

The New Nature Centre Project

City of Barrie

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Connect

Sparking imagination TODAY and
empowering the environmental
champions of TOMORROW.



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The Nature Centre Project



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/sZ1tGT3hjMU>

The Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek

Current Nature Centre



Inspired Design: Nature Centre 2022



LSRCA Outdoor Education

- A healthier Lake Simcoe watershed
- Connecting kids to Nature
- An engaged and connected watershed community



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The Benefits of Outdoor Education

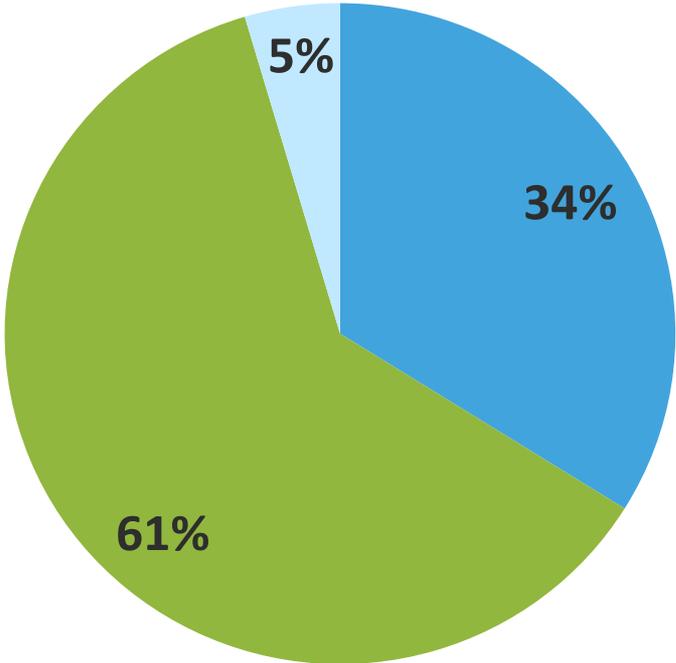
- Improves mental and physical health
- Boosts academic achievement
- Gets children physically active
- Shapes future generations of watershed champions



2019 School Program Stats

Participation By School Board

■ York Region ■ Simcoe County ■ Private / Other

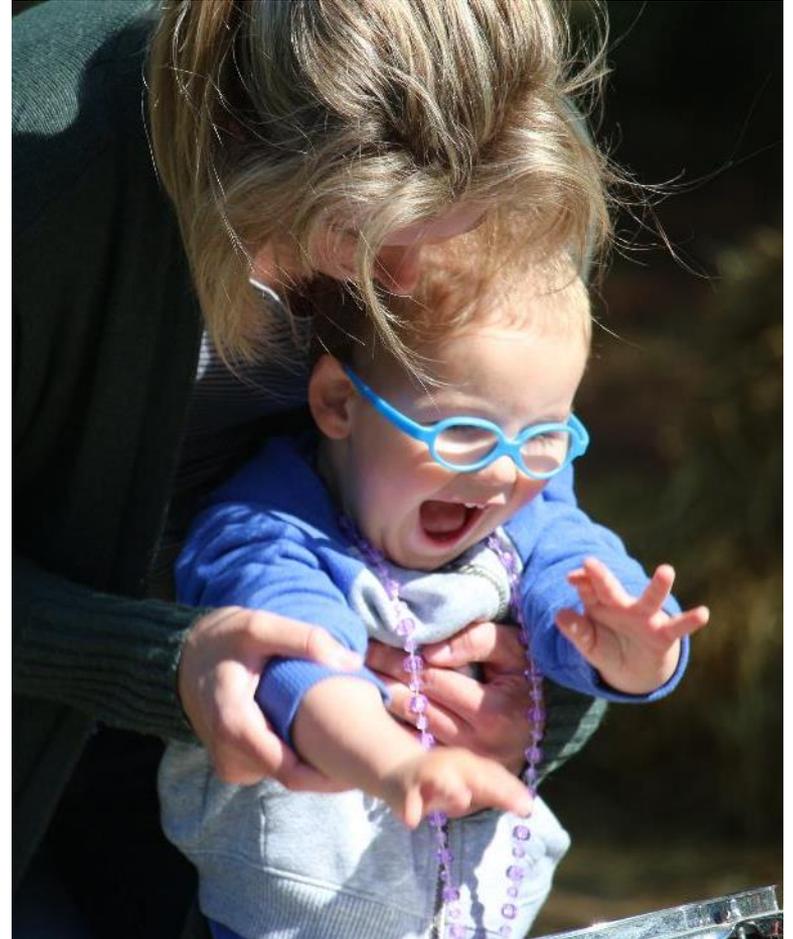


Almost 25%
of participants
from Barrie Schools



Therapy in the Woods

- Award winning Community Program
- Partnership with Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
- Designed to support early learners with sensory and physical challenges
- Reduce barriers to outdoor experiences



The Current Nature Centre

- 3 re-purposed portables
- 2 classrooms
- 2,800 sq ft of space
- Capacity for 60
- Inadequate washroom and storage
- 1980's style
- At the end of its life cycle



The New Nature Centre: Inspired Design

- Approx. \$6.5 million project
- Grand opening in 2022
- Over 8,000 sq ft of space
- Capacity for 250
- Built using sustainable design
- 3 flexible multi use rooms
- Will attract 15,000 annually



Connect Campaign Status

Raised:
\$1.2 Million



City of Barrie Request

\$150,000



QUESTIONS?

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