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We appreciate EVERY Park Donor!

Dear Park Friend:

Throughout this year like no other in recent history, park trails and open space are used more than ever! **As we wrap up 2020 and enter the season of giving, the Fairfax County Park Foundation (FCPF) is thankful for supporters like you who instill hope for the future!**

While the pandemic has changed our daily lives, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has adapted, just like Fairfax County residents. As families and friends creatively found ways to stay connected, so did your parks! **FCPA trails remain open for people to enjoy the tranquility of nature, and to exercise which are so important for the physical and mental health of our community.**

FCPA's creative staff developed many virtual programs that offer educational, environmental, recreational, and healthy class opportunities to residents. The Virtual Exploration Center allowed families to participate in enriching programs on their own schedule.

The Park Foundation and generous corporate, individual, and foundation donors supported FCPA's newly adapted programs including:

- Modifying the *Meaningful Watershed Educational Program (MWEE)* at Hidden Oaks Nature Center to a **Science Educational Support program that produced science videos** that Fairfax County Public School teachers used to supplement their science curriculum;
- Adapting the *Wonders of Watershed Education* program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to a **family-based program that complements children's school-based science education;**
- **Enabling children living in homeless shelters and transitional housing to attend the virtual-PAC camps as a substitute for in-person camps;**
- Sponsoring **Healthy Strides Community Fitness classes that are streamed** into homes across the county; and
- Transitioning the popular **Summer Entertainment Series concerts to live-streamed concerts** that were enjoyed by families in the safety and comfort of their homes.

We are all hopeful for a better 2021 that will bring us closer to the way of life we cherish. In order to bring this to fruition, the Park Foundation needs your help today! The Park Authority, like many businesses and organizations, has seen its revenue decrease by 43.6%. FCPA is geared up to resume normal activities and **you can help make this happen.** Your donation today is as critical as it has ever been!

Please donate \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or whatever you can contribute to bring our camps, programs, and activities back to the citizens of Fairfax County. Parks enrich our lives, contribute to the continued health of our citizens, and allow recreation for all abilities in beautiful inspirational settings.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season that leads to a Happy New Year! **Your donation today will help ensure that your award-winning parks maintain quality activities that will enrich our lives in 2021!**

Sincerely,

Michael Gailliot, Chair
Board of Directors

Roberta A. Longworth, CFRE
Executive Director

P.S. Your donation will provide meaningful help for your parks. Your tax advisor can confirm **benefits** allowed **via the CARES Act** for a new \$300 above-the-line charitable deduction for those who file a standard deduction; and 100% of Adjusted Gross Income if you itemize!

☐ **Yes, I will help MY Parks!** Donate online at www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org or mail your gift with this form to: 12055 Government Center Pkwy, #404, Fairfax, Va. 22035-5508



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