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THANK YOU TO METRO PARKS

We’re honored to partner with Metro Parks and welcome you to our community. Please join us as we collaborate, partner with our city government and local residents to make Centennial Park a place that is welcoming, vibrant and diverse.

THANK YOU TO THE HERMITAGE HOTEL

Thank you for your generous support. We are grateful for your partnership, which enables us to continue to provide access to enriching arts and educational programs in our city’s central park.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Centennial Park Conservancy Family,

Over the past two years, each of us has experienced unique challenges requiring us to adapt in new ways to respond to an ever-changing world. This has clearly been true for us here at Centennial Park, where we have intentionally addressed these challenges while collaborating across public and private sectors to improve our city’s central park and enrich the lives of people who visit it.

In my role, I am fortunate to see firsthand the deep value Centennial Park plays in the life of our city and its people. Its reliable promise of open green space and unmatched free offerings in the arts and education. Through your financial support, we have delivered on that promise by revitalizing the Park, supporting our city’s iconic landmark, presenting accessible and inclusive programming, and providing invaluable opportunities for active recreation and peace.

This would not have been possible without our partners and supporters. We are only able to fulfill our mission because of your generosity and selfless giving. We can count on you to enrich the lives of our Nashvillians.

As we look forward to a fourth decade supporting Metro Parks, we remain committed to working with our city and steadfast in our vision.

Growing commitments on public funding have made it evident that our public-private partnership with Metro Parks is essential to sustain the Park and Parthenon for the next generation.

In 2020, we embarked on a strategic journey to strengthen our capacity to meet the growing needs of the Park and Parthenon, over the next decade. We established the Centennial Park Maintenance Fund and Parthenon Preservation Fund to ensure that Metro Parks care for these local treasures. We created an Equitable Engagement Committee to foster an inclusive public space by looking at everything we do through an equity lens. And we were selected as one of four park support organizations for the U.S. Office of National Parks Committee for the Centennial Park Conservancy.

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President
John Tumminello
Together with Metro Parks and our generous supporters, we enhanced the Park and enriched our community through the following projects and programs:

**MUSICIANS CORNER**

- Enriched the Nashville community by presenting 16 free music events to an audience of 50K people
- Supported local artists by paying and showcasing a diverse lineup of 31 performers, including 63% female-fronted acts and 42% fronted by a person of color
- Showcased local businesses by highlighting 42 unique vendors, including 68% woman owned and 32% owned by a person of color
- Received national recognition for Justin Branam, Musicians Corner’s Program Director, who was named a “Local Legend” by Wild Turkey and Matthew McConaughey for “keeping the local music scene alive” during the pandemic

**KIDSVILLE**

- Supported local families by presenting 100 free children’s events and Storybook Walks to an audience of over 50K people in the Park and the Parthenon
- Served families visiting the Parthenon by underwriting 30K Kidsville Guide to the Parthenon booklets
- Served children throughout Nashville by presenting 40 Kidsville events across our city, including Coleman, East, Hadley, Looby, and Savoy Park Community Centers (Funded in partnership with Tennessee Arts Commission)

**THE PARTHENON**

- Supported the Parthenon’s future care by establishing the Parthenon Preservation Fund and raising $150K to support it
- Facilitated social discourse by funding 6 Parthenon exhibitions, including Kindred Links by Omari Booker and Henry L. Jones, which explores the effects of gentrification in North Nashville’s Black communities
- Enhanced the museum’s visitor experience for 250K visitors by underwriting new gallery lighting as well as free public WiFi and a corresponding audio tour
- Supported 4 STEAM Expedition nights at the Parthenon, which offered free admission to all 86K Metro Nashville Public School families

**NASHVILLE EARTH DAY**

- Celebrated our planet and inspired positive environmental change by presenting a socially distanced festival attended by 2K people and giving away 500 trees (which were funded by Amazon through the Nashville Tree Foundation)
- Enacted positive change by underwriting environmental projects in Boyd Park, Centennial Park, Green Hills Park, Harpeth Park, Hadley, Mill Ridge Park, Hadley Park, Mill Ridge Park, Mullins Park, Shelby Park, and Stratford STEM Magnet School, and by providing support to Trap Garden to create educational grow kits in local communities considered food deserts

**EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY**

- Established an Equitable Engagement Committee to utilize an equity lens to inform our decisions and ensure equitable access, inclusion, and positive representation in our projects and programs
- Supported the development of future museum professionals by creating the Wesley Paine Internship Fund, with a focus on diversity, equity, and representation
- Supported Creative Parks Nashville by funding a historical marker and mural at Centennial Art Center to honor the history of the historic swimming pool that was closed in the 1960s in response to an effort to integrate the pool

**THANK YOU**

Thank you from the Centennial Park Conservancy Board and Staff to Metro Parks, and the many donors, members, sponsors, and partners who made these accomplishments a reality for our community!

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