



To support, promote and protect the environmental education and preservation efforts of Sandy Creek Nature Center.

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### EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Despite an uncertain year,  
INC's future is strong.

As we gather again for our Annual Membership Meeting, it's important to take some time to reflect on the past year. And what a year it has been! Believe it or not, despite a worldwide pandemic we have a lot to be thankful for. For one thing, due to COVID rescheduling, this will be the 2nd Pie Day in 2021! Can't get much better than that! And we were able to complete the construction of the Nature Playscape, which has provided a COVID-friendly outlet for energetic kids since it opened in the Spring of 2021. But we have been very fortunate in other ways. Our Board Members and the Nature Center Staff are all healthy, and we are very thankful for that. And due to the dedication of our members who renewed or upped their membership levels, as well as our generous corporate sponsors who continued to support us through a very bad year, SCNC, Inc. is doing well financially. People gamely participated in our virtual races and bought birdseed and supported our main fundraisers. We couldn't have gotten through this year without you.

I especially want to thank our hard-working Board of Directors, our Operations Coordinator, and Nature Center Staff, who met by Zoom, or masked and 6 feet apart at picnic tables outside, and conducted the business of this organization through the toughest times. Their ability to be flexible and creative made all the difference (remember "Drive-by Pie"?). Some long-time and members stepped off the Board in the last year or so, and I'd like to thank them for their service and dedication: Scott Collins, Mack Duncan, Susan Williams and Larry Dendy. We appreciate them and they will surely be missed. Happily, we have added several new Board Members and the work of the board continues.

Work on our next new projects, a SPLOST funded upgrade of the Coastal and Wetlands exhibits, and the Brick Factory Project to create displays and interpretive signage for the historic brick works on the property will both start in the coming year. We have much to look forward to and thank you for being there with us all the way.

Katherine Edison, President  
Sandy Creek Nature Center, Inc.

# YEAR IN REVIEW



SANDY CREEK  
Nature Center, Inc.

# 2021



## PANDEMIC PIVOT

The Covid-19 pandemic required us to make some adjustments to our fundraisers and special events. With a little creativity, we were able to execute all the year's events, just with a few twists.



### RACES

Both the Jack-'O'-Lantern Jog and the Frog Hop were held virtually-runners completed the race on their own and awards were mailed.

### BIRD SEED SALE

Customers stayed in their cars while our masked and socially distanced volunteer crew loaded up their bird seed.



### PLAYSCAPE OPENING

We celebrated the completion of this project with a small outdoor celebration with the people who made the project a reality.

### DRIVE BY PIE

Our 2020 Annual Meeting "Pie Day" was a drive through affair with members pulling curbside to receive our annual report and, of course, pie!



July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

## FINANCIALS:

**TOTAL REVENUES=\$46,201.46**

• Donations	\$8,485.87
• Memberships	\$18,900.00
• Interest	\$501.90
• Jack-O-Lantern Jog	\$1,408.69
• Frog Pond Shop	\$4,291.14
• Bird Seed Sale	\$3,282.13
• Frog Hop 5K	\$1,481.73
• Corporate Sponsorships	\$7,850.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES=\$33,258.46**

• Administration	\$17,748.34
• Materials & Supplies	\$801.06
• Contributions to SCNC	\$5,130.05
• Contracted Services	\$900.00
• Insurance	\$2,363.00
• General Operations	\$5,316.01

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