

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Centennial Park Conservancy Family,

I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy. This has certainly been a unique and challenging year for all of us. The global pandemic has changed our personal lives, and we've had to innovate, pivot, and find creative ways to conduct business and sustain operations. While most of Centennial Park Conservancy's in-person events were canceled, in partnership with Metro Parks, the Parthenon staff, and our generous members & supporters, we continued serving our city by making improvements to Nashville's central park and providing enriching arts and educational programming to our community. We could not continue achieving our mission without the incredible generosity and hard work of many, and we're sincerely thankful to each and every one of you for the ongoing partnership and support that make it possible to create a positive impact on our city.

With Gratitude,

John Tumminello, Executive Director

## THANK YOU TO METRO PARKS

We're honored to continue supporting two Nashville treasures and serve the city of Nashville through park improvements and outstanding programming. We're grateful to Metro Parks Director Monique Odom and her staff for allowing us to work beside them in the Parthenon and Centennial Park and look forward to continuing our productive partnership to mutually benefit our community.

**Thank you to the entire Metro Parks team, and especially the following for their partnership and support:**

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## CENTENNIAL PARK CONSERVANCY

# 2020 GRATITUDE REPORT

## THANK YOU

for partnering with us to support the Parthenon and Centennial Park



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS

Centennial Park Conservancy Members provide critical funds to sustain our ability to preserve, enhance, and share the Parthenon and Centennial Park. Memberships help fund Parthenon programs, enable free community programs to flourish, and ensure the vibrancy of the Parthenon and Centennial Park. Thank you for partnering with us to make a positive impact on our community and keep programming free for everyone.

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We deliver the majority of our programs at no charge to ensure they remain accessible to all. This would not be possible without the generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations that understand the importance of providing free access to art and educational programs for everyone in our city.

### SUSTAINING PARTNERS:

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### MEMBERS & DONORS:

Thank you to the thousands of generous individuals who supported us this year as members and donors. We sincerely thank you for continuing to help us sustain our organization, continue our mission, and deliver free programming to make a positive impact on our community.

### CENTENNIAL PARK REVITALIZATION 2020 DONORS:

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# THE PARTHENON

## EXHIBITS SHOWCASING WOMEN AND MUSIC

- ▶ Funded the Parthenon's 2020 exhibits:
  - *Flood Lines* by Tasha Lewis
  - *We Have a Vision: Nashville Women from the Centennial to Suffrage*
  - *Music in the Park: Songs and Stories from Centennial Park 1896 - 2020*

## PARTHENON DIGITAL UPGRADES

- ▶ Funded [NashvilleParthenon.com](http://NashvilleParthenon.com), the museum's first dedicated website
- ▶ Funded the **installation of WiFi** to enhance the visitor experience and enable virtual programming from the museum, *in partnership with the Frist Foundation*

# MUSICIANS CORNER

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

- ▶ Presented 90s Week, Sundown Series, and Holiday Cheer showcasing and paying **35** artists to an audience of over **25,000** people

## I MISS HUGS AND LIVE MUSIC

- ▶ Created and sold **1,500** "I Miss Hugs and Live Music" t-shirts to sustain the free music program for our community

# TOGETHER WE ACCOMPLISHED THE FOLLOWING:

## CENTENNIAL PARK REVITALIZATION

### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CORE 19-ACRES OF THE PARK

- ▶ Funded\* **\$5M** in park improvements through private donations and a leadership gift from the HCA Foundation (\*in 2018 and 2019):
  - Re-engineered Great Lawn
  - Two pedestrian promenades and landscaping improvements
  - LED Lighting system to illuminate the Parthenon
  - Permanent location for Tennessee Woman Suffrage Monument

### CENTENNIAL PARK MAINTENANCE FUND

- ▶ Secured a **\$100K** donation to establish a fund to help maintain the park

### EVENT PAVILION PHASE FUNDRAISING

- ▶ Raised **\$2M** to-date to build a community gathering space, make improvements to the Park Plaza side of the park, and provide access from the 31st Avenue Connector



# THANK YOU

*for partnering with us and underwriting free programs and capital improvements to serve our community in the Parthenon and Centennial Park!*

# KIDSVILLE

## COMMUNITY CENTER SUPPORT

- ▶ Hired a **Community Outreach Manager** and established an **After-School Pilot Program**, *in partnership with Nashville Parks Foundation*

## IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- ▶ Delivered **20** programs to **1,800** Parthenon visitors
- ▶ Created a **Children's Activity Guide to the Parthenon** that was distributed to **4,000** visitors
- ▶ Hosted **3** socially-distanced **Storybook Walks** in the park
- ▶ Presented **30** weekly at home activities to **15,000** people

# NASHVILLE EARTH DAY

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- ▶ Presented virtual programs celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, Pollinator Week, Honeybee Day, and Honey Month to **7,500** people

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

- ▶ Funded the care of **160,000** bees in Centennial Park
- ▶ Funded the addition of **12,000** bees for Shelby and Mill Ridge Parks
- ▶ Funded the creation of a **Bee Sanctuary** with **10** fruit trees in Shelby Park
- ▶ Funded the planting of **25** trees in Frederick Douglass Park
- ▶ Funded **12** water clean up projects, *in partnership with Cumberland River Compact*

