

Our Case for Your Support





Some **25,000+ students** are engaged in learning at Elachee each year, including those in our onsite Nature Academy.

Thousands of visitors can count on experiences that help them discover, learn and play.

Each summer **over 1,000 campers** learn and explore in a supportive environment.

Elachee is the steward of the Chicopee Woods Area Park, which provides 2,800+ acres of protected land for our community's recreational access, contributing to the quality of life in our area.

Our Mission

Since 1978, Elachee Nature Science Center has promoted environmental understanding through education and conservation.

Our Impact

As well as improving the education and health of our community, the Elachee family cultivates environmental stewards.

Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

- Parks, trails and greenways provide environments for physical activity.
- Exposure to greenspace promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Contact with nature strengthens the body and soul.
- Increasing evidence suggests that nature plays an important role in the development of a child and that it should be nurtured.

Greenspace Makes Kids Smarter

Cognitive Benefits

Exposure to nature and green spaces helps to boost a child's working memory, cognitive development, flexibility, and attention control.

Student Engagement

A student's learning attitudes and critical thinking skills improve through creative discovery and exploration in the outdoors. Problem-solving confidence also increases.

S.T.E.A.M. Career Interest

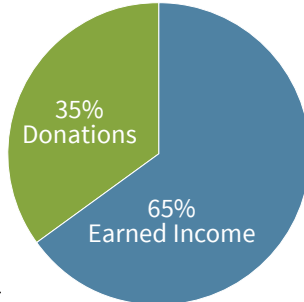
When students are involved in citizen science and fieldwork, they are more likely to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.



Our Stewardship

Elachee Nature Science Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Elachee supplements earned income with donations – grants, sponsorships, major and annual gifts – as part of a multi-faceted fundraising strategy for our programs, general operational needs and future sustainability.

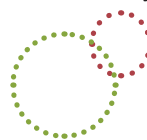


May we count on *your* support to help us reach our annual goal of raising \$450,000?

Elachee is committed to keeping program costs affordable and engaging.

How? The philanthropic funding Elachee receives each year powers our excellence to:

- Provide best-in-class programming;
- Contribute to the quality of life for our community;
- Offer opportunities to experience the awe and wonder that only nature can provide;
- Share *your* love of Elachee!



Our Aspirations