

## **Mission**

**The Mission of the Rusk Ranch Nature Center is to benefit the community and to provide opportunities for the public, particularly young people, to appreciate the natural world and instill a sense of stewardship toward the earth and its inhabitants, and preserve and conserve nature and wildlife.**

## **Values**

**At Rusk Ranch Nature Center we value the healing power of nature and nature's ability to nurture creativity, to inspire a sense of belonging, and to build community by showing us our deep inter-connectedness. We value the long term wholeness of recognizing that people and nature are inseparable. We strive to nurture whole families, multi-age groups and children.**

## **Vision**

**We envision Rusk Ranch Nature Center as an inspiring place for interactive nature programs & exhibits and outdoor recreational activities, enhancing quality of life and fostering community pride.**

**Rusk Ranch Nature Center awakens children of all ages to the adventure, discovery and awe of our natural world. The center supports the mutually beneficial relationship between the human community and nature, restoring wetlands, creating habitat for wildlife, and providing protected areas for endangered species. A multitude of discovery opportunities are offered for children and families. The public is invited to enjoy the wonders of nature through indoor and outdoor interactive displays and experience the deep value of our interdependent living communities.**

**Rusk Ranch Nature Center is a multi-use, park-like facility, available for a diversity of activities; a place where people can spend the day; a place that is developed, supported and used by the community. The center attracts many thousands of visitors yearly, both national and international, who bring sustaining revenue to the organization and to the region.**