THE GND REC

community inspired

2019 ANNUAL REPORT / **GND DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE**

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To us, **community inspired** is understanding our neighbors throughout Duluth; creating opportunities for learning, recreation and fun; and having a common vision to live in a healthy and vibrant community. With each passing year, we become even more dedicated to the people and families that surround us. We become more committed to creating activities and amenities that are free and inclusive to all. The GND REC is a celebration of what can happen when community comes together and it inspires us every single day.

We thank everyone who has donated, contributed their talents and time and those who have participated in the activities and opportunities we've been able to offer.

OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to providing a place to be used by members of the community for social, cultural, learning and recreation purposes.

WE VALUE

- our community and each of its members
- education, physical activity and our environment
- those who promote positive actions and give back to our community
- the opportunity to have fun as we promote services in our community and strong personal relationships between its members

WE SERVE

children through seniors by offering programming, as well as structured and unstructured activities.

The GND Development Alliance operates as the GND REC, located at

801 101st Avenue West
Duluth, MN 55808

Joan Balach, Fran Morris and Steve Balach at a 2019 concert at the GND REC.

"Kraus-Anderson's core purpose is to build enduring relationships and strong communities, so partnering with the GND Development Alliance is a natural fit. The GND REC project, led by community volunteers, is a prime example of what can be accomplished as we work together for the benefit of all."

Dan Markham, ***Director of Operations–Duluth Office, Kraus-Anderson Construction Company***

"GND Development Alliance has set the standard for grassroots community-building in Duluth and shown the whole city what is possible when an inspired neighborhood comes together for the common good."

Jim Filby Williams, ***Director, Department of Public Administration, City of Duluth***

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

In 2019 we:

- Started work on the skatepark which included major excavation, installation of drain piping, constructing five skatepark walls, installing outdoor electrical conduit, installing concrete footings for two lampposts and the electronic community communications sign.
- Completed the K9 Haas Memorial and dedicated our dog park, the K9 Haas Memorial Dog Park.
- Installed a multi-activity sport court surface and had a ribbon cutting to officially open the court.
- Dedicated the CN Community Garden at the GND REC with the installation of a sign and ribbon cutting.
- Dedicated the Vintage Acres Soccer Complex at the GND REC with the installation of a sign and ribbon cutting.

YOUTH FOCUS

In 2019, we continue our strong relationships and work in partnership with the Stowe Elementary School, YMCA and the City of Duluth. The YMCA provides staffing and youth programming at the GND REC including K.E.Y Zone (*Knowledge, Enrichment and Youth Development*). After school structured, free activities are offered that include, but are not limited to:

- After school snacks
- Physical activity
- Homework help
- Outdoor environmental programming with Hartley Nature Center *(two times a week)*
- STEM programming provided by 4-H
- Free play
- A wide variety of clubs initiated through Stowe School
- Swimming lessons *(with youth being transported to the downtown YMCA)*
- Basketball league
- Outdoor physical activities and fun
- Children's art fair
- Our fourth annual I Love to Read event
- CATCH Kids Club *(Coordinated Approach to Child Health)* involving both fitness and nutrition.

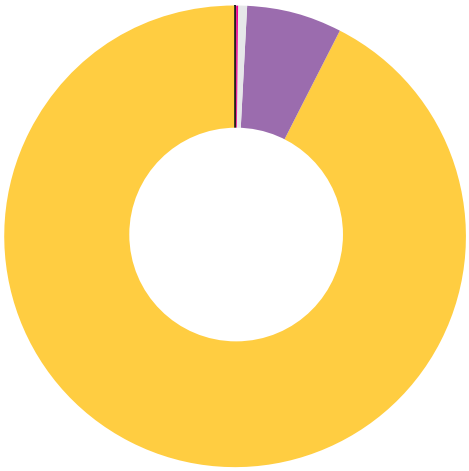
ADULT / FAMILY ACTIVITIES

In 2019 we hosted:

- GND Memorial Day Ceremony
- End of the School Year Blast family picnic and fun *(in conjunction with Stowe School)*
- Concerts
  - Independence Celebration concert with the Duluth Superior Symphony Brass Ensemble
  - Fish Heads and Friends featuring the Fish Heads, with performances by Paul Jones and Bev & Lee "Color Blind" Johnson
  - United States Air Force Band of Mid-America, *Starlifter*
  - Music from the Alps to the Adriatic featuring the Singing Slovenes and Kerry Christensen, World Champion Yodeler
- Soccer games and practices *(coordinated by Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association)*
- Exercise, Zumba and yoga classes for all ages
- Diabetes prevention program
- Community gardens, with four beds dedicated to Stowe School. Ten beds were also planted by community members *(coordinated by the Duluth Community Garden Organization).*
- The GND REC remains a polling station for the community, a meeting place for the Gary New Duluth Community Club and a venue that can be rented for family activities and other private functions.

Income

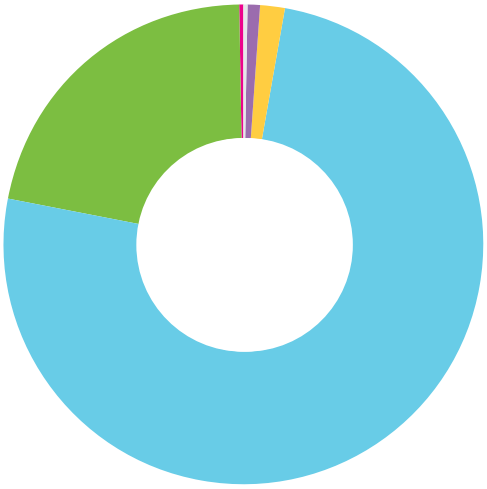
(Year Ended June 30, 2019)



- **Other** $426
- **Concession Sales** $1,189
- **Fundraisers** $12,730
- **Public Support** $173,525

Expenses

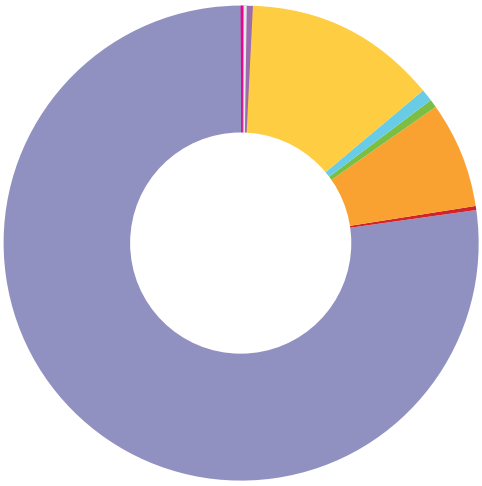
(Year Ended June 30, 2019)



- **Business Expenses** $19
- **Facilities and Equipment** $694
- **Fundraising** $2,009
- **Other Expenses** $2,836
- **Phase 2 Improvements** $147,139
- **Operations** $42,856

Total Project Expenses

(Year Ended June 30, 2019)



- **Business Expenses** $77
- **Facilities and Equipment** $3,388
- **Fundraising** $6,993
- **Phase 2 Improvements** $240,895
- **Other Expenses** $11,476
- **Legal Fees** $12,940
- **Operations** $128,531
- **Design, Architecture and Engineer Fees** $750
- **Phase 1 Improvements** $1,372,148

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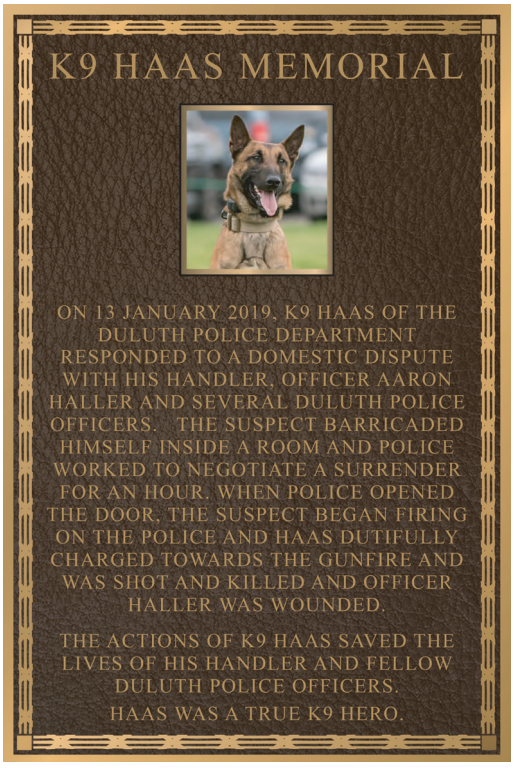


Plaque erected at K9 Haas Memorial Dog Park

ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Our expenses are many and our success has been made possible as a result of contributions from the community, individuals, dedicated volunteers, businesses, organizations, the private sector, trade unions and the City of Duluth. The contributors listed on the following pages are an essential component to our success.

YOU CAN HELP

Each year this giving community humbles us. You have helped us create what the GND REC is today. As we look to 2020, and the work that is yet to be completed, we will need considerable support. **This year we are focused on:**

- **Installing an electronic community communications sign**
- **Building an outdoor pavilion between the sport court and future skatepark**
- **Installing additional lampposts**
- **Continuing work on the skatepark.**

We couldn't achieve any of this without you and ask you to support us in any way you can. We are asking for:

- **Monetary support**
- **Equipment—dump trucks with drivers to haul dirt, gravel and rock**
- **Materials—class V (gravel), 1 ½" rock, concrete, 5/8" rebar**
- **Skilled trades people—carpenters, iron workers**
- **Volunteers**

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved please contact us at **gnddevelopmentalliance@gmail.com**, visit our website, Facebook page or fill out and mail the form included in this report. **We list our website and Facebook page at the top of each right-hand page.**

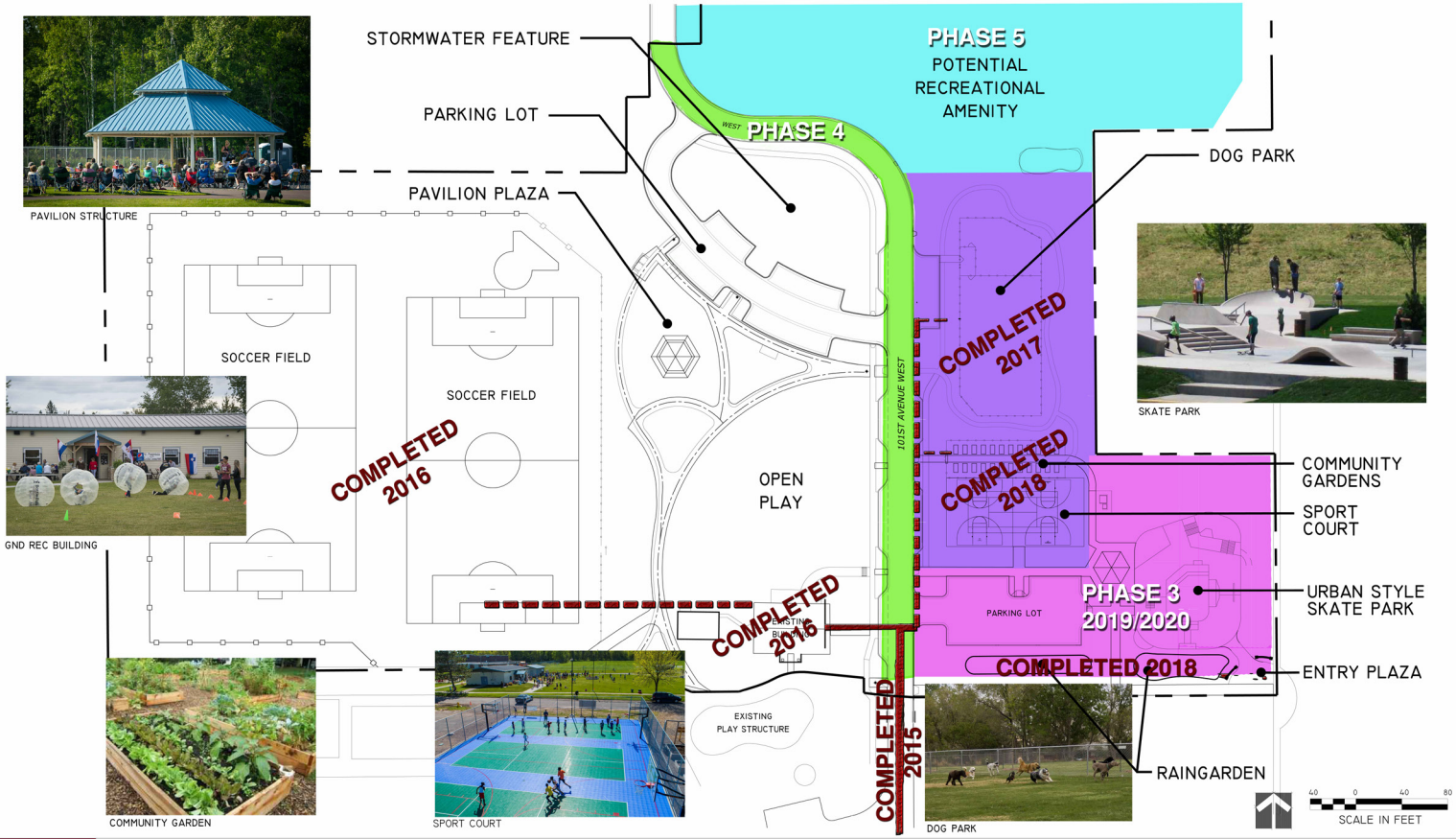
DONATE

If you would like to donate to GND REC you can mail your check to our mailing address at: **GND Development Alliance, 2630 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55806** or go online to our website or facebook page**.**

LEARN MORE

To learn more about the transformation and revitalization of the GND REC, visit our website at **gnd.community**, and see us on Facebook at **facebook.com/gndcommunity**.

MASTER PLAN



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"The GND REC provides a place for our kids to go after school or when school is not in session to enjoy and have fun outdoors. Our youth are our future and the GND REC provides a place where they can have fun, be safe and grow as individuals. We are proud to support the GND REC."

Darrel Johnson
Owner–Darrel D. Johnson Excavating

"The development here is absolutely wonderful and very helpful to this part of town. This is right near Stowe Elementary School. Everybody is interested in nature and profits by being able to get outside. This is a positive thing for any neighborhood."

Gloria Bouschor
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