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Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, an Audubon Center for environmental education and sustainable agriculture, provides activities that increase understanding and preservation of the planet by children and adults through education, research and conservation.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters:

This fiscal year has been one of transition at Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. As the new executive, I have found myself on a steep learning curve – meeting hundreds of members, volunteers, visitors, and campers as well as just learning the ropes of a different organization.

The National Audubon Society has recently completed its new strategic plan and is looking to its 41 centers, 20 State offices, and 450+ chapters to implement its new environmental and conservation strategies nationwide.

Partly in response to this National initiative, Aullwood itself is beginning the process of establishing a new strategic direction. In the coming year, we will retain the services of a professional planner to assist us, and you, as our friends and supporters, in defining how we move forward as an organization.

This is an exciting time for Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. We are on the cusp of our 60th anniversary, there is increasing awareness and support of conservation initiatives, and we are seeking innovative ways to make a difference in our community. I look forward to working with you to accomplish these goals. And remember, what's good for birds, is good for people too!

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NATURE INSPIRES, TEACHES AND INVOLVES CHILDREN

9,917 children discovered nature, conservation and farming through Aullwood field trips or special classes. Additionally 11,816 students participated in Aullwood REACHES outreach programs. These 21,733 students came from 9 counties, 23 public school systems and 113 different schools or educational institutions!

Honda of America Manufacturing provided a \$10,000 grant for students from Ansonia Elementary, located near Union City (Darke County), to participate in multiple field trips to Aullwood. 357 students in grades K-6th and 29 teachers delighted in their Aullwood Adventures at Aullwood's Nature Center, Farm and sanctuary. The Northmont Rotary Club provided \$5,000 to create new Aullwood Adventures programs with Englewood Hills Elementary.

With funds provided by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Mathile Family Fund, Vectren Foundation, DP&L Foundation, Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, Iddings Foundation, The Dayton Foundation, the Charles S. Allyn Jr. Foundation Fund, The Spurlino Family Fund, The Frank and Becky Foundation, the Phil and Jean Wagner Family Fund and the Frank M. Tait Foundation, Aullwood engaged 218 high needs 5th grade and high school students from six Dayton Public Schools in STEMing Science into Conservation Action. We were thrilled to see a significant change in students' attitudes towards science as well as providing life changing experiences. We are making a difference with STEMing. As one student wrote in her evaluation of our 2015-16 program, "Before I came to Aullwood I thought science was boring, but now I love it!" Another stated, "I used to be afraid to touch animals, but now I understand more about them and I even held a bird (at Aullwood)!"

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647 children participated in Winter/Summer Earth Adventures classes. Aullwood's Avian Art Contest engaged 440 children from three elementary schools. This initiative was sponsored by Annette Marquardt-Kimball and the late Robert Marquardt in memory of Enid Marquardt.

DP&L Foundation sponsored Aullwood READS Program, enabling twenty 3rd grade students from Helke Elementary School and twenty 3rd grade students from DPS Valerie Elementary School during the winter of 2015 and spring of 2016 exploring Aullwood on a weekly basis and improving reading skills. At the conclusion of Aullwood READS, the majority of students were proficient or above in reading and science!

Enrollment in Aullwood's Farm/Nature Play Head Start Preschool was filled at capacity with 34 youngsters experiencing daily encounters with nature and farming.

AWARDS

In April, 2016 Aullwood was honored by the Ohio Museums Association with an Honorable Mention Award for our STEMing Science into Conservation Action Program.

CONSERVATION ACTIONS

In 2015, Aullwood volunteers began surveying bird populations around the Dayton International Airport (DAY) to determine which habitats will reduce hazardous wildlife and airplane interactions. Over six months, 63 bird species were observed. Continued monitoring efforts will reveal how croplands, established prairies, developing prairies and turf grass attract different bird species and deter hazard species. This exciting and innovative project is a collaboration between Aullwood, DAY, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Mississippi State University.

Aullwood hosted an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team! The eight member team focused on creating a new section of the Center-Farm trail, clearing fence rows at the Farm, removing invasive species at Nature Center. Over eight weeks, the NCCC team removed 60,000 pounds of invasive species, improving 17 acres of land!

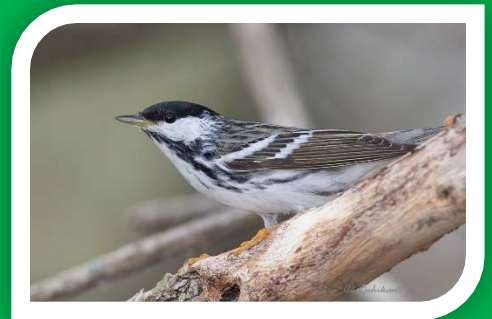
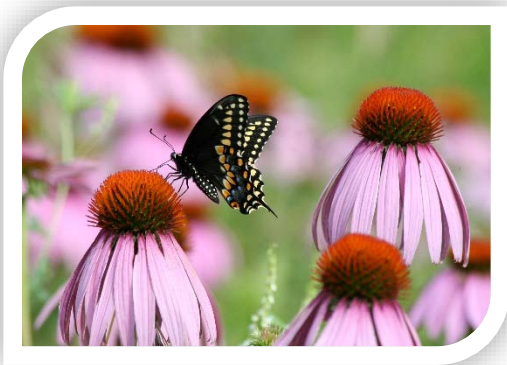
During the spring, Aullwood staff, students and volunteers restored our sanctuary with native plants. 200 trees were planted by students in the STEMing Science into Action project. An additional 116 trees and shrubs were planted and 822 wildflowers and grasses were planted at the Center and Farm.

Troy Luken completed an Eagle Scout project, building pollinator hotels and insect hotels for the Center and the Farm.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 650 volunteers donated 29,992 hours, valued at \$706,612.
- Over 120,000 people participated in activities at Aullwood or off-site.
- Aullwood's Breeding Bird Census recorded 53 species of nesting birds on our sanctuary. 25 species of birds were identified during Project Feeder Watch citizen science study.
- 32 species of butterflies were identified during the 27th Annual NABA 4th of July Butterfly Census at Aullwood



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FINANCES FISCAL YEAR 2016

Income: \$1,466,282

Endowment: \$606,361 (41%)

Special Events: \$157,741 (11%)

Contributions & Grants: \$272,580 (18.5%)

Admission & Tuition: \$184,624 (12.5%)

Membership: \$102,180 (7%)

Rentals: \$58,320 (4%)

Store & Farm Sales: \$84,476 (6%)

Expenditures: \$1,466,282

Administration: \$405,723 (27.7%)

Program: \$812,852 (55.4%)

Land & Building: \$247,707 (16.9%)

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The Aull Society recognizes individuals who provide a planned gift for Aullwood. These gifts reflect a passion for Aullwood's mission and vision for the future. The following individuals are members of the Aull Society:

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