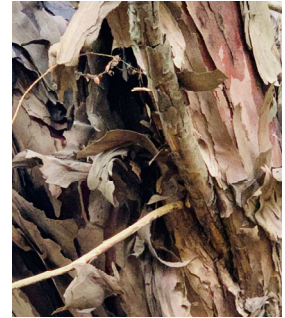




2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) was established by the International Society of Arboriculture and Tree Care Industry Association in 2002, to fund programs that support the discovery and dissemination of knowledge in arboriculture and urban forestry. TREE Fund experienced a transition year in 2019, with the retirement of its president and CEO, J. Eric Smith, and hiring of Eric's successor, Russell King. Highlights of the past 12 months include:



Webinars TREE Fund broadcast six webinars during 2019, attracting 4,286 viewers:

- ◆ *Health Benefits of City Trees: Research Evidence & Economic Values*
- ◆ *The Landscape Architect in the Nursery: Tagging Trees and Enforcing Specifications*
- ◆ *Can We Vaccinate Trees to Protect Against Diseases?*
- ◆ *Remediating Compacted Soils Compromised by Urban Construction*
- ◆ *Cultivating Innovation — Documenting 15 Years of TREE Fund Research Impact*
- ◆ *The Salt Dilemma: Growing Better Urban Trees in Northern Climates*

Grants TREE Fund provided \$414,825 in support of 11 new and 13 continuing grants and six new and five continuing scholarships during 2019.

Outcomes During 2019, TREE Fund-supported research appeared in 16 peer-reviewed publications and was orally presented 25 times. This brings the publication total for the past 16 years to 191.

Publications *TREE Press*, TREE Fund's newsletter, was published 12 times in 2019. The newsletter provides supporters of TREE Fund with timely information, as well as regular features on volunteers, donors, webinars, the Tour des Trees, grants, research results from TREE Fund studies, and messages from the TREE Fund president and CEO.

TREE Fund also published two editions the *Tree and Soil Research Fund Newsletter* in 2019. The Tree and

Soil Research Fund supports research of interest to the landscape architecture and related communities, with special focus in the areas of trees and soils.

TREE Fund published three research reports during 2019:

“Tree Response to Removal Pruning Cuts on Branches that Lack Collars,” by Jake Miesbauer, PhD

“Long-Term Impact of Container Size on Tree Establishment,” by Michael Arnold, PhD

“A Site Index for Urban Trees,” by Bryant Scharenbroch, PhD

Tour des Trees TREE Fund's signature event, the Tour des Trees, found 80 riders and 20 support staff cycling more than 440 miles in five days through the rolling hills of Tennessee and Kentucky in mid-September.

During this celebration-filled week of trees, cycling and comradery, we also met with municipal leaders, local businesses and volunteer groups, and engaged with as many as 450 elementary school students through Professor Elwood Pricklethorn's PEP Rallies, fostering knowledge and a love of trees with our young people and their teachers.

Along with the amazing cycling and educational feats of the 2019 Tour, we are also happy to report on our fundraising successes! The Tour des Trees 2019 fundraising campaign closed on Oct. 1 with a total of \$385,201 raised to advance TREE Fund's mission of supporting scientific discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in arboriculture and urban forestry.

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We appreciate the generosity of all of our donors, and we apologize for any inadvertent misspellings or recognition errors; please contact us with any corrections.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Financials	FY2019	FY2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$148,619	\$139,946
Pledges receivable, net	\$329,339	\$337,486
Beneficial interest in investments held by Chicago Community Trust	\$4,701,956	\$4,159,274
Prepaid expenses	\$3,948	\$3,424
Property and equipment, net	\$1,470	\$2,206
Total Assets	\$5,185,332	\$4,642,336
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$65,754	\$2,437
Accrued expenses	\$8,237	\$12,680
Grants payable	\$362,649	\$329,940
Total Liabilities	\$436,640	\$345,057
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	\$(416,122)	\$(260,864)
With donor restrictions	\$5,164,814	\$4,558,143
Total Net Assets	\$4,748,692	\$4,297,279
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$5,185,332	\$4,642,336

Statement of Activities	FY2019	FY2018
REVENUE		
Contributions	\$476,298	\$734,387
Special Events	\$433,000	\$525,490
In-Kind	\$121,020	\$120,374
Grant Management Fees	\$12,065	\$8,878
Merchandise Sales	\$169	\$2,065
Change in Investment Value	\$690,885	\$(328,900)
Total Revenue	\$1,733,437	\$1,062,294
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES		
Program Services	\$717,955	\$630,308
Administration/General	\$253,816	\$196,926
Fundraising	\$310,253	\$372,850
Total Functional Expenses	\$1,282,024	\$1,200,084
Change in Net Assets	\$451,413	\$(137,790)

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