



# HAPPY DANCING TURTLE

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

### 2020 SNAPSHOTS



Remained virtually connected with local communities during quarantine.



Hundreds of families explored nature through photographic scavenger hunts and nature walks.



Hosted our 14th annual Back to Basics with hundreds of participants from all over the Midwest.



Donated over 700 pounds of freshly home-grown produce to local charitable organizations.



*We had so much fun doing the scavenger hunt... [HDT] does an amazing job at encouraging people to stay active and enjoy nature.*  
-Lynn and Earl A.

*THANK YOU for the Spring Wildflower Walk. We've lived in our house for 22 years and didn't know much about the wildflowers around us.*

-Dave & Sally M.

*Always a great event! One of the best I've been to!*

-Back to Basics  
2020 Participant

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# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Kids

HDT was able to reach out to kids even during social distancing protocols.

- Tiny Turtles
- Nature Club
- 35 Nature Storytime Videos



## Adults

Our most successful Back to Basics event took place early in 2020.

- 295 Participants
- 56 Vendors at FREE Vendor Fair
- 45 Workshops
- Keynote Presentation by Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquin



## Families

HDT conducted programs to bring families into nature, both in person and through distance methods.

- At-Home Family Activity Kits
- Scavenger Hunts
- Family Nature Walks
- Daily Facebook Activities



## Growers

The campus garden continued to be the growing powerhouse as it harvested over 4,000 lbs. of produce.

- Over 700 lbs. of produce donated
- 5th continuous year of CSA
- Raised over 50 chickens!
- *Up the Creek Meats* Program Developed
- Encourage conservation practices in area



## Educators

Local schools and libraries reached out to HDT for in class and distance learning opportunities.

- Over 300 children reached
- 21 Classroom visits
- 10 Library visits
- Winona Schools STEM Night



# NEW INITIATIVES

## Family Activities

During 2020, the need for outdoor activities was greater than ever. We introduced seasonal Bingo Scavenger Hunts, Family Nature Walks, and Self-Guided Seek and Learn Hikes. These programs encourage families to venture out in nature to capture the beautiful, embrace the natural, and experience the wonder of their own backyards.



## Conservation Practices

Focus on education, partnerships, and field days with the purpose of creating understanding and awareness about agriculture's important role in water quality.

## Commitment to Community

*HDT is dedicated to growing good stewards of the planet for the benefit of generations to come. As in nature, **diversity is integral to thriving environments.** We recognize the need for and encourage the expression of diverse voices, viewpoints, and experiences in creating just, sustainable, and flourishing communities.*

*As individual humans, as an organization, and as community members locally and globally, **we are committed to listening, learning, growing, and cultivating an equitable future for all.***