Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Annual Report for 2018-19

KEEP TRUCKEE MEADOWS



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A Letter From Our Director



If you are reading this it means that you care about the importance of keeping the Truckee Meadows beautiful. Thank you for your support! As the Reno-Sparks community and surrounding area grows and stretches to accommodate new growth, so does KTMB and the impact we are making on the community. There were many exciting new partnerships at KTMB this past year including the plastic free effort we initiated and coordinated in cooperation with Artown to help reduce plastic water bottle waste. Thanks to the support of the Washoe County Health District, KTMB's Recycling Guide is published weekly in the Reno News & Review which reaches close to 100,000 readers every week. The start of the "Truckee Meadows Earth Day" event was another welcome new partnership for KTMB. This Earth Day event hosted 4,000 residents and because of the sustainability efforts of the event partners only 6.5 bags of trash were sent to the landfill. What an incredible example of waste reduction in action! Perhaps, even more importantly, our "Every Day is Earth Day" campaign attracted new followers across the Truckee Meadows.

I am extremely proud of KTMB's hard working staff and AmeriCorps volunteers who continue to sustain KTMB's quality cleanup programs and partnerships, and our talented and dedicated educators who worked so hard this year to expand our education programs to youth, adults and the Spanish Speaking community.

But more than anything, I am proud that you continue to stay engaged and support KTMB's efforts. It is through the support of people like you – volunteer, donor, recycler, and waste reducer – that KTMB continues to make a positive impact in this community.

> Thank you – Christi Cakiroglu

KTMB SUPPORTERS

FUNDERS:

Washoe County Health District **Truckee River Fund NV Energy NV Energy Foundation** Dolan Auto Group Wells Fargo **NOW Foods** Moana Nursery Nevada Mining Association Grand Sierra Resort **Caesars Entertainment** City of Reno **City of Sparks** Sun Valley GID Waste Management Roxie and Azad Joseph Foundation Patagonia John Ben Snow Memorial Trust **REI Coop** New Belgium UPS The North Face **Trout Unlimited Bill Swigert Fund** Mathewson CLAT Bureau of Land Management

PARTNERS:

Washoe County Health District Washoe County Parks & Recreation City of Reno **City of Sparks** Sun Valley GID Truckee Meadows Water Authority Nevada Department of Agriculture The Nature Conservancy Friends of Nevada Wilderness **Reno-Sparks Indian Colony** Bureau of Land Management Nevada Department of Wildlife United States Forest Service Northern Nevada HOPES Nevada Land Trust One Truckee River **Truckee Meadows Fire** Protection District Nevada Division of Forestry Washoe County Sheriff's Office **REI Coop** Patagonia

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ADOPTORS:

AGC **ABLE Women** Alpha Sigma Phi Ames Team - Keller Williams Anonymous **AT&T** Pioneers Bearded Sinners of Nevada **Biggest Little Cleaning Crew** Blackbird Boy Scout Troop 162 Bristlecone Family Resources Calanthe Temple of Pythian Sisters Center for Spiritual Living **Charles River** Converse Coupa Software **Covenant Presbyterian Church** Crossing Over Recovery Alumni **Crowley and Ferrato** Cub Scout Pack 150 DRI Envirolution

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PK Electrical Procrastinating Pedalers Reed High School NJROTC REI Renegades on the Fly **Reno Host Lions Reno Rotary Club** Renown **RSCVA** Sierra Nevada Job Corps South Washoe Democrats Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Starbucks CVRP & DC **Temple Sinai Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation** Truckee Meadows Water Authority **United Way VA Medical Center** Washoe Inspire Academy Washoe Valley Alliance Waste Management Northern Nevada HOPES

KTMB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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AMERICORPS STATE/NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Marie Altshuler (Program Coordinator VISTA) Jenny Arnold (Education Coordinator VISTA) Cole Costello (Volunteer Coordinator VISTA)

Sophie Butler and Carrie Jensen as One Truckee River State /National Americorps members





KEEP TRUCKEE MEADOWS BEAUTIFUL

BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS

KTMB's Great Community Cleanup event focuses on the cleanup of illegal dumpsites in the open spaces surrounding the Truckee Meadows

as well as the removal of noxious weeds before they bloom and spread. Because trash attracts trash, it is imperative to clean up trash in the open spaces before they become extremely hazardous. Each spring, more than 700 volunteers attend to help keep our community beautiful.



97, 880 POUNDS OF TRASH

Since 2004, KTMB has organized the **Truckee River Cleanup Day** where more than 800 volunteers come together to perform a variety of projects each fall to keep our Truckee River clean and pristine for all to enjoy. Cleanup and beautification project span from Verdi to Lockwood, and also include river tributaries.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

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The Adopt-A-Spot program is an opportunity for businesses and community groups to invest in the health and beauty of our community and increase the quality of life for residents and visitors. Each business or group can adopt a spot along a roadway, in a park, along the Truckee River or in an open space area.

94, 550 POUNDS OF TRASH & GREEN WASTE 3, 291 VOLUNTEERS 144 SEPARATE CLEAN-UPS 59 ACTIVE ADOPTERS The Adopt-A-Spot program was imperative for us to be a part of the moment that we launched our business. We wanted our community to know that we love the area that we live in, and therefore do our part in taking care of it. We also love getting our children involved. It has made them so much more aware of litter and the work that it takes from everyone to keep our community clean and beautiful!

- Jenelle Stathes, Owner of Nevada Roots

I just wanted to express my gratitude to KTMB and your Adopt-a-Spot program for helping facilitate our work on the Tom Cooke Trail. We had been staring out the windows of the warehouse for years watching the trail fall deeper into disrepair. Because of your support in serving as a conduit between our organization and the land manager, we have already been able to restore a large portion of the trailhead and are on schedule for completion in October! With our department's adoption of the site, we can also ensure proper maintenance on the trail for years and years to come.

- Dan Johnson, Patagonia Reno Shipping Department

EDUCATION

Warriors Youth Education Program

Education is an important ingredient for preventing litter and blight in the Truckee Meadows. In addition to our large-scale cleanup events and beautification efforts, KTMB works to educate and inspire local students, residents, and businesses to take care of our community. KTMB's education programs touch on the economic and health hazards of litter and illegal dumping, waste reduction, water conservation, and making our community a beautiful and safe place to live.

"I would recommend [the Warriors Education program] for everyone. I have learned through this program that not only do we need this information as adults, but we need it for kids, as well. They're our future, and we need them to be warriors for our environment."

- Kelly Hawes, 2nd grade teacher, Westergard Elementary School

"It was a lesson for the children, but it was also a lesson for us."

~ Diane Arnold, 2nd grade teacher, Westergard Elementary School

378 Students brought to Sensory Garden

5,950 Students Educated



KTMB'S SENSORY GARDEN

Idlewild Sensory Garden is a unique interactive garden open to the whole community during park hours. It is a place where children and adults can discover, learn, relax and enjoy nature. Visitors are invited to explore the garden not only through seeing it but by touching, smelling, listening and tasting.







"The Sensory Garden is like a little piece of paradise in the middle of the city"

~Patagonia volunteer.

"A healing and restorative oasis in the city. A unique place for respite, reflection, and, best of all, a sense of exploration and discovery"

~Sensory Garden Survey respondent.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

KTMB collaborated with public and private agencies during a month-long Every Day is Earth Day campaign promoting green habits in waste reduction, water, and energy conservation. KTMB wrote articles published in the Reno News & Review during their issues to educate the community on the 5Rs Recycle, Reduce, Reuse, Refuse, and Rot, as well as, the impacts of plastic!

KTMB's community education and outreach program inspires businesses, community groups, public officials, and local citizens to implement simple actions that contribute to a larger positive impact on our local environment! KTMB also takes the time to celebrate and recognize individuals and businesses that have adopted green initiatives.

EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS

434 Adults Educated 27 Community Presentaions

Earth Month Outreach Program had 91,000 Digital Impressions

Over 4.200 People Engaged



"Getting people excited about caring for your community is a skill that Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful has figured out. They take the time to present everyday topics - like trash and recycling - in interesting and eye-opening ways that I did not know was possible. Suddenly the mundane became a priority."

~ Rachel Kingham, Community Manager, Reno Collective

"The work of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful is impressive and inspiring! It is clear how passionate their staff and leadership are about their important mission. I have seen their incredibly knowledgeable staff in action delivering community events - very educational and fun! Our community is lucky to have them! Thank you for all that you do!"

~ Annika Caldwell, Founder, and Owner, NØRDIK

PREVENTION EFFORTS

Christmas Tree Recycling

Since 2003, more than 159,000 trees have been recycled through KTMB's Christmas Tree Recycling program thanks to the help of thousands of volunteers and our many partners. KTMB's Christmas Tree Recycling Program provides community residents with an easy alternative to dumping trees in the landfill or open spaces.

10,031 TREES RECYCLED



Illegal Dumping Task Force



Established in 2006, the Illegal Dumping Task Force is a collaborative of local agencies coordinated by Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful to address the issue of illegal dumping and find solutions. To report an illegal dumpsite that needs to be cleaned, please call 329-DUMP or use the WCSO app, free in the app store. To report an individual(s) who are actively illegally dumping waste, call WCSO dispatch at 775-785-WCSO.

RECYCLING GUIDE AND OUTREACH

KTMB's Recycling Guide helps our community find alternative ways of properly disposing of unwanted items aside from the landfill or open spaces! Through KTMB's Recycling Guide, community members can discover local businesses and charities that repair, reuse, recycle, or properly dispose of residential and commercial unwanted materials.

KTMB's Recycling Guide is also available in Spanish and online.

"The KTMB recycling guide is a fantastic resource for our community. As the Northern Nevada Recycling Coordinator for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, I frequently use their guide to assist the community in finding avenues to find new "homes" for their unwanted materials. The guide is kept up-to-date and is very easy to use."

- Patty Moen, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

3,577 hard copies distributed
6,767 page views
113,210 digital impressions
3,374 people reached at events

FINANCIALS

REVENUE SOURCES

EXPENSES Program Expenses -Salaries -Payroll Taxes & Benefits -Professional Services -Public Education & Marketing -Office Expenses -Information Technology -Occupancy -Mileage -Insurance -Fundraising -Printing -*Includes In-kind support

\$6425

\$3,131

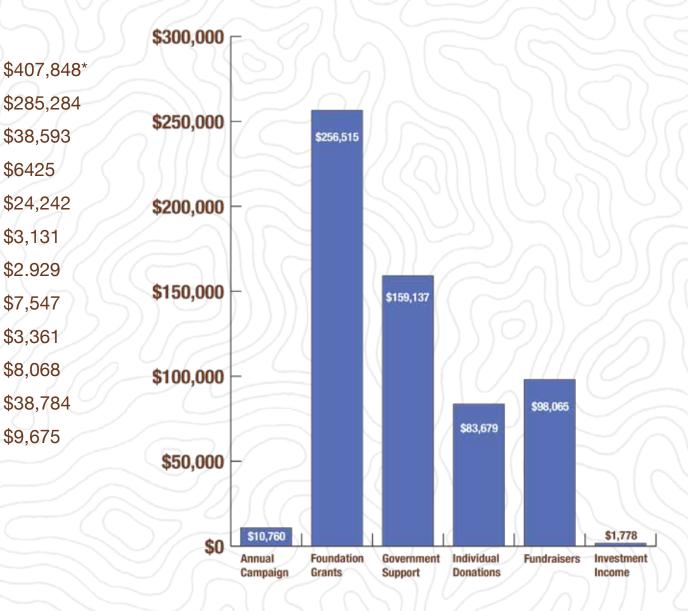
\$2.929

\$7,547

\$3,361

\$8,068

\$9,675





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