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Dear Friends and Supporters,

All of us at Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy are pleased to let you know that we had another great year! We embarked on two brand new programs and new approaches to old programs:

- For the first time, we had four Urban Eco-Teens return for a third summer! Two of our third-year interns became Crew leaders and the other two were beneficiaries of our innovative new program component, a video project, done under the guidance of Magic Box Productions. You can see their video on our website: www.vcpark.org. Also, we engaged a professional evaluator to help us refine our Urban Ecology Teen Internship Leadership Training. Abby Remer of the Youth Development Institute came to us through The Pinkerton Foundation's Career Internship Network.

- This year’s UN-Gala was an environmentally conscious approach to our annual gala. No funds were spent on catering, decorations, or a venue. Instead, most contributions directly supported our Urban Eco-Teens. We honored three exceptional pairs of individuals who champion Van Cortlandt Park: Johnny & Indhira Arias for the Parade Ground; Bash & Meruet Dibra for Canine Court; and Marvin Shandler & Linda Shandler Friedman for the Allen Shandler Recreation Area.

- We added a new series entitled Family Fun @ 261 St.— a first round of programs in this part of the park. With help from community organizer Michele March, working families were able to enjoy a weekday evening getting to know our Parks Enforcement horses, how to tie dye, and how to water the garden.

- Thanks to the generosity of The Calhoun School, we were able to take on the maintenance of two ballfields in spring and fall. Many local leagues benefitted from this new assistance at Indian Fields. A turf gardener equipped with a new ballfield groomer and mower kept the site ready for play on a daily basis.

Our “oldies but goodies” continued: Thanks to funding through the Cultural Immigrant Initiative by NYC Council Member Andrew Cohen, Capoeira In The Park returned this year extending our dancing series to 12 weeks. Schools and leagues again funded the border collies that chase geese out of our park and New York Road Runners supported maintenance of our famous 100 year-old Cross Country Trail—to the joy of thousands of runners.

Thank you for your friendship and support.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Anthony Perez Cassino
Board Chair

Margot Perron
President
Urban Ecology Teen Internship

URBAN ECOLOGY TEEN INTERNSHIP, established in 2012, utilizes Van Cortlandt Park’s vast natural resources and educational potential to foster the academic and workplace development of local underserved Bronx high school students. Over the years this program has trained and engaged a cadre of effective environmental stewards.

This year, for the first time, four of our interns returned for a third summer. Having completed the Lehman College Course and Geographic Imaging Science (GIS) training, they were excited about a new project we created just for them—a video project all about the program! These ambitious third-year interns created an amazing video documenting the Urban Ecology Teen Internship program. Who better to tell the Urban Ecology Teen Internship story than these young people? They were able to bring their experience in the program to the project. Our interns learned the professional skills of interviewing, production and editing. The product goes into their digital portfolios—which augments the range of their digital experience. Their work was guided and overseen by professional videographer, Danilo Randjic-Coleman, from our new partner, Magic Box Productions. To see their work go to www.vcpark.org
Volunteering in the Park

Each year Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy, working in tandem with Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, fosters community park stewardship by attracting thousands of dedicated volunteers from all over the city to implement forest restoration and trail management projects. In Van Cortlandt Park in 2017-2018, 1,091 volunteers worked 4,364 hours. Urban Eco-Teen group leaders play a key role in our volunteer programs. They commit to working one weekend per month from fall through spring. Each Saturday volunteer day is preceded by a Leadership Training workshop on Friday. Interns learn how to organize and motivate a group of volunteers—and how to deal with difficult situations. Using the training and experience they gained in the program, our leadership interns ensure that volunteer projects are effectively and safely carried out with a smile.

As Urban Ecology Teen Internship program completed its seventh year, we felt this was the perfect time to bring in a professional evaluator to take a look at our program. Abby Remer of the Youth Development Institute came to us through The Pinkerton Foundation’s Career Internship Network. Together with the program’s leadership, she helped us streamline the program goals and activities to strengthen core programming and leadership training.
Community Programs
Over 7,000 visitors benefitted from our arts and nature programs this year.

Bird Walks

Thanks to NY Council Member Andrew Cohen's generosity, we were able to continue weekly bird walks led by NYC Audubon experts. These walks and those of the Van Cortlandt Nature Group volunteers help us to keep track of the nesting patterns of birds and status of other wildlife in the Park throughout the year. Guided by Joe McManus of NYC Audubon and retired school-teacher Debbie Dolan, these tours help both novice and experienced birders detect, by sight or sound, the many birds that live and breed in Van Cortlandt Park.

Barefoot Dancing

For the eleventh year, Barefoot Dancing delighted and engaged audiences on Thursday evenings from the beginning of July through mid-August. Performing/Teaching Artists were chosen, in collaboration with Lotus Music & Dance.

Summer 2018 artists included:
July 5th - Momo Suzuki (Japanese)
July 12th - Rosa Carhullanqui and Peruinca (Peruvian)
July 19th – Caren Calder & Indigo Arts (West African)
July 26th – Nadia Moussa with Amir Alan Vahab Ensemble (Sufi)
August 2nd – Edwin Ferreras and Areito Arts for Salsafest

Dance’s inherent ability to transcend both language and cultural barriers makes dance programming an ideal vehicle for communication with the diverse audience that comprises the Park’s community. As a result of our commitment to incorporating the programming of multicultural performances that respond to the Park’s community, Barefoot Dancing has developed a loyal following from the many communities around the Park.
Capoeira In the Park

To the joy of our loyal and new audience members we added seven weeks in spring to our popular multi-cultural dance and music offering. ABADÁ-Capoeira Bronx (ACBX) partnered with us to draw capoeira practitioners from all over the U.S. to Van Cortlandt Park. This exciting new series was made possible by funding from New York City Council Member Andrew Cohen as part of the Cultural Immigrant Initiative.

Family Fun @ 261

Along with the 261st Street Neighborhood Association we created new programming for northern Van Cortlandt Park. Families learned how to Tie Dye, met Parks Patrol officers’ horses, learned about the bugs that hide under logs and rocks, took nature photos with their cell phones, learned gardening, and received EMS training. Families loved this kind of exposure to the Park.
Athletic Resources

Cross Country Course

Our good friend and supporter, New York Road Runners (NYRR) continued their support of the maintenance of the Cross Country Course. Their contribution funded a two-man crew that allowed us to maintain the trail from Memorial Day through the summer and on to Thanksgiving.

Fields Fund

Again this year, gaggles of geese returned to Van Cortlandt Park eating the grass we meticulously plant and leaving their droppings all over our athletic fields. As they had before, schools and sports organizations made it possible to allow us to hire border collies and make our fields clean and safe for athletes. Border collies are natural herders and are trained to move geese out of the Park without injuring them. Go dog go!

Indian Fields Restoration

The Calhoun School’s generosity enabled us to purchase a new mower and a clay groomer for the sports fields (baseball and soccer) at Indian Fields. They also supported a seasonal worker to specifically manage the area. All the leagues at Indian Fields appreciated the assistance.
Special Events

An UN-Gala!
Our eco-friendly way to support our Urban Eco-Teens

In support of our environmental goals, this year’s annual fundraiser did not use natural and human resources to produce an actual event. No funds were spent on catering, decorations, or a venue. Instead, most contributions directly support programming for the enterprising Bronx teens who are part of our Urban Ecology Teen Internship.

Honoring Champions of the Park

Johnny & Indhira Arias
for the Parade Ground

Bash & Meruet Dibra
for Canine Court

Marvin Shandler & Linda Shandler Friedman
for Allen Shandler Recreation Area

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

VAN CORTLANDT PARK CONSERVANCY

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended June 30, 2018

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| Transfer to unrestricted                           | $ 257,536    | $ (257,536)     | -- |
| Excess (deficit) of public support revenue          |              |                 |     |
| over expenses                                      | $ (1,988)    | $ 65,220        | $ 63,232 |
| Increase (decrease) in net assets                   | $ (1,988)    | $ 65,220        | $ 63,232 |

| Net assets, beginning of year                       | $ 134,134    | $ 49,950        | $ 184,084 |
| Net assets, end of year                            | $ 132,146    | $ 115,170       | $ 247,316 |