2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

HEADWATERS
AT THE COMAL™

THE CENTER AT HEADWATERS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION!



At Headwaters, our vision is to create the hill country's premier nature education center, and protect the Comal Springs that have sustained this region for 10,000 years. That vision is now taking shape, and in 2023 we were thrilled to begin construction on our new building! Key funding partners were recognized at our groundbreaking ceremony in March.

New Braunfels EDC	Our Texas Our Future H-E-B	Kronkosky Charitable Foundation	Blackwood Bowerman Family
$1.2 million	$200,000	$250,000	$200,000



WATCH YOUR LEGACY COME TO LIFE

Individual donors play a big role in supporting this legacy project for the next generation. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to protect and conserve the Comal Springs, the heart and soul of New Braunfels. After careful consideration the Blackwood Bowerman Family changed their will bequest and presented the Headwaters with an additional $300,000! Now they can enjoy this legacy project during their lifetime.

Learn more at headwatersatthecomal.org

2,474 VISITORS

566 EARTH DAY ATTENDANCE

780 SPECIES OBSERVED

265 INDIVIDUAL DONORS

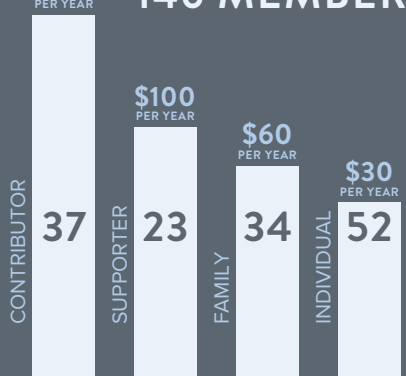
$2.2M AMOUNT RAISED

GRANTS AWARDED

San Antonio Area Foundation	impactsa WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE	The Meadows Foundation 75 Years
$25,000 / YR FOR 3 YRS	$10,000	$100,000

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146 MEMBERS



seam
SCIENCE • ENGINEERING
ART • MATH

WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM

10 SEAM PROGRAMS
106 PARTICIPANTS

22 FIELD TRIPS
852 YOUTH

4 SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS

71 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

2,870 HOURS OF SERVICE

1,145	MAINTENANCE
944	EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
92	TRAINING
689	COMMUNITY SCIENCE

OUR MISSION

CONNECT COMMUNITY TO NATURE, AND SHOWCASE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COMAL SPRINGS.

EDUCATE & DEMONSTRATE

Headwaters' education program is growing! This year we hosted over 400 adults at workshops, and over 800 kids on field trips to explore science. We provided hands-on activities at community events, and held 4 outdoor camps this spring and summer.

PROTECT & CONSERVE

This year our erosion control volunteers constructed more brushy check dams to filter sediment before it rushes into the Spring Run during large rain events. This partnership with US Fish & Wildlife, Eden Hill, Colorado River Land Trust and the Lindheimer Master Naturalists is a great example of how a small group can help protect the Comal Springs and the endangered species that call it home.

PARTNER IN RESEARCH

Our citizen science volunteers expanded water testing efforts at Headwaters in 2023, and completed in-depth training to begin E. coli monitoring in addition to routine monitoring. This project is part of a larger effort to improve our understanding of water quality in the Comal River Watershed.

CREATE COMMUNITY

We offered many community events throughout the year, including our most successful Earth Day event yet, an Eclipse viewing event, meditation and yoga classes, and rain barrel workshops.



"The springs and river are the reason people love living here. It's up to all of us to learn ways we can be better stewards of our water. Every individual can do something – from something small to a grand scale." – Nancy Pappas



Photo by Darlene Varga, Citizen Science Volunteer

Headwaters at the Comal keeps giving to the community, even in the midst of construction!" – Headwaters Supporter

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