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Help Get the 2nd Wonder Wagon Rolling!

Dear Park Friend:

The reviews are in! *The Wonder Wagon is a hit! A truly WONDERful educational experience!* Since launching at Earth Day Fairfax, adults and children alike are raving about the creativity of the Wonder Wagon.

Everyone is thrilled about the Wonder Wagon! Parents have said – “*What I love about the Wonder Wagon is that it brings nature to you and it’s very convenient and it’s got a lot of cool little things that you can look at and learn from*” and “*I think it’s great! It helps our children experience the wonder of nature.*” One excited child said – “*It’s really cool. I liked the bugs!!!*”

Educators appreciate its informative component – “*Even with the scorching heat, so many people came out to participate. This wonderful educational and fun program with its hands-on, interactive activities and opportunities for environmental exploration was able to captivate both the kids and adults. They were delighted to learn about the fascinating insects and birds that live in and around them and shared with us that they would love to enjoy more Wonder Wagon programs. I hope they will expand this program,*” said Salima Hassoni, FCPL Youth Services Manager, George Mason Regional Library.

Since the end of April to mid-summer, the **Wonder Wagon has reached more than 2,293 individuals and made over 50 visits**, with many more upcoming events already scheduled for the fall. It has visited **camp, community centers, festivals, Rec-PAC sites, schools, parks and even a senior center!**

Its popularity is proof that a **second version of the Wonder Wagon is needed to adequately serve more Fairfax County residents and reach children and families in low-income communities.** Naturalists and staff recognize the value of incorporating a recreational component to the educational experience. Children’s outdoor recreation is not just all fun and games, it’s a critical part of child development as they play, explore and discover new things.

We are **grateful to you, our valued and loyal supporter**, for helping make the first Wonder Wagon a reality. The educational value it is bringing to our students is evident. By learning first-hand about nature and the world they live in, children are understanding the importance of stewardship and taking care of our precious parks.

Now, we hope you will support this new effort. **Your gift is greatly needed to help fund the critically needed second Wonder Wagon!** Your donation today of \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or whatever you can afford to donate will **help bring the Wonder Wagon to a park near you!**

Please help us continue educating the next generation about the importance of stewardship of our land! **Thank you for your thoughtfulness to support the new Wonder Wagon and YOUR Fairfax County parks!**

Sincerely,

Jaimie

Laura Eakin Erlacher
Chair, Board of Directors

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P.S. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and 100% of your gift will support this important outreach program throughout our community!

Yes, I want to help the 2nd Wonder Wagon! Donate online at www.FairfaxParkFoundation.org or mail your gift with this form to 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 404, Fairfax, VA 22035-5508

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