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FoundationNews

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS OF COLUMBUS PARK FOUNDATION

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About Columbus Park Foundation

The Columbus Park Foundation works to create a better, more inclusive community through supporting Columbus Parks and Recreation's programming and facilities. The Foundation's goal is to improve the quality of life of our community members through play and recreation, increase our community members' physical fitness and encourage them to lead a healthier lifestyle, protect our community spaces for future generations, and develop a vibrant, inclusive culture by supporting facilities and programs that encourage connection. The Foundation ensures all resources are used for their intended purposes, and contribute to the preservation and maintenance of top-rated parks and facilities.

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Upcoming Meetings

August 8
September 12
October 17
November 14
December 12

Meetings of the Columbus Park Foundation Board, unless stated otherwise, are held on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.



Tour de Trails

Being able to walk, run or bike along our People Trail Network benefits every part of our community's life. Getting active on our miles of People Trail helps reduce obesity and incidence of chronic disease. When our community members are able to explore the People Trail Network, they are able to connect to nature which studies show relieves stress levels. Experiencing the People Trail Network with family and friends help strengthen relationships, and improves overall mental health.

The Columbus Park Foundation raises funds to help maintain our People Trail System through our Tour de Trails Run/Walk and Bicycle Challenge. Registrations, donations, and sponsorships goes directly back into the People Trail System to make sure these safe trails are here for future generations.

You, your friends, and your family worked together this year to raise \$16,817.00

Congratulations to Nancy's Hikers for winning our Team Challenge for the second year!

Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, and participants!



Tour De Trail Sponsors and Donors

Elite Sponsor \$1,500 and Up

Force Construction Co.

Challenge Sponsors \$700+

Agresta, Storms & O'Leary PC
Analytical Engineering, Inc.
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Mile Marker Sponsors \$300+

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Family Chiropractic & Wellness
Lovins Select Pool & Spa
Milestone Contractors LP
Old National Bank
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Legacy Sponsors

QMIX/KORN Country/MOJO
WIN 104.9
Tropical Smoothie Café

Bicycle Challenge SAG Sponsors

Columbus Municipal Airport
Henry Chiropractic Center
Drew Wyant Realtor



Donations

\$150 & Up

Nancy Conner

\$100

Randy Royer
Michael & Paula Bandos
Emilie Pinkston
Ed Eckerly
Brad Gonsalves
Paul Finke

\$40-\$50

David Wildemann
Mark Steele
Kathy Baumgart
Paul & Linda Wiczynski
Pascual Rodriguez



Up to \$25

Annelise Strader
Karen Shrode
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Jaime Lozano
Greg Slipher
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Gabriel Ocasio
David Glesing
Melissa Watters
Grant Watson
Paige Sandwell
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Jamie Hoffman
Elizabeth Hlavaty
Ashley Whitlock
Jessica Sinclair
Erin Warner
Abbie Franey
Jeff Morris

In-Kind Donations

Baker's Fine Gifts and Accessories
Bucceto's
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
White River Running



We Rise Up for Parks and Recreation! July is Parks and Recreation Month!

The Columbus Park Foundation is celebrating the staff members of Columbus Parks and Recreation! The Columbus Parks and Recreation's staff work every day to rise up for our community in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being. Staff members make sure every child in our community has a chance to participate in programs that expand their horizons. They make sure community members are able to always enjoy our facilities and amenities by mowing our parks, removing debris from trails, cleaning bathrooms and much, much more. Staff members make sure to develop programs and facilities that encourage connection and participation for our community. We want you to be part of the celebration!

Join Columbus Parks and Recreation in Celebrating Park and Recreation month!

Check out our July Parks post and our Park and Rec month Calendar for all the fun upcoming programs to celebrate our communities parks and recreation programs! A proclamation will be read by Mayor Lienhoop on July 22nd at Fun Days -Carnival Day for Parks and Rec month. Be sure to stop by that day and pick up your very own "I'm a Park and Rec Kid" Sticker!

#ColumbusParkandRecMonth #ColumbusINParks #ImAParkAndRecKid #WeRiseUp



Download the Parks Post and the Park and Rec month Calendar by scanning the QR Code.



FUN *Costs* FUNDS

Make a donation to the Columbus Park Foundation to help support the mission of the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department!

Enriching Lives... Building Community...

Areas of Need

Area of Greatest Need
Endowment Fund
People Trail Campaign
Playgrounds



The Columbus Park Foundation

Fun Costs Funds

The Columbus Park Foundation helps our community have fun, try new things, and spend time together with family. While we provide free activities to our community, all this fun costs funds. Your generosity is the reason the Columbus Park Foundation is able to support these activities and programs. Join us as we close out this year so we can continue to provide our amazing parks, facilities, trails, playgrounds, and programs in the future. Watch our social media to learn more about how you can help.

Friends of Columbus Park Foundation | April - June 2022

Donors

Area of Greatest Need

\$300

Bill & Victoria Glick

\$200

Donald & Shirley Trapp

Up to \$50

Christopher Raskob

Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarships

Up to \$600

Norbert Nusterer

Up to \$99

Patrick M. Stahley

Richard B. Davis



Columbus Farmer's Market

Aldi

Flourish Columbus, Inc.



Discover Columbus Pickleball Tournament

Aton's Self Storage

David & Karen Leach

Nichols & Dimes Antiques

Camille & Greg Willmore



Hamilton Community Center & Ice Arena

LHP Inc.

Thomas Harmon

Memorial Trees

Cathy Becker Gilmore in memory of Joan & Bill Becker & Family

Rebecca Behrman in memory of Cecily Gordon Bottum

Mimi Bingham in memory of the Becker Family & Nolan Bingham

Bill Webb in memory of Jeffrey Voelz



NexusPark

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Mark & Wendy Elwood

Columbus Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Karen & Jeff Jones

Paul & Pica Saddler

Corey & Brenda Black

Jim & Pam Lienhoop

Ken & Amy Kaiser

Jeremy R Sewall

David & Moni Lacey

Monday Literacy Club



The Commons Playground

Annie Main



Tour de Trails

\$700

LHP Inc.

Agresta, Storms & O'Leary, PC

\$100-\$150

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Paul & Linda Wiczynski

Pascual Rodriguez

Toni Stovall

Shelly Rynerson

Karen Shrode

Greg Walker

Andrew Calo

Jaime Lozano

Suzanne Morgan

Greg Slipher

Gabriel Ocasio

David Glesing

Paige Sandwell

Grant Watson

Melissa Watters

Ashley Whitlock

Jessica Sinclair

Jeff Morris

Abbie Franey

Erin Warner

Youth Baseball

Chevrolet of Columbus

In Honor and Memory

In Memory

Becker Family & Nolan Bingham
- Mimi Bingham

Joan & Bill Becker & Family
- Cathy Becker Gilmore

Cecily Gordon Bottum
- Rebecca Behrman

Jeffrey Voelz
- Bill Webb



Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship

The Columbus Park Foundation wants everyone to be able to participate in Columbus Parks and Recreation programming, but not everyone can do so due to financial restrictions. The Columbus Park Foundation provides the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Program to remove the financial barrier. The Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship Program gives qualified children in our community \$140 a year to indulge in their passion for a sport or program they may not have otherwise been able to experience. In 2021, the Columbus Park Foundation gave out over \$12,000 in Scholarship funds to children in our community. Those children were able to take gymnastic lessons, hockey and ice skating lessons, swimming lessons, soccer, baseball, day camps, sports camps and more.

This Scholarship Fund is supported by our community of generous donors and community foundations. If you would like to give to the Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship or know someone who would benefit from a Chuck Wilt Youth Scholarship, visit our website at www.columbusparkfoundation.org.

