Dear Friends,

In 2018 we marked the 40th anniversary of Wilderness Inquiry. With your support, more than 40,000 people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities paddled, hiked, and traveled with us across Minnesota and around the globe. These inclusive adventures emphasize our common humanity, connection to nature, and the power of inclusion in the outdoors.

A long-time participant shared, “WI’s message of inclusivity left a strong impression on many aspects of my life, and I thank you for that. There is a place for everyone in the wilderness, in a canoe, and in a classroom. When given a chance, anyone can find a place where they belong.”

Thank you for being a part of our community and sharing the adventure with us!

Greg Lais
Executive Director

Bill Schmoker
Board Chair
Connecting people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to the natural world and each other through shared outdoor adventures.

40,222
People served in 2018

19,335
People of color

3,567
Individuals with disabilities

575
Adventures worldwide
Highlights of Our Journey

Since 1978, we have served more than 500,000 people from all walks of life, from the headwaters of the Mississippi to the headwaters of the Nile. People with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities, as well as people of all races and creeds, have come together to “Share the Adventure.” We are united in the spirit of adventure and transformed by the beauty and power of Mother Nature. This thirst for discovering our world with others—who on the surface are different than us—has fueled the passion at Wilderness Inquiry.

This passion comes from our core values, values that were there from the beginning and that have driven our success. We value inclusion, treating everyone like a first class citizen, and getting things done, together. These values were forged on the trail in the face of stiff headwinds, driving rain, and huge whitecaps.

As we close the book on 2018, we celebrate 40 years of inclusive adventures and life-changing experiences in the outdoors. Thank you for your support and belief in Wilderness Inquiry’s mission of integration.
500,000+
People served since 1978

10,224
Adventures worldwide

$56.4 MILLION
Raised and earned
“I felt so alive, like I was one with nature!”
—RAY, AGE 9

Canoemobile

Our “floating classroom” provides place-based learning opportunities for young people in Minnesota and across the country. The Canoemobile experience is a land-and-water journey transporting students and teachers into a school without walls, introducing young people to the wonders of the natural world. Paddling in 24-foot Voyageur canoes, students explore the geological history of cities, investigate aquatic plant and animal life, and learn about the lives of indigenous peoples, fur traders, and settlers. This outdoor classroom brings learning to life for science, social studies, math, history, and more. In a survey conducted by the University of Minnesota, 100% of teachers believe Canoemobile is one of the best ways for students to learn science. From California to Minnesota to New York, 31,863 individuals participated in Canoemobile in 2018.

As we work with local, regional, and national partners coast to coast, we envision a day when every young person in America has the opportunity to access, learn in, and explore our public lands and wild places.
Gateway to Adventure

Gateway to Adventure experiences provide opportunities for individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities to participate in outdoor activities that build confidence, teach hands-on skills, and promote community integration. Here, Bob prepares for a “wet exit” with support from Wilderness Inquiry outdoor leaders while adventuring at WI’s Little Sand Bay Base Camp. In 2018, 335 people participated in inclusive outdoor experiences with Gateway to Adventure.
Share the Adventure

Share the Adventure connects people to each other and the natural world, emphasizing Wilderness Inquiry’s core value of social integration. Bringing people together in the outdoors is possible thanks to financial support which provides scholarships for individuals with financial need, adaptive equipment, and support services for people with disabilities. In 2018, 4,491 people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities shared the adventure with us, joining inclusive trips from the Apostle Islands to Utah’s Sleeping Rainbow and beyond.

In 2000, WI developed the “Rick-shaw” (pictured here), an adaptive device making rugged trails and paths much more accessible for individuals using wheelchairs.
Outdoor Career Academy

Outdoor Career Academy (OCA) offers skill-building, credentialing, and professional training opportunities that prepare underserved youth for careers in the outdoor and environmental industries. Young people emerge with the skills and experiences that level the playing field and ready them to enter the workforce of the future. In 2018, 166 youth graduated from our OCA employment training program. In addition, more than 1,000 youth completed an outdoor career training module as part of their Canoemobile experience.
Families Together

Families Together makes outdoor adventures accessible for families who have a child or parent with a disability. By providing adaptive equipment and accessible facilities, Wilderness Inquiry creates supportive opportunities in the outdoors for families who face barriers traveling together. Scholarship support and youth discounts are available to those with financial need to ensure that family adventures are inclusive and accessible for all. In 2018, 3,367 individuals participated in programs that bring families together.
Financial Summary

2018 was another year of substantial growth. Wilderness Inquiry served more people than ever before in communities across the country, as 40,222 people experienced the mission through shared outdoor adventures. The organization is committed to fiscal responsibility and good stewardship of resources, while ensuring programs are accessible for all. The average cost of programs remains just over $100 per person. Wilderness Inquiry was also awarded the highest rating from Charities Review Council for an unprecedented eighth year, verifying that the organization exceeds industry standards. Audited financial statements are summarized below and were prepared by Carpenter, Evert & Associates, Certified Public Accountants.

### Balance Sheet

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“In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wilderness Inquiry, Inc. as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

—Carpenter, Evert & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, March 2019

### Program Growth, 2012-2018

![Program Growth Chart]

### Awards of Excellence

![Awards of Excellence Images]
Donor Summary

Donors support Wilderness Inquiry’s mission of inclusion, providing opportunities for tens of thousands of individuals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to experience the natural world through shared outdoor adventures. The names, stories and photos below highlight the impact of donor contributions. Many thanks to the 1,246 individuals, corporations, and foundations that made donations to Wilderness Inquiry in 2018.

We make every effort to ensure accurate listings. If we did not attribute your contribution correctly, please contact Development Manager Willy Tully at (612) 676-9430 or willy@wildernessinquiry.org.

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With support from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund, more than 5,511 youth participated in place-based learning opportunities focused on Minnesota's cultural and outdoor heritage in 2018. CanoeMobile visited communities across the state, including Alexandria, Brainerd, Grand Rapids, Rochester, and more.
Thank you to our federal partners that make Wilderness Inquiry programs possible as we work to make our nation's public lands and waterways accessible for all. These federal agencies and leaders teach job skills to underserved youth at Glacier National Park, provide history lessons on the Potomac, develop accessible pathways in the Apostle Islands, and much more.

ST. CROIX RIVER, PHOTO BY MELISSA MURPHY

Wilderness Inquiry celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act on the St. Croix, alongside Congressman Betty McCollum, Harding Senior High School students, and other partners. Thanks to all of the public servants and elected officials who support our work to make the outdoors an inclusive place for everyone to enjoy, participate, and thrive.
Students across Minnesota experience science firsthand as they test water turbidity, identify macroinvertebrates, and compare pH and water quality indicators. Between 2017 and 2020, more than 20,000 students will participate in citizen science on local waterways. Thanks to the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for their support.

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| Barb and Art Stock | 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, PHOTO BY JULIA SCHWEITZER |

On May 5, more than 300 participants, supporters, and friends joined together to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Wilderness Inquiry. Honoring four decades of inclusive outdoor adventures, we unveiled our newest model of Voyageur canoe, highlighted the families that founded our movement, shared stories from across the years, and looked ahead to a bright future. The 40th anniversary celebration raised $242,901. Thank you to the tens of thousands of people that have shaped our story across 40 years.
"In the east year, Patti and I have begun to think about our legacy and commitment to the future — how we can pay it forward and continue to make a difference. One thing we decided to do was to update our will. We never know what the future will bring, but we do know if we don’t plan for it things won’t turn out the way we want. So we decided to dedicate a portion of our estate to Wilderness Inquiry. Our hope is that this lasting investment will ensure that the hundreds of thousands of people who will need Wilderness Inquiry in their lives in the next 40 years will greatly benefit from and appreciate it. The process is simple, but the impact is big.”

— Greg Leis, Wilderness Inquiry Founder & Executive Director

To learn more about planned giving opportunities with Wilderness Inquiry, contact Julie Edmiston at (612) 676-9424 or julie@wildernessinquiry.org.

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