Hermann Park Conservancy is a citizens’ organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park – today and for generations to come.
2017 was a year of celebration for Hermann Park and for all involved with the Conservancy—and celebrate we did! This year marked the 25th anniversary of the Park’s idyllic Japanese Garden, the 10th occurrence of the increasingly popular Hats in the Park luncheon, and the 15th time we toasted the Conservancy’s work at Evening in the Park—each of which brought exciting new features and programs to the forefront. The Japanese Garden received ornate new features as part of its anniversary renovation, Hats in the Park marked the launch of an exciting new public art initiative, and Evening in the Park brought cultures together in a truly awe-inspiring way.

While we observed many milestones this year, we also moved forward in developing a bold vision for future improvements for Hermann Park, effectively completing our master plan alongside Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates. The Conservancy also partnered with Rice University on a study that closely looked at Park usership, which found that Hermann Park draws an array of visitors from every zip code in Houston who are diverse as the City itself. As we’ve worked alongside our planning team and received feedback from hundreds of Hermann Park visitors, we’ve encountered fascinating observations that prove Hermann Park’s significance as a shared experience and invaluable community asset.

As we look to the future, it’s important for us to take a moment to reflect on all that Hermann Park means to Houston, to our region, and beyond. This report covers our fiscal year from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, and its contents show how our work has contributed to Hermann Park’s resiliency. After the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent storms across the globe, the pertinence of building and maintaining strong greenspaces is an increasing priority. Our public spaces serve as invaluable venues for communities where all can come together to celebrate, heal, reflect, or just be.

It’s been incredible to see how Houstonians have come together to support one another, despite their cultural or socioeconomic background. I’m proud to say that in times of both despair and celebration, Hermann Park remains, and will remain, a place for all Houstonians to cherish. For this, we thank supporters like you, and the tireless work of our board of directors and advisory board, advocates, volunteers, and our dedicated staff led by Doreen Stoller.

Whenever you visit the Park, strolling under the marvelous oaks or through the flourishing McGovern Centennial Gardens, please know that you are what make Hermann Park and Houston the amazing places they are and we are immeasurably grateful to you for your generosity and willingness to give back.

Kind regards,

Phoebe Tudor, 2017 Board Chair
At the core of the Conservancy’s mission lies the goal of making Hermann Park a place for all to enjoy for years to come. After celebrating Hermann Park’s centennial in 2014, many asked what’s next for the historic greenspace. In fiscal year 2017, the Conservancy and the landscape architects behind the creation of Brooklyn Bridge Park and the renovation of Maggie Daley Park in Chicago, Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates (MVVA), moved forward with the development of an updated master plan to serve as a strategic guide for Park improvements to take place over the next 20 years.

Over the course of the year, the Conservancy and MVVA planners, led by Matt Urbanski and Chris Matthews, held three public meetings where Park patrons were able to provide insight on how they use Hermann Park and what would make it better, and were able to provide feedback on preliminary plans for Park improvements. To aid in the planning process, the Conservancy launched an online feedback platform and partnered with Rice University to study Park patrons and usership.

After compiling nearly two years of research, observations, and hundreds of public comments, MVVA delivered a draft of the master plan. Based on the knowledge gained during the planning and public engagement processes, the plan outlines improvements that will enhance play and natural features as well as access and connections throughout the Park. These improvements will focus on four main areas, including the Park Center, Hermann Park Family Commons (corner of Fannin and Cambridge), Bayou Parkland, and the Park Perimeter. 20 acres of parkland in the Park Center will be converted to functional greenspace that will bring new play space while increasing parking efficiency. The Hermann Park Family Commons will become a lively civic landscape welcoming visitors from the adjacent Texas Medical Center and Rice University, as well as providing better connections to METRORail. Bayou Parkland will be enhanced to showcase its natural beauty. The Park Perimeter will be revitalized with better pedestrian and bicycle thruways, improving mobility throughout the Park and connections to the surrounding neighborhoods. The plan is available to review in full at hermannpark.org.
At the core of the Conservancy’s mission lies the goal of making Hermann Park a place for all to enjoy for years to come.
JAPANESE GARDEN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Ahead of the Japanese Garden’s 25th anniversary in May 2017, the Conservancy completed a special $2 million renovation project. Improvements included the addition of a ceremonial entrance gate on the Garden’s west side, the creation of an event lawn, and the replacement of roofs on three of the Garden’s iconic structures. To celebrate this silver anniversary, the Conservancy teamed up with the City of Houston, the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee, and leaders in the Japanese community, to plan a series of events highlighting the newly restored garden and this special milestone. Events included the Conservancy’s Evening in the Park gala in April, and a special celebration for donors, new and old, to commemorate the anniversary and restoration in May. Celebrations concluded with the annual Japan Festival held May 6-7, which featured a special exhibition of beautiful flower arrangements by Ikebana International Houston, Texas Chapter #12, in the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion.

Below: Guests enter the garden through the new ceremonial west entrance gate.
Masato Kato, Conservancy Board Chair Phoebe Tudor, Counsel General of Japan Tatsuro Amano, Conservancy President Doreen Stoller and Council Member Jack Christie unveil donor stone in Japanese Garden.
In fiscal year 2017, Hermann Park’s historic clubhouse restoration moved forward with the Conservancy securing $4.7 million to date toward a $5.8 million goal. Lead designer Curtis & Windham Architects completed the plans for the building with the addition of a handsome porte-cochère as a stand out feature. Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates (MVVA), the Conservancy’s master plan team, also delivered preliminary landscape designs for the 1.14 acres surrounding the clubhouse building. MVVA was engaged so the clubhouse landscape will be coordinated with the ongoing Park-wide master plan and seamlessly integrated with future improvements. MVVA’s plans feature an arrival court, event lawn between the golf course and the clubhouse’s stunning terrace, as well as a selection of structural plants to create an elegant division between the clubhouse grounds and nearby central parking lots.
People miss art in Hermann Park. Art in the Park was one of the most memorable programs from Hermann Park’s 2014 centennial celebrations. It brought a series of whimsical temporary art installations to life throughout Hermann Park’s 445-acres. In fiscal year 2017, Art in the Park co-chairs Cece Fowler and Judy Nyquist embarked on an effort to institutionalize this exceedingly popular program by raising a permanent fund dedicated to bringing public art back to Hermann Park. The Fund for Public Art in Hermann Park was launched at the Hats in the Park luncheon on March 30, 2017. To date, nearly $300,000 has been secured toward the $2 million corpus for the Fund for Public Art.
McGovern Centennial Gardens

After two full years in operation, the McGovern Centennial Gardens have established themselves as one of Houston’s premier destinations for locals and out-of-town visitors alike. Every day, the sublime Garden offers tranquil refuge to patrons from all walks of life, many of whom make a stop in the Gardens part of their daily routine. The Gardens staff maintains high standards of horticultural and operational achievements, which they have been developing since opening in 2014. Milestones for fiscal year 2017 include the impressive mowing of the Emerald Zoysia grass on the Mount, continuation of the Garden’s organic soil improvement methods, and the planting of 6,000 delicate daffodils in the perimeter garden.

A new program established in the Gardens in fiscal year 2017 was the introduction of free gardening classes led by local experts in topics ranging from seasonal plantings to home irrigation techniques.

The Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion and Celebration Garden also developed as a highly sought-after special event space, serving as a backdrop for hundreds of once-in-a-lifetime events including weddings, surprise proposals, roaring holiday parties, and much more.

Above left: Garden team mowing the Mount; Above right: a class on spring planting is lead through the Family Garden; Bottom left: aerial photograph of the McGovern Centennial Gardens; Bottom Right; Daylily, ‘Russian Rhapsody’ blooming in the Gardens
The Celebration Garden is transformed for a special seated dinner.

Above: The flourishing Family Garden; Below: A picturesque reception set on the patio of the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion.
Reforestation and Conservation

One of Hermann Park’s most valuable assets are the 9,000 trees that call our land home. The Conservancy’s annual reforestation initiatives were implemented throughout the fiscal year to preserve the health of these iconic trees through compost tea treatments and selective pruning, ensuring our tree canopy remains healthy. In fiscal year 2017, two reforestation interns from Shell and ExxonMobil updated an extensive catalogue and map of the Park’s tree inventory, and staked locations for 110 new trash cans to be installed in Hermann Park thanks to a generous gift from Phillips 66.
Caring for Hermann Park’s lush 445-acres takes diligent work throughout each year. The ongoing preservation of Hermann Park is made possible by the thousands of hours contributed by Conservancy maintenance staff and volunteers. Supplementing the work from the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, our team focused on new plantings and fencing in the Japanese Garden ahead of its 25th anniversary celebrations, as well as routine maintenance of the migratory bird island in McGovern Lake and care for the Park’s iconic oak allees.

Aiding our stewardship of the Park, thousands of volunteers dedicated their time to beautifying our beloved greenspace. In addition to maintenance tasks, volunteers were vital to projects including the removal of invasive plants in Bayou Parkland’s urban forest, and the installation of a new native bee house in the Park’s pocket prairie. Volunteers also provided support at annual Park events including the Park to Port Bike Ride, Run in the Park, and Kite Festival.

Volunteers in the McGovern Centennial Gardens helped the Gardens staff by planting thousands of bulbs to make for a colorful spring bloom, repairing and moving irrigation lines to make way for a new BCycle station and plant beds, reading stories at a weekly children’s story hour, and harvesting of crops in the Family Garden.

Overall in fiscal year 2017, 6,331 individuals contributed 20,499 hours of time to keep the Park looking good!
Community Events

3RD ANNUAL

Park to Port Bike Ride
The Park to Port Bike Ride cycled back for its 3rd year on October 15, 2016. The event, chaired by Tom Compson, saw more than 850 riders partaking in the 20-mile round trip ride from Hermann Park’s Bayou Parkland to the Port of Houston. Continuing their support, Port Houston sponsored a turnaround party at Brady’s Landing for riders to rest and see the Port of Houston from a new perspective. Riders also enjoyed a relaxing celebration near the Bill Coats Bridge at a post-ride bash with food, beverages, and music.

13TH ANNUAL

Run in the Park
Run in the Park continued to bring runners, both big and small, to Marvin Taylor Trail to enjoy a special run and walk under the Park’s historic live oaks. In its 13th year, hundreds of participants filled the trails on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Family and friends cheered on participants for a 5K run/walk, 3K walk, and the popular kids’ fun run. After the race, participants enjoyed a post-race party in Molly Ann Smith Plaza where winners and participants received great prizes and goodies!

Proceeds from Conservancy events help fund general operations and special projects.

Left: Participants get ready to start the ride; Center: Riders embark on the 20-mile trip; Right: Runners at the 13th Annual Run in the Park
4TH ANNUAL

Hermann Park Conservancy
Kite Festival

In the festival’s fourth year, thousands of people from Houston’s diverse community flocked to Hermann Park to enjoy perfect kite flying weather on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Chaired by Morgan Garvey and Maggie Vermillion, Kite Festival enjoyed generous support from our host committee, volunteer groups, H-E-B, Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLC, and Nestlé Pure Life Water. Host committee members were treated to a delectable day of bites by Underbelly in the VIP tent, and Saint Arnold Brewing Company was on-deck serving up their popular root beer to all festival goers. In addition to kite flying, festival booths offered memories to take home, from free face painting to free candle making. There was even a “book nook” where kids were encouraged to take home books they especially enjoyed.
Hats in the Park
Beaming sunshine and blooms all around graced more than 420 guests on March 30, 2017 in the McGovern Centennial Gardens for the 10th annual Hats in the Park luncheon. Co-chairs Stephanie Cockrell, Marita Fairbanks and Lisa Holthouse orchestrated the stunning Primavera-themed luncheon, raising over $396,000 to support the Conservancy’s initiatives. Following a champagne reception in the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, guests dined on an al-fresco lunch provided by Swift + Company on the perfectly manicured Centennial Green. The event honored Cece Fowler and Judy Nyquist, both advocates for public art, for their work in co-chairing the Conservancy’s Art in the Park project in 2014. They also announced the launch of the Fund for Public Art, which will sustain the acclaimed centennial Art in the Park program for years to come.

Photography by Jenny Antill Clifton
**Evening in the Park**
On April 28, 2017 co-chairs Jana and Scotty Arnoldy, Valerie and Tracy Dieterich, and Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh, welcomed 540 guests clothed in Japanese-inspired attire to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hermann Park’s beloved Japanese Garden. The fashionable crowd supporting the Conservancy’s 15th annual *Evening in the Park* helped raise nearly $605,000 to benefit the Japanese Garden restoration and the Conservancy’s maintenance and stewardship initiatives. The gala also saluted recently-retired Parks and Recreation Department Director, Joe Turner, for his 13 years of leadership to make Houston a greener city.

After strolling through the Japanese Garden for cocktail hour, guests made their way to the dinner tent in the heart of Hermann Park for an east-meets-west inspired dinner crafted by A Fare Extraordinaire. During the program, Mayor Sylvester Turner celebrated the Japanese Garden’s testament to Houston’s friendship with Chiba City, Japan, and its representation of Houston’s diverse community.

Following dinner, guests enjoyed performances from Okinawan dance troupes, whose in-your-face lion-dog dance and elegant Japanese dance stole the show. Upon departing the whimsical evening, guests were presented with handmade silk flowers and hand-folded origami cranes, courtesy of Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh, as well as a special gift from BVLGARI.

Photography by Priscilla Dickson and Wilson Parish
Urban Green

Hermann Park Conservancy’s young professionals group, Urban Green, hosted two successful fundraising events in fiscal year 2017. In November, chairs Bryce Bash, Kenedy Hughes, Patrick Sheehy, and Emily and Conner Tamlyn hosted a brilliant 1920s-themed evening at the McGovern Centennial Gardens with Gatsby in the Gardens. In May, chairs Mary Stewart Anderson, Cotton Clark, Chelsea Fred, and McKenzie Hull transformed the Park’s historic clubhouse into a Cuban-themed oasis for Havana Nights. These events as well as Urban Green membership raised nearly $40,000 to support the Conservancy’s operations. Urban Green is led by a dedicated steering committee chaired by Jon Sanfelippo.

Below left: DJ Mav spins at Havana Nights
Below right: Guests dance the night away at Gatsby in the Gardens

Urban Green Photos by Leah Wilson Photography
In fiscal year 2017, Hermann Park Conservancy members continued to play a vital role in the Park’s stewardship. As of June 30, the Conservancy counted 1,154 members, the highest membership base in the organization’s history, raising just over $150,000. Members enjoyed three new member-exclusive events throughout the fiscal year including a Sip & Stroll through the McGovern Centennial Gardens, a “We <3 Our Members” happy hour at neighborhood eatery Lucille’s, and a special dedication ceremony for the Grand Gateway restoration.
Visitor Services

Our visitor services team creates memorable experiences for visitors each day in Hermann Park while also raising funds needed to operate and maintain our beautiful greenspace. In fiscal year 2017, more than 297,000 people took a ride on the Hermann Park Railroad, 21,053 pedal boats embarked on McGovern Lake, and Pinewood Cafe continued its growth in sales having its best year yet. Visitor service programs collectively brought in more than $1.1 million in revenue that will help the Conservancy continue to bring joy to Hermann Park’s six million annual visitors.

Visitor services continued staple events at Kinder Station throughout the year including favorites such as the Valentine’s Day “Dinner and a Cruise”, George Hermann’s Birthday Party, Holiday Party, and the increasingly popular Student Performances in the Park series. New events were also introduced including “Breakfast with Santa,” and Easter breakfast with a highly sought after egg hunt!
Donors

Hermann Park Conservancy is grateful to all who generously contributed to the beautification, restoration, and improvement of Hermann Park during fiscal year 2017.

Hermann Park
Family Commons
$250,000–499,999
Abbi and Robert Antablin
$100,000–249,999
John P. McGovern
Foundation
$1,000–4,999
Steppie and Robert Holsclaw

Historic Clubhouse/
Lott Hall at Hermann
Park
$250,000–499,999
The Cullen Foundation
$100,000–249,999
The Elkins Foundation
$1,000–4,999
The Wortham Foundation, Inc.
$50,000–99,999
The Brown Foundation, Inc.
Katharine McGovern/
McGovern Foundation
Phoebe and Bobby Tudor
$25,000–49,999
Lucia Benton
John Bradshaw, Jr. –
In memory of
John Bradshaw
Susan Vaughan Foundation
$5,000–9,999
Steppie and Robert Holsclaw

$1,000–4,999
Robin and Richard Brooks –
In honor of Tommy Lott
$100–499
Anonymous
In honor of Phoebe Tudor
Dorothy and Mickey Ables
Chinhui and Eddie Allen
Holly and Austin Alvis
Nancy Arnes and
Danny Ward
Natalye Appel and
John Casbarian
Jana and John Scott Arnolody
Theresa and Evans Attwell
Jay Baker
Gina and Devinder Bhatia
Gloria and Jesse Bounds
Kathleen A. Boyd
Catherine Bradley
Kristy and Chris Bradshaw
Ting and John Bresnahan
Lindsey Brown
Peter H. Brown
Chirsty and Tom Compson
Susie and Sanford Criner
Jennifer and Jon Daly
Isabel and Danny David
Viviana and David
Denenchad
Valerie and Tracy Dieterich
Laurie and Scott Dorfman
Nancy Kate and
Mark Prescott
Carol and Dan Price
Dean Puttermann
Karen and Ken Redding
Kim and Chris Reichert
Family
Carolyn and James
Roberson
Mary and Brian Rolins
David Enrique Ruiz
Jon Sanfelippo
Shavannah Roberts Schreiber
and Joseph Schreiber
Barbara and Louis Sklar
Ed Smith
Rachel and Sebastien Solar
Cassie B. Stinson
Patrick Summers
Y Ping Sun and
David Leebrohn
Texas Medical Center
Allison and Troy Thacker
Claire and Rick Thielke
Michele Thompson and
Bob Yekovich
Gary Tinterow and
Christopher Gardner
Kim and Dan Tutcher
Vermillon Family
Beth and Joe Weikert
Phyllis K. Williams
Burke Windham
Crystal and Randall Wright
Elizabeth and Banny Young
Susan Young

Japanese Garden
$100,000–249,999
Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh
$50,000–99,999
Merrill and Joe Hafner

$10,000–24,999
The Japan-America Society
of Houston, Inc.
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
America, Inc.
Midori and Jay Mochizuki
River Oaks Garden Club
Karen and Howard Schneider

$5,000–9,999
Mary Murphy Gallagher –
In memory of Michael
Charles Gallagher
Japan Business Association
of Houston
Kuraray America, Inc.
Mitsubishi Corporation
(Americas)
Miwa Sakashita and
John R. Stroehlein
Sumitomo Corporation of
Americas
John E. Walsh, Jr.

$1,000–4,999
Donna Fujimoto Cole
Albert & Ethel Herzstein
Charitable Foundation
Steppie and Robert Holsclaw
The Japan- American Association
of Greater Houston (JAGH)
JERA Power U.S.A. Inc.
Tomoko Mita
Kim and Chris Reichert
Family
Doreen Stoller and
Dan Piette – In memory of
Eric Gregory Neale and
Lamar Gregory Neale
Tokyo Gas America LTD.

$500–999
Claude R. Glover –
In memory of Jonathon
Arthur (JA) Sheeran
Sushic - The Sushi Company
Christine and Jaime Yordán

$100–499
Shirley Bludau and
Mike Grimes
Bridget Bray – In honor of
The Tingleaf Family
Susan and Robert Hawkins -
In memory of Suzanne
Morris
Daichi Sato

In Kind
Shawn Renzho Head -
Shakuhachi player
Houston Japanese Ladies’
Chorus “Sakura”
Ikebana International
Houston, Texas Chapter #12
bikaya WA
Kaminari Taiko
Okinawan Cultural
Association of Texas
Sushic – The Sushi Company

In memory of
Marlys Tokerud –
Marlys’ Beautiful Corner
Jane Ackerman
Anne Adams
Blaine Adams and
Patrick Falcon
Marlene Addlestone
Natalye Appel and
John Casbarian
Kenny Griffith Baldwin
Sarah Balinskyas and
Jim DeBevec
Mary and Marcel Barone
Ellen Bartell
Maggi Battalino
Jeffrey Beauchamp
Courtney and J. Scott Blair
Denis Bordenale
Torri Tokerud Breeding
Sohye Byrd and Larry Sass
Clare Casademont
Casey Family Fund
Viola Chan
Colleen and Billy Cox
Creative Flooring
Resources, Inc.
Kamala and John Curry
Michael Dale
Virginia Ann Doyle
Dungan Miller Design –
David Miller
Jeff Farley
Jan Fox
Stephen Fox
Deborah Glosserman
Kim and Lisa Glosserman
Pam and Norman
Glosserman
Reed, Fan, Brad Glosserman
Maxine and Steven Goodman
Boriana Grueva
Jean R. Guez
Maria and Paul Hendershot
Dorene and Frank Herzog
Meedi Hidalgo
J. R. Houze Jr.
Barbara and Charles Hunwitz
Kerry F. Inman and
Denby Auble
Michael Jasper
Jill and Dunham Jewett
Donna Kacmar
Joan Karol
Ann and Steven Kaufman
Kathryn K. Kearl
Joan Kaur
Lynn and Lynan Kelly
Julie Koch and Richard
Humphreys
Katherine Kohlmeier
Joyce and Larry Lander
Lerner Family Charitable Fund
Devin and Ryan McCord
The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
Rice University
Allison and Troy Tucker
$5,000–9,999
All Nippon Airways
BB&T/Courtney and Bill Toomey
Kristy and Chris Bradshaw
CenterPoint Energy/Gloria Bounds
June Deadrick
Chado Urasenke Tankokai
Houston Association
Anne and John Clutterbuck
Susie and Sanford Criner/
Cece and Mack Fowler
Isabel and Danny David/
Anne and John Clutterbuck
Chado Urasenke Tankokai
Clayton and Shel Erikson/
Christine and Gregg Hildebrand Fund
Sandy and Lee Godfrey
Friedman Foundation
Linda and George Kelly/
Petrello Family Foundation
William and Marie Wise
Meg and Dick Weekley
Barbara and Louis Sklar
Marna’s Madhatters
McNair Foundation
Bill Toomey
Cece and Mack Fowler
Hildebrand Fund
Letty Knapp
The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
Louisa Stude Sarofim
Phoebe and Bobby Tudor
R. K. and Weiner
$10,000–14,999
Rhonda and Byron Barclay
Kathleen A. Boyd
Kristen and David Buck
Jackson Chang
Anne and Albert Chao
Yyonne and Rufus Cormier
Jennifer and Steve Dolman
Jo Lynn and Gregg Falgout/
Island Operating Company
Mona and Chris Menzel
Bobbi Nau
Suzanne and James Waller
Mary and Thomas Wessel
Barbara E. Williams
$500–999
In honor of Stephanie Tsuru
In honor of Sanford Criner
of Erin Gregory Neale and Mithoff Family Foundation
TPRB Advertising
Hats in the Park Luncheon
All gifts in honor of Cace Fowler and
Judry Nyquist, honorees, and
Chado Urasenke Tankokai,
Marita Fairbanks, and
Lisa Holthouse.
$25,000–49,999
Kathrine McGovern/
McGovern Foundation
$15,000–24,999
Cockrell Family Fund
Marita and J. B. Fairbanks
Cherie Flores
Lisa Holthouse
$10,000–14,999
Susie and Sanford Criner/
Cece and Mack Fowler
Hildebrand Fund
Letty Knapp
The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
Louisa Stude Sarofim
Phoebe and Bobby Tudor
R. K. and Weiner
$5,000–9,999
Dede Ale/Christine Yordán
Kathrine McGovern/
McGovern Foundation
$10,000–14,999
The Robert and Janice McNair Foundation
Louisa Stude Sarofim
Phoebe and Bobby Tudor
R. K. and Weiner
$5,000–9,999
Dede Ale/Christine Yordán
Henrietta Alexander
BB&T/Courteney and Bill Toomey
Heidi Binet/Barbie Ross
Mariana Brewster/
Linda Kelly
CenterPoint Energy
Cullen Geiselman/
Winifred Riser
Sandy Goodfrey
Cynthia Guill
H-E-B
Sharon-Marie Hogge/
Dina McMeen
Houston Methodist
Melissa Holman Juneau
Gayle Kelsey/Diane P. Ofner/
Kim Tutcher
Ann Kennedy/Marley Lott
Ashley Klaasmeyer
Martia’s Madhatters
June and Jerry Schultz
Petrello Family Foundation
Carolyn Robertson
Susan D. Sarofim
Leslie and Shannon Sasser
Family Fund
Liz Stepanian/
Silver Eagle Distributors
Texas Medical Center
Melissa B. Tuckerman
MaryFaye Way
Nina Zilka
$1,000–4,999
Abbi Antablin
Marion Bell
Joyce M. Brass
Lois Chiles and
Richard Gilder
Cathy and Joe Cleary
Hilda Curran
Babette Dawson – In honor of
Kim Tutcher
Sara Paschall Dodd
Jennifer Ducote
Rachel Dunlap
Sally and Philip Edmundson
Diane Lokey Farb
Jennifer Gravenor/
Northern Trust
Terri Havens
Margaret Hill
Demetra C. Jones
Sissy and Denny Kemper III
Harriet Chapple/Latimer
Kimberly Martin
Anne C. Mendelsohn
Denise Monteleone
Franci Neely
Veronica and Doug Overman
Perry Homes, LLC
Lillie Robertson
Melissa Schnitzer
Kelley Scofield
Leigh M. Smith
Bridget Wade
Tana Wood
Luncheon
Hats in the Park
A Fare Extraordinaire – $500–999

Lynn and Bill Herbert – Mary Hayes
Cici Hankamer – Kate Criner Bellin
Kristen Berger – Gina Bhatia
Luba Bigman – In honor of

Lindley Amoldy
Ann Ayre
Sheri Bailey
Karina Barbieri
Kate Criner Bellin
Kristen Berger
Gina Bhatia
Luba Bigman – In honor of

Continued

Lynn S. Wyatt
Kelley Young
Beth Zdeblick
Lyndsay Groch

$100–499

Maria Airbinder
Joan and Stanford Alexander
Madeleine and Michael Appel
Susan and Jim Baker
Derya Baysal
Minnette Boesel
Robin Brooks
Kristen Buck
Donna Cooper – In honor of
Mary Faye Way
Victor Costa – In honor of
Gene M. Woodfin
Mary Ann Detmering – In honor of
Tricia Harrison
Liz Derner
In honor of
Nora Richardson
Ellen Donnelly – In honor of
Linda Kelly, Marriana Brewster, and Cynthia Guyl
Courtney Tarit Elias – In honor of Barbara Tartt
Mary Es Beaver – In honor of
Carol Ann Anderson
Jennifer and Mike Farrell – In honor of
Betty Blanton Moore
Judith Farrell – In honor of
John and Dan Rienstra
Martha Finger – In honor of
Quentin Baker

Anita Gaylor – In memory of
Rodney Calvert, beloved brother-in-law
Eleanor Gilbane

Lynn Glazer – In honor of
Carolyn Robertson
 Ericka Graham
Morin Guthrie – In honor of
Cynthia Grist
Dorene and Frank Herzog
Linda Hunsaker

Jenny Johnson – In honor of
Mary Martha and Joel Staff
Melissa Holman Juneau – In honor of
Laura Lednicki Mimi and Rob Kerr – In honor of
our grandsons
Miles and J.R.
Marie Louise Kinde
Diane and Bill Lee
Colette Flowers Leonard
Joan Schnitzer Levy
Maricel Nigio
Jackie Wolens Mazow
Stacy Medrano – In honor of
Howard and Karen Chapman
Teryl G. Neale – In memory of
Eric G. Neale and Lisa Neale
Mary Flood Nugent – In honor of
Ruth Dunlap and Cece Fowler
Martha Otii – In honor of
Anne Farish

Mary Patton
Susan K. Peterson Hickman – In honor of
Howard and Margaret Alkek Williams

Jim Remington – In honor of
Dr. Dale and Eleanor Brown
Peter Remington – In honor of
John William Crutcher
Laura Robertson – In honor of
Gayle, Keen and Kalzi Robertson
Laura Robertson – In honor of
Gayle and Mike DeGeurin

Barbie Ross – In honor of
Beau Ross
Jordan Seff – In honor of
Vicki Griffln
Susan Stanney
Kate Stukenberg
Langston and Robert Symon
Lois Y. Taber – In honor of
Carolyn Robertson
Gay Tigner
Sharron Tomlin
Betty Tutor – In honor of
Katharine McGovern

Hallie Vanderhider – In honor of
Matthew Vanderhider
Bridget Wade – In honor of
Penny Butler
Meggan Walsh – In honor of
Mr. and Mrs.
John R. MacPherson
Elizabeth and Peter Wareing
Anita Weiner
Lea Weingarten
Carolyne and Douglas White

Margaret Alkeek Williams/
Randa and Charles Williams
Brenda Bland Willson
Elizabeth S. Young

In Kind
Bayou City Cycles
BikeHouston
Brady’s Landing
Clif Bar
DJ Mav Music
Golf Cars Of Houston
Houston Parks Board

Luby’s Fuddruckers Restaurants, LLC
Saint Arnold Brewing Co.
Texas Medical Center

Waste Management

Run in the Park
$1,000–4,999

The Friedkin Group
Frontier Utilities
Sovereign Wealth Advisors, LLC
Texas Children’s Hospital

The Williams Companies, Inc.

$500–999

Enaxis Consulting

ITC

$100–499

Rhonda and Byron Barclay
Matthew Barnes
John Bergeron
Robin and Richard Brooks
Alexandra Buck
Nan and Edward Earle

Cece and Mack Fowler
Lucy Gebhart
Lou Ann and Milton Gray
Robert Griffin

Thomas Kaleekal
Lauren Norton

Cooper Smith
Julianna Volpe
Beth and Joe Weikerth
Donald Wendland

In Kind
Clif Bar
DJ Mav Music
Einstein Brothers Bagels
Fleet Feet
Luby’s Fuddruckers Restaurants, LLC

Michelob Ultra/
Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P.

Picnic
Waste Management

Park to Port Bike Ride
$5,000–9,999

Port Houston
Reliant an NRG Company

AECOM

$100–499

Natalye Appel and
John Casbarian

Boulevard Realty
James Cory

Electra and Douglas Elliott
Laura Espinosa

Cece and Mack Fowler
Alex Hemsworth

Mike Holoman and
Tim Surrratt
Paul Klein

Rebecca Mark-Jusbasche

and Michael Jusbasche

Kurt Neuber

Alvaro Orjuela
Park Plaza Hospital

Oscar Pena
The Propst Family

Jairo Romeo

Neysha Small

Brett Snyder

Stephanie and Jesus Suarez

Texas Medical Center

Brian Tison

Mary and Pat Ward

In Kind

Clif Bar

DJ Mav Music

Einstein Brothers Bagels

Fleet Feet

Luby’s Fuddruckers Restaurants, LLC

Michelob Ultra/
Silver Eagle Distributors, L.P.

Picnic

Waste Management

Hats in the Park Luncheon continued

$500–999

A Fare Extraordinaire – Rachel Volz
Barbara Alliquo

Linley Amoldy
Ann Ayre
Sheri Bailey
Karina Barbieri
Kate Criner Bellin
Kristen Berger
Gina Bhatia
Luba Bigman – In honor of

Lindley Amoldy
Ann Ayre
Sheri Bailey
Karina Barbieri
Kate Criner Bellin
Kristen Berger
Gina Bhatia
Luba Bigman – In honor of

Continued

Barbara Alliquo

Linley Amoldy
Ann Ayre
Sheri Bailey
Karina Barbieri
Kate Criner Bellin
Kristen Berger
Gina Bhatia
Luba Bigman – In honor of

Lindley Amoldy
Ann Ayre
Sheri Bailey
Karina Barbieri
Kate Criner Bellin
Kristen Berger
Gina Bhatia
Luba Bigman – In honor of

Continued

Continued

Continued
### Annual Support/General Support

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Anna Wingfield</td>
<td>Centennial ($100–249)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marilyn Wolfe-Kirk and Harry Dewitt Kirk</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>J. David Wright</td>
<td>Sallie and Bob Wright</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Janet and Mike Yauch</td>
<td>Gay Yellen and Don Reiser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wendy Young</td>
<td>Saraia and Greg Zahorinys CHERY ZATOPAK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edith and Robert Zinn</td>
<td>Linda and Richard Zoll</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Membership continued

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lou Ann and Milton Gray</td>
<td>Sharon and Cecil Griffin – In honor of Sherry Applewhite and Tommy Lott</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gay Hagetsee, Douglas Lawing and Kathryn McNiel – In honor of Cecie Fowler and Phoebe Tudor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peggy and Ed Hennessy</td>
<td>Sis and Hasty Johnson – In honor of Marley Lott and Edgar M. Larsen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jane and Gary Moss</td>
<td>Mary and Brian Rollins The Samuels Foundation Lori and David Schumacher Lenora Smith Jane and Gary Swanson Tenenbaum Jewelers Lucia Wray Todd Vernon R. Walling and John Dazeys Anonymous (2)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Anonymous (2)               | Theresa and Evans Attwell Amy and Alistair Barnes Beneity Community Impact Fund Cuchara Direct Energy Foundation - Community Involvement Council Bevin and Dan Dubrowski Susana and Cameron Duncan – In memory of Genevieve Lykes Duncan Nancy and Pete Etheridge Cynthia and William Geiser D. Scott and Maryann P. Ingersoll and Sara the Yorkie Inna and Dan King – In honor of Siisu King Linda and Tom Kleinworth David W. Langworthy Sandra and George Mason Carl E. Masterson Ludmilla Orelup Sharon and Brad Rauch Lucy and Emie Seward Ellen C. L. Simmons – In memory of Matthew R. Simmons Pamela Smith Sarah Wolfe and Allan Turner Jackie and Mark Adickes Peggy Amante – In honor of Annie Amante Anonymous (4) Leona and Larry Billa – In memory of Evelyn Warren Sally Bosse and Robert Rudrauff Jonathan Brush Buffalo Exchange Roger Bungardner Jane and Don Burney Patricia and Ian Butler Judy Chapman Cheerios Matching Employee Funds Julie Cohn and John A. Connor Cynthia Coselli Lynn and Kenneth Dahlberg Nancy and L. John Davis Emily and Andrew Dawson Patricia de Groot and Marc Puppo Sandra and James Dimperio Elizabeth T. Duncan Susan M. Edwards Annie and Campbell Eifer Andrea and David Faulknerby Fran and Mike Feltoich Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund Bernard Fields Nancy Fischer Paula and George Fowler Peggy and John Glover Lisa and Stephen Greenberg Nonya and Jonathan Greencess Monica and Leonard Gutierrez Susan and Robert Hawkins – In memory of T. Robert Jones Katy and Clyde Hayes Punkin and Walter Hecht Daniel K. Hedges Brian Ho Gayle and Scott Hoffer Family Steppie and Robert Holsclaw Lionel Jellins Ann Marie Johnson and R. Davis Maxey Josie and Michael Jones Coble and Jeff Jorgensen JPMorgan Chase Good Works Program Frances Kittrell Mark and Daniel Klaess Nancy Koenig – In memory of Richard Koenig David Krentz Denise and Matthew Lanza Candace and Robert Levit Kathy and Bobo Lopez Kathryn Louie The Mahjong Group - Barbara, Clara, Pat, Phyllis and Sandy – In memory of Evelyn McQuagg Warren Patty and Bob Mahlstedt Kay and Clark Todd Janet and Pat McCollum Karen and Rob ert McDonald Patricia McKelroy Gayle and Jerry McMorrow Anne Schneobelen Meixner Tom Arnold and David Overholzer Karen and Barry Miller Maria Modelska Sandra and Ken Moffet Ann and John Montgomery Cristina and Bill Moore Sally Morian and Michael Clark Joseph Mueller Jr. Claudia Ortega-Hogue and Joshua Hogue Roz and Alan Fecter Gloria Pepper and Bernard Katz Jack Porterfield Laura and Michael Puzio Jenny and Paul Quach Fairfax and Rishard Randall Sally and Kirby Rassenfoss Cheryl Ray and Ruel Smith Bobbi and Vic Samuelsv Gwen and James Sandos Richard Scharburg Bradley Schott Shavonnah Roberts Schreiber and Joseph Schreiber H. Irving Schwepe, Jr. Karin and Leo Shipman William C. Shradar Carol and William Simmons Louis H. Skidmore, Jr. Kristie and David Staas Guido Stefanelle S. Shawn Stephens and James M. Jordan Ellen and Steve Susman Anita and Walter Taylor Nancy and Peter Thompson Kris and Jeff Tinkham Emily Leland Todd Janice and Bill Visinsky Linda and Bob Walker Candace and David Weinstein Samuels Foundation in honor of Meghan Miller Foundation, Inc. Anonymous (2) In memory of $100 or more during the fiscal year. **The names listed above and on the preceding pages include donors who made gifts or pledges of $100 or more during the fiscal year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, all of whom are George Hermann Society members. In compliance with IRS standards, commitments paid over time in installments are recognized once in full at the time of the pledge. Please contact the Conservancy if we inadvertently have not included your name or if you would like to be listed differently in future publications.**
## Financials

Financials

### Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ASSETS</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$ 398,996</td>
<td>Prepaid expenses and other receivables</td>
<td>$ 281,351</td>
<td>Pledges receivable, net</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use of office facilities</td>
<td>$ 929,302</td>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>$ 22,714,832</td>
<td>Property, net</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 28,476,814</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Liabilities:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>$ 321,251</td>
<td>Construction payable</td>
<td></td>
<td>Deferred revenue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Funds held on behalf of City of Houston</td>
<td></td>
<td>Notes payable</td>
<td></td>
<td>Total liabilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net assets:</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td></td>
<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
<td></td>
<td>Permanently restricted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 28,476,814</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2017

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>UNRESTRICTED</th>
<th>TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED</th>
<th>PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>REVENUE</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$664,273</td>
<td>$2,795,610</td>
<td>$17,489</td>
<td>$3,477,372</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special events</td>
<td>881,377</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>881,377</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donor benefit costs - special events</td>
<td>(188,042)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(188,042)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Park concessions</td>
<td>1,532,419</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,532,419</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cafe sales</td>
<td>533,285</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>533,285</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cost of cafe sales</td>
<td>(186,104)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(186,104)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maintenance contract - City of Houston</td>
<td>490,394</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>490,394</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment return</td>
<td>1,127,001</td>
<td>466,820</td>
<td></td>
<td>1,593,821</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total revenue</strong></td>
<td>4,854,603</td>
<td>3,262,430</td>
<td>17,489</td>
<td>8,134,522</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assets released from restrictions:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Park projects and programs</td>
<td>1,436,796</td>
<td></td>
<td>(1,436,796)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>6,291,399</td>
<td>1,825,634</td>
<td>17,489</td>
<td>8,134,522</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program services:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Visitor services</td>
<td>1,185,219</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,185,219</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maintenance</td>
<td>1,065,655</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,065,655</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Planning, design, and construction</td>
<td>1,029,427</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,029,427</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Park programs</td>
<td>531,820</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>531,820</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total program services</strong></td>
<td>3,812,121</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3,812,121</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Management and general</td>
<td>181,061</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>181,061</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>465,890</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>465,890</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>4,459,072</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4,459,072</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assets, beginning of year</td>
<td>8,054,365</td>
<td>12,608,688</td>
<td>2,356,282</td>
<td>23,019,335</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net assets, end of year</td>
<td>9,886,692</td>
<td>$14,434,322</td>
<td>$2,373,771</td>
<td>$26,694,785</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>