To better accommodate the demand for more celebration areas at Burke Lake Park, the Park Foundation began a capital campaign in 2015 to partner with the Park Authority to identify \$333,000 to build two ADA compliant picnic shelters near the children's area. A virtual ribbon cutting ceremony was held in May 2021 where we honored our significant donors – Wayne and Angela Valis and the Valis Family, Steve and Adriane Thormalen, and Elizabeth, Thomas and Chennikara Family.



**Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center** will focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) education. Many thanks to generous donors like you who have already contributed more than \$100,000 toward our goal of \$180,000. As one of a few Living Building Challenge structures in Virginia and only 30 in the world, this state-ofthe-art interpretive center will be built with recycled materials to be wholly sustainable, and pollution-free.

The very popular **Summer Entertainment Series** pivoted to virtual shows in 2020. The series attracted more than 4,800 people who enjoyed 25 culturally diverse concerts in all supervisory districts. In 2021, live concerts, held in socially distanced venues, were welcomed by performers and audiences alike! We are thankful for the following major sponsors: The Ruth and Hal Launders Charitable Trust, Arrowbrook Centre, LLC, Dominion Energy, I-66 Express Mobility Partners, Transurban - 395/495/95 Express Lanes, Interstate Moving|Relocation|Logistics, Wegmans, **Trinity Centre, and PNC Foundation**. Please visit our website to see the full list of our generous sponsors.

Rec-PAC and Parks and Community Together (PACT) offer camp scholarships to underserved children living in homeless shelters and supportive housing. Aligning with the **One Fairfax Social and Racial Equity policy**, these camps provide children with weeks of summer fun and an opportunity to enrich their lives with new skills such as fishing, sports, STEM, and theatrics. Many thanks to the hundreds of individuals, companies like the **Pediatric Associates of Alexandria** and foundations like the George Preston Marshall Foundation and the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation for donating more than \$56,000.

After the 2020 cancellation, **Healthy Strides 5k/10k** race returned in 2021. More than 200 participants raced their neighborhoods and parks, and many joined the Live Zoom Race. A \$1,500 portion of total registration proceeds were donated to the **Park** Foundation's Trail Building and Care program that helps to improve, extend, and build trails throughout Fairfax County.



The Meaningful Watershed **Educational Experience** (MWEE) project engages fourth and seventh grade students in a hands-on educational program about the importance of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. We are grateful to **Northrop** 

**Grumman** for their continued support of this important environmental program. We thank them for pivoting during the pandemic from in-person field trips to educational videos that were shared with elementary schools throughout the county.



Green Spring Gardens celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2020 which extends into 2022. The Moon Gate Garden project will include a mix of traditional and modern design concepts to draw visitors into a new Asian-inspired garden. More than 150 people donating at least \$50 are featured on

the virtual Giving Tree. Many gifts are being made in honor or in memory of a loved one.



**LEAVE A PARK LEGACY** Park supporters who create a legacy of parks and green space for future generations by including the Fairfax County Park Foundation in their gift planning are members of the **FCPF Legacy Circle**. There are traditional giving vehicles such as wills and beguests. Planned gifts may be made by cash, appreciated stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Charitable trusts, real estate, personal property, retirement accounts and life insurance can be used to maximize giving, while benefitting heirs and the donor's estate. Future generations will appreciate your thoughtful gift planning today!



The Eakin Philanthropy Award was established in 2009 to recognize the visionary, financial and material contributions to the Park Foundation. The 2020 recipients were **The** Hwang Family, Dominion Energy,

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Mobility Partners, and Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB). The 2021 recipients are the Wayne and Angela Valis and the Valis Family, Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home and Fairfax Memorial Park, and Friends of Colvin Run Mill. Please visit our website for more information on their accomplishments.

Since the establishment of The Lazar Family Fund in 2018, Tibor Lazar and Heidi Allen have raised nearly \$200,000 to build an endowment for FCPA Natural Resource stewardship, management, and protection of the environment.

### **LEADERSHIP DONORS**



The Park Foundation is grateful for the members of the **Leadership Society** who donate \$10,000 or more. The following members' philanthropy not only support our parks and many programs, but they inspire others to enrich our parks:

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The Fairfax County Park Foundation (FCPF) inspires philanthropy and a passion for parks in Fairfax County that help bridge the gap between identified needs and available public funds for our parks and open space. The Park Foundation supports the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) by raising private funds, obtaining grants and creating partnerships that supplement tax dollars to meet our community's needs for programs, scholarships, services, parkland and facilities.

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# **YOUR** PARKS ARE HERE FOR YOU!



The Fairfax County Park Foundation's (FCPF) Board of Directors and staff learned much during the pandemic. We learned to be patient, to pivot, to adapt to new working conditions, and to have Zoom meetings. Most importantly, we learned to appreciate, even more than we had before, our incredibly generous donors. Throughout the health crisis that gripped our county and nation, FCPF donors were loval and continued their support for our many programs and projects.

Fairfax residents found during the pandemic that parks were one place they could socially distance while walking on the trails and enjoying nature. Even when many parks had to close for safety reasons, the trails remained open. The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) reopened parks when it was safe to many grateful park users.

In 2020, FCPF realized its multi-year campaign goal of opening two new celebration shelters at Burke Lake Park. We were also excited to commence the Sully Woodlands Stewardship Education Center campaign, for an innovative educational and recreational facility at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly.





