



**WATER
WALKERS**

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

2021: REBUILDING & EXPANDING

THANKS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2021 began as a year of rebuilding. Water Walkers struggled in 2020 alongside everyone else as the pandemic wreaked havoc in all areas of life. In the first quarter of 2021 we started picking up the pieces of what in-person activity looked like. We resumed tutoring and outdoor adventures. However, we were cautious about protecting the kids. We limited the number for each outing so we could practice social distancing. Utilizing masks, temperature checks, and hand sanitizer became the norm. Nonetheless, we pushed forward and slowly rebuilt what we had lost the year before .

Thankfully, with your support this past year, not only did we rebuild, but we were also able to expand! As the year progressed, we added more time with our youth in both education and outdoor adventures. This included more rock climbing, lake trips, and fishing. Even though the last two years were tough for our organization and youth, we have experienced new growth and positive outcomes. We faced challenges, overcame fears, and persevered together . . . which, interestingly, are the same qualities we're trying to instill in the youth we serve!

Clint Bandy

63 STUDENTS

2040 EDUCATION HOURS

1680 ADVENTURE HOURS

708 VOLUNTEER HOURS

*Fortunately, despite the fundraising challenges of 2021, Water Walkers had enough cash in reserve that the organization was still able to operate even though revenue was less than projected.

FINANCIALS:

TOTAL REVENUE- \$120,528

TOTAL EXPENSES- \$149,194



2 FISHING TRIPS



5 HIKES



2 BIKE RIDES



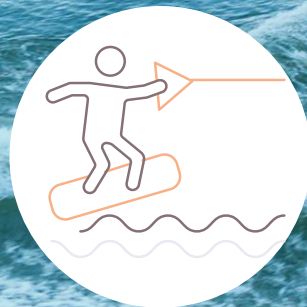
11 ROCK CLIMBING TRIPS



1 AVIARY TOUR



2 ZIPLINE OUTINGS



20 DAYS OF WATER-SPORTS ON PERCY PRIEST LAKE

YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

Sixth grader Unique Wat-t's has been active with Water Walkers for the past two years. Her favorite activities include swimming and "having fun with the people down here". She knows she has improved her reading skills with the help of Water Walkers.



Unique's family benefits from the food baskets provided through Water Walkers; her favorite food is the mac and cheese. While she didn't particularly enjoy seeing a water snake during the group's biology outing to Stones River, she loves participating in all the activities. She enjoys it so much that she has invited a friend to come also. When asked about what she likes the best about the people of Water Walkers, she responded, "Everybody's nice and kind, and they have a lot of adventure in them."

Is Water Walkers having an impact on Unique? Just ask her what she wants to be when she grows up. Her answer: "The CEO of Water Walkers"!