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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Centennial Park Conservancy Family,

Over the past year, millions of people have experienced the beauty of our beloved Centennial Park and participated in its enriching cultural and educational programs. Our community only continues to benefit from this thriving public space because of your contributions. You have truly enabled our public/private partnership with Metro Parks to flourish, and together, we are sustaining the vibrancy of our city's central park today and for future generations.

In many ways 2022 has been a banner year for our organization. Beginning in January, we embarked on a new seven-year strategic plan to strengthen our capacity to activate and revitalize the Park. Our strategy is already paying dividends, which you can see throughout this 2022 Gratitude Report.

Culturally, Centennial Park remains an important centerpiece of Nashville, providing daily programming at the Parthenon, the Centennial Art Center, and the Centennial Performing Arts Studios. Centennial Park Conservancy is proud to provide support for these enriching Metro Parks programs while also presenting accessible and inclusive Musicians Corner, Kidsville, and Nashville Earth Day events that engage our city's diverse community.

The Centennial Park revitalization efforts continue boldly moving ahead. In 2022, we partnered with You Have the Power to commemorate a beautiful Children's Memory Garden honoring children who have lost their lives to violence. Our team also worked with Metro Parks to finalize the design of capital improvements to the Park's north side, which is expected to break ground in 2023. These enhancements will strengthen the revitalization work completed in prior phases and include a new event pavilion adjacent to Lake Watauga, a pedestrian entrance at the 31st Avenue Connector, and a repurposing of the Park's historic Croquet Clubhouse into a café. Another way we are looking ahead is through the recently established Sylvia Rapoport Future Fund that will help sustain our organization and transform the Park to serve future generations.

All of these important initiatives were made possible by YOU, our generous supporters. On behalf of our board, staff, and Metro Parks, we thank you for partnering with us to sustain the vibrancy of Centennial Park and the Parthenon. Together, we are protecting these Nashville treasures as our city continues to evolve around us, ensuring the Park remains a constant source of natural beauty, engaging the imagination through the arts, and fostering strong connections in our community.

With Gratitude,

**John Tumminello**  
President



## CENTENNIAL PARK REVITALIZATION

- Completed construction on the Children's Memory Garden of Nashville to honor children who lost their lives to violence
- Raised an additional \$1.7M for the upcoming capital improvements to the north side of the Park and continued the design development process for the event pavilion, cafe, and pedestrian entrance over the 31st Avenue Connector
- Supported the Park's future maintenance needs by allocating over \$135K of revenue to the Centennial Park Maintenance Fund

## THE PARTHENON

- Welcomed nearly 300K visitors and celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition—and the origins of Centennial Park—with an immersive exhibition of artifacts, music, and photographs
- Delivered 650 education programs to 70K people, including four STEAM Nights, which offered free admission to all Metro Nashville Public School families
- Translated Parthenon audio tours into Spanish and Arabic and provided complimentary tours to over 50K visitors
- Supported the Parthenon's future care by allocating over \$135K to the Parthenon Preservation Fund

## NASHVILLE EARTH DAY

- Celebrated our planet and inspired positive environmental change by presenting a free festival attended by 5K people and giving away 750 trees
- Enacted positive change by underwriting the planting of 70 trees and pollinator gardens across Nashville, including Carter Lawrence Elementary in Edgehill, Dudley Park in Napier, Mill Ridge Park in Southeast Nashville, Green Hills Park in West Nashville, Stratford STEM Magnet School in East Nashville, and a streetscaping project in North Nashville; providing annual care for 160K bees in Centennial Park; underwriting sustainability education training for 2.4K MNPS children



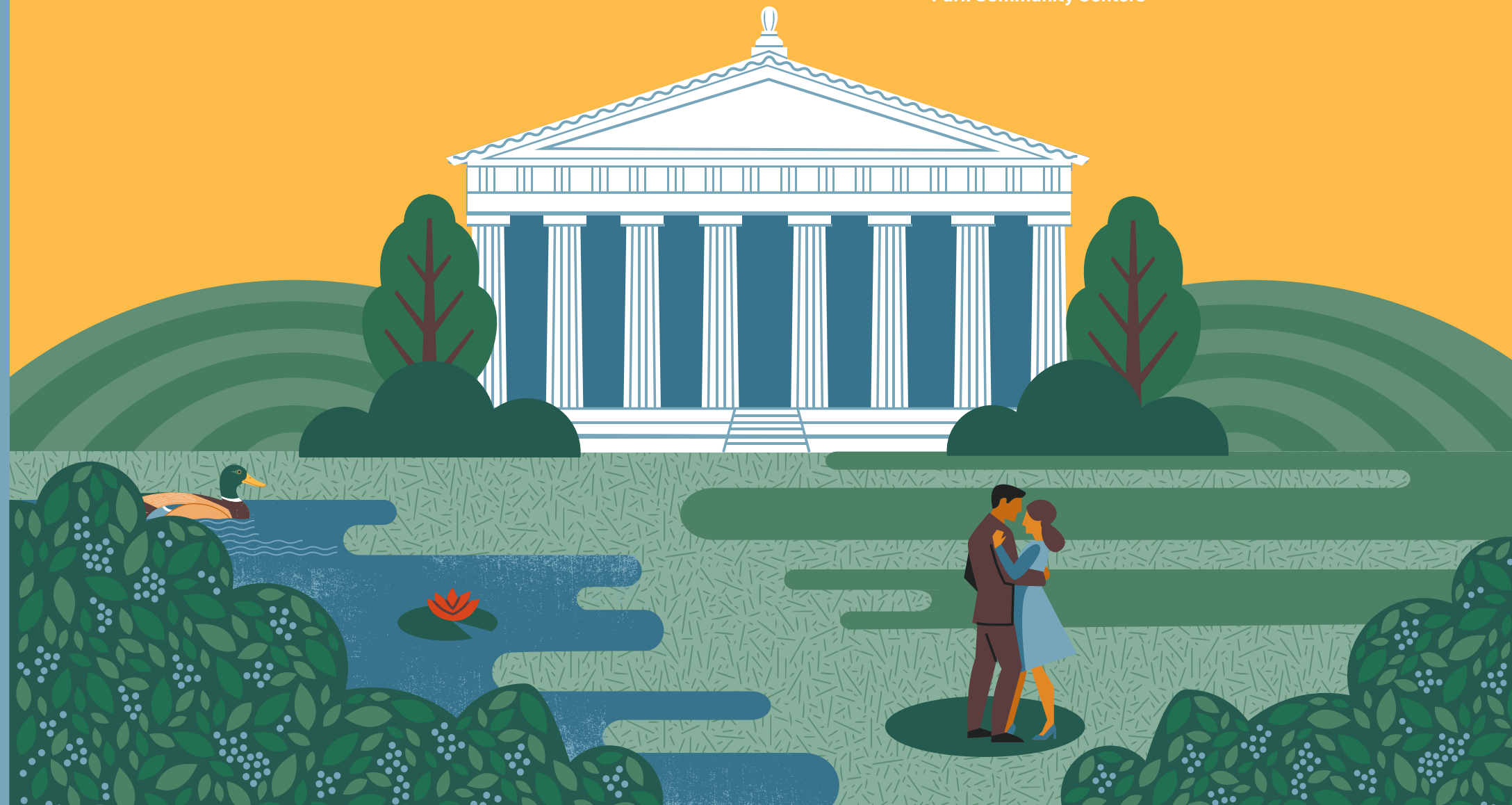
Together with Metro Parks and our generous supporters, we enhanced the Park and enriched our community through the following projects and programs:

## MUSICIANS CORNER

- Enriched the Nashville community by presenting 27 free music events to an audience of 75K people
- Supported local artists by paying and showcasing a diverse lineup of 171 performers, including 50% female-fronted acts and 35% fronted by a person of color
- Showcased local businesses by highlighting 128 unique vendors, including 65% woman owned and 32% owned by a person of color

## KIDSVILLE

- Supported local families by presenting 143 free children's events and StoryBook Walks to an audience of over 10K people in the Park and the Parthenon
- Served families visiting the Parthenon by underwriting and distributing 30K Kidsville activity guides to visitors
- Served children throughout Nashville by presenting 50 Kidsville events across our city, including after school programming at Coleman, East, Hadley, Looby, and Sevier Park Community Centers



## EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY

- Supported the funding of a state historical marker at Centennial Art Center that was unveiled to honor the history of the former swimming pool that was closed in the 1960s in response to an effort to integrate the pool
- Supported the development of future museum professionals by welcoming our first two paid interns as part of the Wesley Paine Internship Program, which helps to ensure that future museum leadership reflects the rich demographics of our community



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Thank you from the Centennial Park Conservancy staff and board to Metro Parks, and the many donors, members, sponsors, and partners who made these accomplishments possible for our community!

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