 2003, I am thrilled to be back years later to now serve as the Loppet’s new Executive Director. The 2019-20 year was certainly a hard one for the Loppet, but I am proud of the way the community came together (at a distance of course) in the spirit of outdoor adventure and continues to thrive.

There are a lot of new faces around the Loppet (mine included!) that I hope you have the opportunity to meet at the Trailhead or out on the trails. We are more committed than ever to our mission to create a shared passion for year-round outdoor adventure in Minneapolis for all, and we’d love to hear what that means to you.

I look forward to reporting the Foundation’s successes and resiliency in our next annual report!

Jon Van Horn
Board President

Claire Wilson
Executive Director
2020 was a year of many hardships, and the Loppet Foundation was proud to be able to provide meaningful respite in a time void of social and recreational opportunities. Here’s a story of one of the many families we served:

‘I am so grateful for the programming that the Loppet has provided for my child. 2020 has been very difficult for my son. He does not have anyone close to his age living at home with him and with distance learning, he became very bored and lonely.

The Loppet gave Gilbert the opportunity to socialize with other children his age, get exercise and fresh air, all while practicing social distancing. Gilbert’s favorite activity is definitely mountain biking. He especially loves the Area 36 trail because it feels like it could go on forever. It has been nice to get to know the other families and develop deeper relationships with them.

Through the Loppet, my son taught me how to mountain bike, and now I look forward to riding the trails on the days I don’t have to work. Now I can’t even imagine life without the amazing trails right in our own neighborhood!

Gilbert and his mother’s story are not unique – we heard similar feedback from many of our families all year and we know that so many of the parents are grateful to have the park, trails and the Loppet to give their children a healthy outlet when they are at home for so many hours of the day. We saw so many families getting outside together, an added consequence and benefit of the pandemic.
Minne Loppet
With the 2019-2020 ski season, the Minne-Loppet Ski program completed its 15th year of teaching cross-country skiing to Minneapolis Area elementary school children. Over 600 students in eight schools learned to ski through the 10-12 week program skis, boots and coaches provided for each school. Schools also made trips to Theodore Wirth Park to ski on our trails. The program culminated in a “race” during the City of Lakes Loppet – with medals and cookies for all!

Junior Loppet
The Junior Loppet program uses outdoor activities like cross country skiing, mountain biking and trail running to empower 75-100 underserved youth annually from Minneapolis’ Northeast and Anwatin middle schools. During a pause in programming from March through May, youth participated in virtual team-challenges and incentives to get outside, move, and stay social. At the beginning of June, they were very excited to get back together while following CDC recommended precautions. As usual, the kids got to run, mountain bike, orienteer, canoe, and participate in our mountain bike race series hosted at the Trailhead building - all outdoors.

New in 2020, the Northside Adventures program is a part of the Junior Loppet program, but instead of participants being from a specific middle school, the Northside Adventures team is open to any youth that live in North Minneapolis and want to get involved in programming.

Adventure Camps
The Loppet Foundation was proud to host COVID-safe sessions of Adventure Camp all summer and even added more week-long sessions in the fall due to the overwhelming demand. Youth at Adventure Camps spend all day mountain biking, paddling, orienteering, playing outdoor games and learning about the nature surrounding them – all in Theodore Wirth Park.
LOPPET RUN 365
This new program, run by Olympian Abdi Bile, supports a wide variety of athletes, from beginners to elite runners, in getting outdoors, setting goals and running. The program serves youth, teens and adults, including a Somali language adult running group and a Cedar Riverside senior women’s fitness group. Recently the Somali language adult running group completed the 10:10:10 - a goal of the entire group to complete a 10K or 10 mile run by October 10th. Many of the members of this group were not runners when they began, and we are proud to say they are all runners now.

LNR
LNR Junior athletes had a busy summer and fall training season, which included training camps in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Colorado during the summer, and a 10 day early snow camp in Wyoming. LNR juniors dominate racing in the Midwest, qualifying 30 out of 50 athletes for competition at the Junior Nationals in California. Unfortunately, the Junior Nationals were interrupted by the pandemic and competition ended after 2 days of competition.

On the Adult side of LNR, it was a banner year for our racing programs, with over 300 athletes training with LNR programs ranging from spring strength training to winter race preparation. It was also a strong year for our Summer Collegiate Program, the YAMS (Young Adult Master Skiers) and the LEMONS (age 40+ race team) with great representation at Midwest marathons.

LCW
The LCW training season started in November with regular strength and indoor trainer sessions. In April, athletes travelled to Sedona, Arizona for a 9 day training camp. Competition began in May with Wisconsin and Minnesota Series races in preparation for the US Nationals. LCW athletes then travelled to compete at the US National Mountain Bike Championships in Winter Park, Colorado. Nine athletes travelled with coach Bruce Martens to race in the XC, Short Track and Enduro competitions. Other highlights for LCW included development of a comprehensive Coaches Education curriculum that was put to work in conjunction with Trail Kids to prepare 75 coaches for programming in LCW and Trail Kids.

TRAIL KIDS
Summer and fall were a very busy time for our TRAIL KIDS programs – registration was up over 20% and sessions filled incredibly fast. The first ever run and orienteering sessions were held this summer, headed by coach Laura Cattaneo. Laura was born in Switzerland where orienteering is very popular and grew up competing in the sport.
**Events**

**City of Lakes Loppet Winter Festival**
Thankfully prior to the 2020 World Cup That Almost Was, the City of Lakes Winter Festival and Luminary Loppet were able to take be held in full force. Thousands came out for a beautiful weekend full of skiing, snowshoeing, skijoring, fat tire biking and more.

The rest of the Loppet Foundation’s events took place in the shadow of COVID-19; in an environment in which a traditionally facilitated race would be inappropriate but when healthy outdoor activity was more important than ever.

As such we redesigned the events from start to finish to create a challenging, fun, and (virtual) community-centric race experience that kept participants and our community safe.

**Sitka Salmon Shares CityTrail Loppet**
Over 450 folks registered, and many took advantage of the opportunity to run the course multiple times. The record holder ran 11 loops! All ages came out to run the challenging 10K- from 9 to 71 years old, including 25 men and women 60 and over. We were thrilled to (virtually) host family groups, providing a fun family outing and outlet from Covid-19.

**Tri- and Du- Loppet**
Over 150 folks registered, and many took advantage of the new Du Loppet (bike + run) option. Relay teams were made up of extended family members, training buddies, and co-bubblers. We were thrilled to (virtually) host all of these groups, providing an adventurous summer outing and outlet from Covid-19.

**Surly Trail Loppet**
Over 400 folks registered for the event this year, and we were thrilled to treat them to some of the most beautiful single track and ski trails in the south section of Theodore Wirth Park. This keystone Loppet event provided friends and families an adventurous and safe fall outing and outlet from Covid-19.
Trail use in Wirth Park doubled or even **TRIPLED** on many trails during 2019-20

Almost **7,700 ski passes** were sold – most ever to date

**The mountain bike skills course** was completed and operational with three tracks available

We continued our commitment to specific **outreach to Northside youth** and to consistently providing inclusive experiences at the **This included for the first time ever hosting multiple school field trips at the Trailhead. Over 450 youth experienced a day long field trip experience in the Trailhead and at Wirth Park. This included transport to the park, ski lessons, lunch, and tubing experiences.**

**Mill Valley Market** opened in The Trailhead in June, offering fresh and healthy food and beverage options and fun live music events to the park

The Trailhead was **closed to the public** during the COVID-19 pandemic with the exception of winter rentals and limited indoor dining when allowed by state and local officials
INCOME STATEMENT

Operating Income
- Donations, grants and membership: $1,111,413
- In-Kind Contributions: $206,162
- Sponsorships: $302,250
- Registration: $1,615,494
- Sales (food, merchandise, etc): $983,906
- Facilities and equipment rental: $153,599
- Other income: $54,784
Total: $4,427,608

Operating Expenses
- Program Services: $3,684,209
- General and Administration: $466,327
- Fundraising: $233,926
Total: $4,384,462

Other changes in net assets
- Loss on uncollected pledge: ($123,777)
- Change in net assets: ($80,631)

Net assets, beginning of year: $766,891
Net assets, end of year: $686,260

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets
- Current Assets: $1,572,888
- Loan Receivable: $2,759,400
- Trailhead Building Lease: $1,546,371
- Property and Equipment: $909,688
- Other Assets: $118,893
Total Assets: $6,907,220

Liabilities
- Current Liabilities: $450,833
- Long-term debt, less current portion: $5,770,127
Total Liabilities: $6,220,960

Net Assets
- Without donor restrictions: ($1,108,361)
- With donor restrictions: ($1,794,621)
Total net assets: $686,260

Total liabilities and net assets: $6,907,220
This list contains all individual or organizations that donated $100 or more from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. If you are reading this, you are probably one of the many wonderful people who helped keep the Loppet Foundation running this past year. That includes so many volunteers, sponsors, members and donors. We could not provide our programs and services without YOU so THANK YOU!!

### $25,000 +
- Allina Health
- Anonymous
- David Dayton and Mary Bolla
- Eric and Cory Dayton
- Explore Minnesota
- Fastenal
- George Family Foundation
- Huelsmann Foundation
- Minneapolis Foundation
- Mortenson Construction
- Natureworks
- Ed and Jenni Ryan
- Salomon USA
- Share Winter Foundation
- The Estee Lauder Companies
- The Jaket Foundation
- U.S. Bank

### $10,000 - $24,999
- David Bryan and Ann Longfellow
- Edward R. Bazinet Charitable Foundation
- Scott and Sabrina Ellis
- Englund-Thompson
- Glen Helgeson Family Foundation
- Hubbard Broadcasting
- McVay Foundation
- Minnesota Vikings
- Noble Family Foundation
- Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
- Sitka Salmon Shares
- Bob Steffes
- Subaru of America
- Surly Brewing Co.
- UCare
- Tim Welsh

### $5,000 - $9,999
- Amy and Chip Pearson Family Foundation
- Bearskin Lodge
- Butler Family Foundation
- Jay and Page Cowles
- Dorsey & Whitney Foundation
- Jeff Evanson
- Freewheel Bike
- D. Andrew Hall and Natalie Olsen
- John Layton
- Janet and William Lundberg
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- Patagonia
- REI
- John Sumner
- Jon and Gail Van Horn
- Visit Duluth

### $1,000 - $4,999
- James Dahl
- John and Gwen Daniels
- Anonymous
- Gretl Galgon
- Gear West Ski & Bike
- John and Theresa Gibbs
- James Grim
- Roger Hale and Nor Hall Hales
- Stuart and Gail Hanson
- Brett Hauser
- Tom Hennum
- Paul Holte
- Jamie Jackson
- Jewish Communal Fund
- Michael Kinnee and Genevieve Johnson
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- Leroy Leftwich
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- Judy Lutter
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- Bob and Barb Woodruff

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- David and Audrey Abrams
- Thomas Ajay
- American Center for Philanthropy
- Anonymous
- Adam and Carolyn Bock
- Anthony and Carolyn Bramante
- Mike Bono and Kathie Constantine
- Captain Ken’s Foods
- Caribou Coffee
- David Chizek
- John Clement
- Clif Bar & Co.
- Bill and Margaret Conroy
- Kevin and Raquel Counihan
- Bjorn Daehlie
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Mark Addicks and Tom Hoch
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Suzanne Bamonto
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Joel Woodward and Brenda Butler
David Bitner and Marin Byrne
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Barry Gustafson and Jill Cooper
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Jesse Cook and Martina Sailer
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Audrey Sheffield
Steve Yore and Janine Sieja
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Derek Sveron
Tom and Sheila Trachtman
Alex Turner
UGH
Costa Voulgaropoulos and Yianna Apostolidou
Andrew Weiner
John Wolff

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Lynn Allar
Ameriprise Financial
Jon Anderson
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Dilek Aydinalp-Mathews
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James Dahl
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Lisa Daniels
Peter and Bridget Daniels
Christine and Loren Danielson
Pete and Michelle Dankweth
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James McCarthy and Gloria Peterson
Robert McCollor
MISSION  We create a shared passion for year-round outdoor adventure in the Minneapolis area, focusing on underserved youth and families.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.