



# Samara

The Newsletter of The Riverwood Conservancy



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Left to right: Fall colours; studying benthic fauna; honeybee pollinating; the great stewardship Credit River crossing.

## RIVERWOOD, A CROSSROADS

By Douglas Markoff, Executive Director

**Over the past year TRC program outcomes include such metrics as the number of people engaged, programs delivered, trees planted, volunteers and their hours contributed. These numbers are important, as granting agencies use them to assess the success of TRC programs.**

At the same time, many of our accomplishments are qualitative, less easily measured but reflect how we beneficially impact the very lives of people in our community.

A former placement student attributed his acceptance into the Niagara College Horticulture Technician program partly to the experience gained at Riverwood. Learning from garden volunteers and staff, his placement with TRC influenced his life direction.



A young visitor gets his first "Chickadee Experience". ❧

A Mississauga resident suffering from terminal cancer had her wedding ceremony at Riverwood, celebrating this special day not just with friends and family, but surrounded by the beauty and serenity of a place she so dearly loved. It was a grand day.

A photographer and a Friend of Riverwood never appreciated living in urban Mississauga. Then she discovered Riverwood and her opinion was transformed. The site's wondrous diversity of wildlife and landscapes provided a focus for her passion, making her forget she was in the centre of Canada's 6th largest city.

Many Canadians saw their first cardinal, salmon, or salamander here, along trails safe from oppression, people who would do them harm, or land mines, Riverwood became a life-changing stepping stone to venture into other natural green spaces.

A person suffering from depression confided in me that the 'grey clouds' in which she was immersed lifted after a 'Chickadee moment', when these tiny song birds alighted in her open palm and took sunflower seeds.

The parents and grandparents of children with special needs described life changes as a result of their child's Enabling Garden experience. Working with water and soil, and tending to plants, autistic children who would not speak became audible; those who would not socialize became engaged.

These are profound life changes and only a few examples. Riverwood is a crossroads for many, and TRC a welcome agent of change. Thank you for supporting YOUR Riverwood Conservancy in 2015 and continuing to do so as we move forward in 2016.



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## WHAT A YEAR!

By Kevin Sherwin, Chair, Board of Directors

**Last year flew by shockingly fast. It was a landmark year with many achievements and exciting initiatives.**

Our public and educational programs broke attendance records. We gained a new Patron, Robert Bateman, and we had two wonderful events with him. Thanks to the support of the City and our Local MPs, Riverwood was awarded funding from the "Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program". When matching funds from the City are included, a total of \$1.4 million will be spent upgrading the Chappell House, VAM, and the property.

We initiated a series of visioning exercises with the City; first to find ways we can strengthen our partnership, and secondly to start the formal process of building an Interpretive Centre. We now have a basis for an iconic facility that compliments the site, while providing a venue for Riverwood's environmental hub.

This year will be a pivotal year for

TRC. The Canada 150 upgrades will allow rooms in the Chappell House to be used as classrooms, make the building more energy efficient, and lay the groundwork for it to become an Environmental Education Centre. The centre was identified in The Credit River Parks Strategy where a committee is developing the next stage. We have also created a committee to perform preliminary work for the Interpretive Centre for Riverwood. *If you wish to help on either of these committees, please contact Robin, our Volunteer Coordinator.*

We are busy preparing a number of new events this year. Our all-new fundraising gala, the *Riverwood Garden Soirée*, will be held July 8th. You can also look forward to events with Robert Bateman for later this summer. TRC

will also be hosting the *2016 Ontario BioBlitz* ([ontariobioblitz.ca](http://ontariobioblitz.ca)).

Your support in time, energy, and donations made last year a banner year. This year will bring its own challenges and successes, but we can't do it without you. Thanks to everyone for helping to make it happen again.



Walking the Mouse Trail with Robert Bateman ✨

## SPECIAL EVENTS 2015

By Shirley Daniels, Chair of Special Events

**2015 was an active and successful year for the Special Events Committee.**

In April, The Riverwood Conservancy held their Annual General Meeting at the Chappell House. Members welcomed new directors, and outgoing ones were thanked for their valuable time and dedication to the continued growth of the education, stewardship, and garden programs at Riverwood.

Our 14th annual fundraiser, *Earth: A Celebration*, was held at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. The gala was a wonderful evening filled with a friendly atmosphere and camaraderie. Brian Crombie was our Master of Ceremonies for the evening and we were delighted that his wife, Mayor Bonnie Crombie, was able to join us.

Music by the Sway Jazz Trio, led by Ian

Hoare, was enthusiastically received. The silent and live auctions, together with the sale of the mystery bags and the Wishing Tree donations, were made possible by the generous support from local merchants and businesses. TRC was extremely privileged when Robert Bateman donated "White Tailed Stag", a painting he created especially for the gala. Thanks to everyone who supported us in any way. We raised over \$41,000 net to support the Volunteer Program.

In October Robert Bateman was introduced as our newest Patron at our Fall Thank You Party; followed by a November event at the Waterside Inn which included a reception, presentation and book signing of his memoirs *Life Sketches*.

As Chair of the Special Events Committee, I sincerely thank members of this committee for all their hard work

and dedication. A very special thank you to Robin Haley-Gillin for her amazing administrative skills. Our sincere thanks to the Board of Directors, volunteers, Douglas Markoff, our Executive Director, and his exceptional staff for all their time, support and assistance. We could not have done it without you!



Toasting another successful "Earth: A Celebration" gala ✨

# The Riverwood Garden Soirée

July 8, 2016, doors open at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are now available at [TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](http://TheRiverwoodConservancy.org), or call 905-279-5878.

To purchase tickets immediately click [Here!](#)

# LEAVE A LEGACY ADVISORY GROUP: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF TRC

By Lorraine Crow, Development and Legacy Officer

**When a child holds out their hand to feed a chickadee for the first time, magic happens. TRC's Leave a Legacy program can help you continue this experience.**

In 2015, *Planting Today for Tomorrow*, an estate planning session was held. Not a dry eye was found after listening to Charlie Brown and Shirley Daniels as they shared their own personal passionate connections to Riverwood. Suzanna Winsborough, Estate Lawyer from Keyser Mason Ball LLP and a member of the *Advisory Group* gave an informative presentation on will preparation. The room opened up to questions and Mark Davis, Scotia

McLeod, Director Wealth Management; Don McGowan, Don McGowan Insurance Services Ltd.; and Naguib Kerba, IPC Securities offered expert advice on endowments, insurance and other financial vehicles available for legacy giving.

In 2015 TRC became an active member of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners and is now listed in the *Canadian Book of Charities*. A memorial gift card has been designed and is available for families honouring a loved one.

For more information please contact Lorraine Crow, Development and Legacy Officer, [FundDevelopment@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:FundDevelopment@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org).



Autumnal scene under Constable-esque clouds, looking towards Chappell House. ✽

## FUND DEVELOPMENT

By Beth Jones, Project Development Officer

**Riverwood's achievements could not have happened without the donors, sponsors, and Friends of Riverwood.**

In a challenging economy, it is heartening that TRC's ongoing funders maintained their support. Because of your generosity, revenues for TRC increased 10% from 2014. Together we connected more people to nature at Riverwood than ever before!

The Fund Development team created a *Five Year Fundraising Plan*, prepared to upgrade our contact database, and initiated a *Leave a Legacy* program for those considering future gifts. It was a year of growth. Beth Jones joined the staff in February to work on grant writing, while Lorrie Crow took the lead on legacy giving.

The role of the Fund Development Committee

expanded in 2015, with members taking on active roles to support sponsorships, grants, and corporate fundraising. Our plan in 2016 is to continue expanding the Fund Development Committee; if you have skills or connections you would like to volunteer, please contact Robin Haley-Gillin.

Thank you for all your support; we are looking forward to a successful 2016!

## LEGACY

By Don McGowan

**When you've determined that leaving a legacy gift to The Riverwood Conservancy is something that you would like to do, there are some options to help you accomplish your goal.**

You can consider using a life insurance policy, whether it's a new policy or an existing one. If the further goal is to have your legacy gift considered to be a charitable donation, Riverwood can provide direction on ways to achieve this, such as having the **Community Foundation of Mississauga** receive your Legacy gift, with instruction that the Legacy gift is to be 100% to the benefit TRC.

If you don't currently have a life insurance policy that you can use to create your legacy gift to TRC, talk with your financial advisor to get guidance on the most efficient and best value for your dollars.

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*(limited number of free registrations are available)*

Follow the prompts; create a "Personal Fundraising Page"; then select "The Riverwood Conservancy" as your charity.

**Click HERE to Donate or Sponsor our team.**

*(scroll down to our logo)*

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[mississaugamarathon.com](http://mississaugamarathon.com)

**See you at the starting line!**



# TEACHING ROUNDUP

By Dave Taylor, Education Program Director/Consultant

**Despite disruptions caused by drawn-out teacher contract negotiations, 2015 proved to be a successful year for our L.E.A.D.S. and Education Naturally programs.**

This success is a result of the dedication of our instructors, Catherine Wassmansdorf and Alison Forde. Alison has taken on *Education Naturally* while Erin Farrow is off on maternity leave. Both teachers have collaborated with Jane New to produce new

program ideas for the Enabling Garden.

I also would like to acknowledge the fine job Marc Hogan, and the staff and volunteers from ErinoakKids did with last summer's *Camp Riverwood*. TRC has developed a successful partnership with ErinoakKids and I look forward to 2016's camp.

Our instructors and educational programs are supported by TRC volunteers, and students from York University, UTM and Erindale Secondary School. We truly appreciate their efforts.

*Discovery@Riverwood* had a record setting year with over 10,000 visitors who benefitted from this free program sponsored by Credit Valley Conservation. Topics ranged from dinosaurs, local flora and fauna, hiking, history, bird watching and exploring the night sky. The bar was set high in 2015; we look forward to meeting



Catherine and secondary school students reading the pH of a water sample ✧



Placement student Rute and Kevin the Parrotlet. ✧

the challenge in 2016. Thank you to all our presenters, leaders and volunteers.

2015 saw TRC offer two fee-based programs: *Yoga at Riverwood* and *An Introduction to the Night Sky*. These new programs proved successful and we look forward to offering these programs again in 2016.

# FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR STEWARDSHIP IN 2016

By Margy de Gruchy, Stewardship Committee Co-Chair

**As the forest slumbers, it is time to set the stage for the next season of stewardship activities at Riverwood.**

It has been a successful season under the direction of Kirushanth Gnanachandran, TRC's Stewardship Coordinator, whose leadership, creativity, and positive attitude has allowed stewardship efforts to flourish at Riverwood.

Kirushanth has many great plans, including the development of an all-season team of stewardship volunteers, drawing from the pool of youth and student volunteers who participate in the summer.

In the spring of 2016 the main focus of stewardship efforts will continue to be on Garlic mustard removal. Successful management of invasive species involves

several years of intensive effort, so we must continue full steam ahead with the invaluable help of our volunteers and corporate groups. The City of Mississauga is in the process of developing an invasive species management plan.

A new focus this year will involve restoration of the MacEwan Pond, which

has become invaded with the tall and persistent European Common Reed grass, referred to as Phragmites. Wildlife monitoring of the pond vicinity will start in spring. TRC has been working with the City and Credit Valley Conservation to develop the best approach for restoring ecological functions and diversity to MacEwan Pond.



Phragmites covers the MacEwan Pond in the summer. ✧



The open space and exposed water formed by the winter cutback. ✧

# GARDENS & GARDEN VOLUNTEERS RECAP 2015

By Martha Kantorczyk, Gardens Committee Volunteer

**Another difficult winter had TRC wondering if we would find any plants alive in our gardens. Happily, most of the gardens suffered little permanent damage.**

Edibles were expanded in both the terrace raised planter, and in the *Bowl Garden* outside the Chappell House. Inspired by French kitchen gardens, the design combined beautiful plants and food production, featuring blueberries, fennel, kale, beets, eggplants, and artichokes to list a few. Eden Food Bank received 175 lbs of fresh produce from our efforts, we hope to continue this.

In the *Carolinian Woodland* and *Teaching Garden*, native wild flowers, including Rue anemone, Bird's foot violets and Virginia springbeauty, burst into bloom in May. After a major renewal of the soil, the rose garden was replanted this year with specially selected Canadian-hardy species.

In the *Courtyard Gardens* a redesign was carried out in the beds flanking the front entrance and circling the pond. Excess Iris, Rudbeckia and Ostrich fern were removed around the pond to make way for sun-loving, drought tolerant perennials such as Echinacea, Salvia, Sea lavender, Sedum, Blue flax and Achillea. Hydrangeas, Hellebores, Heucheras, Day lilies, Sweet woodruff and Delphiniums were among the plants added to the entrance beds.

Special thanks to our garden volunteer teams. Volunteers did what was needed across the gardens in the blazing sun or cold drizzle. TRC's gardens have never been lovelier thanks to the volunteer efforts.



Garden volunteers, left to right: Alice Bur, Justin Bateman, Martha Kantorczyk, Marlene Knight, and Terry Gillin. ❧

## NEW STAFF: PAM KIEZ, SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

By Phillip McGregor, Marketing Coordinator

**Pam Kiez is TRC's new Special Events Coordinator.**

Her passion for volunteering and supporting the community is what lead her to a 13 year career in the non-profit world. She is delighted to be part of an organization that is active in environmental education, stewardship, gardening, and volunteer engagement.

It has been a privilege for Pam getting to know the volunteers and staff at Riverwood. As part of the team, she is looking forward to building relationships, enjoying the trails, bird watching, and working alongside volunteers and staff to organize the best events possible. And, of course, to execute a successful first-ever *Riverwood Garden Soirée!*



Pamela Kiez, Special Events Coordinator ❧

### ASK A MISSISSAUGA MASTER GARDENER

by Martha Kantorczyk

**Q) I miss gardening in the winter! How do I get over post-holiday blues while waiting for Spring?**

A) Even in the depths of winter, garden related activities are possible to find locally. Some options include:

- Visit a local conservatory. Centennial Park in Etobicoke, Cloud Gardens and Allan Gardens in Toronto are open year-round, and admission is free.
- Attend a gardening workshop, seminar or garden show such as "Seedy Saturday", "Get the Jump on Spring", or "Canada Blooms".
- Surround yourself with indoor plants; buy an orchid or grow some herbs.

*Here is a tip for brightening your rooms: Buy two plants of the same type. Place one in a spot with low light and the other in a sunny window. Then swap their places every couple of days or so. Cinerarias, Primroses and Cyclamen (shown below) are good choices for this as they all provide colourful, long-lasting blooms and they like it on the cool side, and they will be fine even right up against a window.*



- Set up a bird feeder and enjoy watching cardinals, finches, jays and chickadees all winter long in your backyard.
- Order seed catalogues or purchase seeds online and make plans for your next gardening venture for when the Spring thaw comes.



# VOLUNTEERS DO IT AGAIN!

By Robin Haley-Gillin, Volunteer Coordinator

**In 2015, TRC volunteers continued to make a difference at Riverwood.**

We had almost 1,200 individuals who contributed around 23,000 hours to our gardening, education and stewardship programs. Behind the scenes, more volunteers served on committees and around the office, helping TRC meet our mission.

Volunteers continued to receive the bi-monthly *Volunteer Update*, with notification of upcoming events and vacant volunteer opportunities, and fun information about animals and plants. Many thanks go to Kayla Barrie and

Michelle Parker, who put this together and made it look amazing.

Two notable events were held in 2015; the Volunteer BBQ in June and the *Volunteer Celebration in December*. Congratulations to our 2015 Volunteer Award nominees and winners, all of whom contributed so much to TRC.

Finally, I'd like to express my overwhelming gratitude to the Volunteer Committee, led ably by Suzanne Roy, for all their hard work and support. They truly make TRC's volunteer program the success it is.



Preparing Dogfest gift bags. 🐾

# ENABLING GARDEN 2015 REVIEW

By Jane New, Enabling Garden Coordinator

**Like a healthy perennial, The Enabling Garden moved into its second full year firmly rooted in the community and ready to expand its reach beyond its existing programs and partnerships.**

Highlights of the year included winning the National Garden Bureau's therapeutic garden competition with almost 19,000 more votes than the closest runner-up, being named *Best Garden of 2015* by Sonia Day in the Toronto Star and having the garden featured in the November issue of the Ontario Garden magazine.

We completed the development phase of the *Youth Indigenous Awareness Program* for youth at risk with funding secured from

project partners at the University of Toronto Mississauga and the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and are excited to be launching the pilot in March of this year.

Throughout 2015 we have been able to offer both support and challenges to a wide range of participants, pushing people to accomplish what they often thought they could not and supporting them as they reached each milestone on their journey. As one woman recovering from trauma said: "During the day I was able to internalize the spirit of nature and reflected it onto my own life experience. It helped me feel calm and grounded. People who experience



Always something interesting in the Enabling Garden. 🌿

loss in their life will get healing from this program."

# SUPPORT THE MARKETING OF TRC

By Cathy Chernysh, Chair, Marketing Committee

**Committee member engagement has provided direct support for the development of TRC's Samara newsletter, event planning, advancement in social media, recommendations for feedback survey approaches, definition of intern positions, and creating a formal TRC Marketing Plan for 2016.**

A social media team worked with TRC in 2015 to grow our Facebook reach by 160%, grow Twitter interactions by 250% and online engagement to 650%. The introduction of a VIMEO online video channel in the fall has allowed TRC to post 64 videos generating 1,000 views as of early February 2016.

With the 2016 Marketing Plan in place, the committee is working to create a calendar of programs, events, and newsworthy happenings at Riverwood to

support social media postings and public relations opportunities.

As TRC moves forward, marketing committee members have maintained our commitment to work with TRC's program coordinators to assist in defining effective and efficient approaches to growing community awareness and participation.



One of our most popular Facebook posts: 1200 people reached, 122 clicks, and 96 likes, comments, and shares 🌳

## SAMARA

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The Riverwood Conservancy expresses its sincere appreciation to all donors who have made donations in memory of:	Philip Stuart	Grayson Lewis	Luigi Nicassio	Kenneth Wayne Kerley
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## NOTICE OF THE RIVERWOOD CONSERVANCY

# 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

and a Special Presentation by Dave Ireland  
of the Royal Ontario Museum

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm  
in the Parker Room at Chappell House**

The Board of Directors of The Riverwood Conservancy invites you to attend the 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 13, in the Parker Room of Chappell House. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

The AGM is an opportunity to meet TRC's board members, review the organization's progress in 2015, learn about plans for 2016, and participate in the governance of your organization by voting in the election of board members for 2016.

**Voting Eligibility:** Membership must be current as of April 13, 2016, to be eligible to vote at the AGM. To renew your membership, please mail or fax the attached membership form (also available on our website) to TRC, visit our office in Chappell House, or call 905-279-5878. You may also renew your membership or take out a new membership the evening of the AGM.

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**Special Presentation by Dave Ireland, Managing Director,  
ROM Biodiversity, Royal Ontario Museum**

### ***The Ontario BioBlitz and Biodiversity***



As Managing Director, ROM Biodiversity, Dave Ireland is responsible for sharing ROM collections and research with the public and other interested parties. He is leading ROM Biodiversity towards its goals of educating and engaging the public about the importance and conservation of biodiversity. The Ontario BioBlitz is a major annual event that promotes this goal. BioBlitz brings together experts, citizen scientists and the general public to inventory all species in a particular area over a 24-hour period. This year's area of interest is the Credit River Watershed, and The Riverwood Conservancy will be hosting the event. Dave will be speaking about the importance of recording biodiversity across the province and encouraging public participation in science.





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## PROXY FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The undersigned member of The Riverwood Conservancy hereby appoints Kevin Sherwin or Martin Robinson or TRC member \_\_\_\_\_, or any Director member as the nominee of the undersigned. **(Please choose one of these options by circling the choice or putting the name of a TRC member in the blank space).**

This nominee may attend and act for the undersigned at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Riverwood Conservancy, to be held on April 13, 2016, and at any adjournment thereof, in the same manner, to the same extent and with the same power as if the undersigned were present at the said meeting or such adjournment thereof.

This proxy confers authority for the above-named to vote in his/her discretion with respect to amendments or variations to the matters identified in the Notice of Meeting accompanying this Proxy instrument or on matters which properly come before the meeting.

The undersigned hereby revokes any proxy previously given with reference to the said meeting.

SIGNED AND DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Printed Name of Member)

Membership Application & Donation Form		Annual Membership Fee	
Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Business Name:		Individual	\$25 \$
Telephone:                      Email:		Family	\$35 \$
Street Name:                      Apt.#:		Affiliate/Not for Profit	\$35 \$
City and Province:              Postal Code:		Business/Corporation	\$100 \$
Payment Method (please mark one): <input type="radio"/> Cheque (to: The Riverwood Conservancy) <input type="radio"/> Cash <input type="radio"/> VISA <input type="radio"/> MasterCard		<b>Donation:</b> A charitable tax receipt will be issued for a donation of \$10 or more.	\$
Name on Credit Card:		Total Payment	\$
Card Number:                      Expiry Date (mm/yy)		<b>The Riverwood Conservancy</b> 4300 Riverwood Park Lane Mississauga, ON L5C 2S7 Tel: (905) 279-5878, Fax: (905) 279-4303 Email: Membership@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org	
Signature			

*Your membership supports the operations of TRC. Your donation supports community programs in environmental education, stewardship and gardening, including TRC Enabling Garden.*

**Please return before the morning of April 6 by fax: 905-279-4303 or email: Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org**



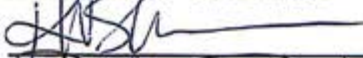
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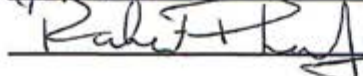
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THE RIVERWOOD CONSERVANCY  
Statement of Financial Position  
December 31, 2015

	2015	2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 434,454	\$ 421,550
Accounts receivable	18,433	22,247
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	9,173	11,171
Prepaid expenses	2,399	5,375
	<u>464,459</u>	<u>460,343</u>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<u>5,642</u>	<u>4,790</u>
	<u>\$ 470,101</u>	<u>\$ 465,133</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 17,752	\$ 26,222
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Program development fund (restricted)	362,675	307,515
Garden development fund (restricted)	28,649	30,779
Capital fund (restricted)	22,466	24,040
Unrestricted fund	38,559	76,577
	<u>452,349</u>	<u>438,911</u>
	<u>\$ 470,101</u>	<u>\$ 465,133</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Director

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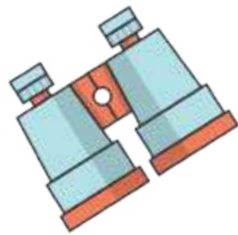
**THE RIVERWOOD CONSERVANCY**  
**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

	2015	2014
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grants	\$ 386,015	\$ 348,746
Sponsorships	165,375	162,984
Donations	115,858	120,645
Program fees	58,044	42,342
Fundraising	44,148	24,313
Honoraria	12,380	3,550
Other revenue	9,837	16,841
	<u>791,657</u>	<u>719,421</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and wages	508,024	482,603
Purchased services	95,261	66,121
Fundraising	75,987	68,167
Administration	65,598	90,664
Program expenses	40,414	39,224
Communications and marketing	7,686	12,578
Amortization	2,521	2,393
	<u>795,491</u>	<u>761,750</u>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (3,834)</b>	<b>\$ (42,329)</b>

# Summer Day Camp, ages 7 - 12 @ Riverwood



## NATURE WONDERS



**Forest Exploring, Wildlife Tracking, Salamander Searching,  
Fossil Hunting, Special Guests, Games, and More!**

Camp hours: 9 am - 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

Sessions run from August 8 - 12, 15 - 19, 22 - 26, and August 29 - September 2

Cost: \$250 per child per session. Before and after-camp care is available for an additional fee. **Register today!**

Please call 905-279-5878 or email [Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org](mailto:Info@TheRiverwoodConservancy.org) to register.



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