



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Image © Ken Rhodes
(kenrhodesphotography.com)

In partnership with





EXPLORE YOUR ESPLANADE



Points of Interest

PUBLIC GATHERING AREAS

- 6 Lederman Park
- 8 Charles Eliot Memorial
- 11 DCR Hatch Shell Oval
- 13 Fiedler Field
- D Boating Docks

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES

- 3 Tennis Courts
- 4 Alfond Spray Deck
- 5 Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields
- 19 Exercise Course

PLAYGROUNDS

- 3 Charlesbank Playground
- 12 Esplanade Playspace
- 18 Stoneman Playground

BOATING AND SAILING FACILITIES

- 7 Community Boating, Inc.
- 10 Union Boating Club
- 20 Boston University Sailing Pavilion

DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF THE PARK

- 8 Charles Eliot Memorial
- 9 Commissioners Landing
- 11 DCR Hatch Memorial Shell
- 13 Arthur Fiedler Memorial
- 14 Lotta Fountain (dog friendly)
- 15 Dartmouth Street Landing
- 16 Oliver Wendell Holmes Memorial
- 17 James and Helen Storrow Memorial

INSTITUTIONS

- 1 Museum of Science
- 2 State Police Barracks

Visit www.esplanadeassociation.org to learn more about Points of Interest on the Esplanade

Map Legend

- Footbridges/Access
- Restrooms
- Refreshments
- River Docks
- Subway Station
- Bike Share Station*
- Parking Garage
- Distance Between Footbridges
- Walking Path
- Suggested Biking Path

*Use the Hubway app for up-to-date information about bike station locations

OUR MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the board and staff of the Esplanade Association, we sincerely thank you for making 2017 an impactful year for the Esplanade! With your support, we invested a record amount in the park, restoring a historic fountain, enriching **12** garden beds, caring for **1,700** park trees, commissioning the first-ever public art mural on the Esplanade, and more.

Throughout this report, we reflect on our significant accomplishments last year. Using nearly **5,000** hours of donated volunteer labor, we **revitalized and enhanced** the Charles River Esplanade, removing invasive species and repainting park benches. Through one of the only fully organic public horticulture programs in the country, we **sustained** the natural green space, including work that led to the return of four species of native plants! We also **built** community in the park by presenting programs for park-lovers of all ages.

As you read, pay close attention to the **"Coming in 2018"** boxes throughout the report, which will provide a sneak peek at much of the exciting work we have planned this year. 2018 is going to be a phenomenal year for the Esplanade—one filled with musical performances from local artists, the installation of a series of welcome signs to orient park visitors, and the development of a plan to improve the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on the pathways.

Our work is only possible with the support of so many of you – our donors and Members. We also wish to thank our long-time partners at DCR, as well as the numerous individual, corporate, foundation, and nonprofit partners recognized throughout this report. Further, we would like to take this opportunity to again express our gratitude to Tani Marinovich for her efforts over five years as Development Director and then Executive Director of our organization, and to Jessica Crimmins, who served as Interim Executive Director throughout last fall. Thank you both!

The Esplanade is a special place in Boston. For some, it's a tranquil oasis where they're able to sit on a shaded bench with a good book. Others log countless miles running the Esplanade's beautiful riverfront paths. More still, spend time with friends and family listening to the Charles River lap against the docks or enjoying the vibrancy of the park's many signature event offerings. We're thankful every day that we're able to care for this park that does so much to enhance the quality of life for all those who visit.

Thank you for making life better on the Esplanade. We hope to see you in the park soon!

Michael J. Nichols
Executive Director

Alexi Conine
Board Chair



WELCOME MICHAEL J. NICHOLS

Michael Nichols joined the Esplanade Association as Executive Director in November of 2017. He has broad experience in law, government and non-profit management and a vision for the future direction of the Charles River Esplanade as an innovative, sustainably maintained recreational destination and cultural asset. Prior to joining the Esplanade Association, Michael served as Chief of Staff at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy in Boston.

WHO WE ARE

MISSION

The Esplanade Association is a **100%** privately-funded nonprofit organization that works to revitalize and enhance the Charles River Esplanade, sustain the natural green space, and build community by providing educational, cultural, and recreational programs for everyone. Working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Esplanade Association is dedicated to improving the experiences of the millions of visitors who enjoy Boston's iconic riverside park.

BOARD LIST*

Alexi Conine
Chair

Frank Panayotou
Vice Chair

Dan Capobianco
Treasurer

Jody Gill
Secretary

Directors
T.K. Ankner
Harvey Beker
Fritz Casselman
Jessica P. Crimmins
Susan Domolky
Chris Egan
Audrey Foster
James Foster
Jeryl Oristaglio
Tony Pangaro
Joan Patton
Margaret Pokorny
Carolina Săve-Natale

Alicia Towns Franken
Emi Winterer
Edward Zuker

Directors Emeritus
Margo Newman
David Solomon
Sandy Steele

**Current as of March 2018*

STAFF LIST

Michael J. Nichols
Executive Director

Micah Jasny
Stewardship Manager

Renee Portanova
Horticulture Manager

Eric DiTommaso
Organic Land Care Horticulturist

Lisa LeBlanc
Special Programs Manager

Kelsey Pramik
Marketing & Events Manager

Abigail Fischer
Development Manager

Sulo Musyaju
Finance Manager

Allison Godfrey
Office Admin

Emily O'Connor
Director of Park Operations



From left to right: Renee, Eric, Abigail, Micah, Allison, Lisa, Emily, Michael, and Kelsey

BY THE NUMBERS ON THE ESPLANADE



2017 was an amazing year for the Charles River Esplanade, as well the Esplanade Association! With your support, we continued to grow our capacity to **revitalize and enhance** the Esplanade, **preserve** natural green space, and **build community**.

VOLUNTEERS



1,610 volunteers
helped improve the park

\$100,000 in labor donated
by volunteers

PROGRAMS



700 children
enjoyed a day of outdoor
play through ChiP

4,757 people
participated in free Yoga,
Zumba, and Bootcamp classes

MAINTENANCE



48% of trees pruned
since 2015

271 benches painted
Every bench in the Park!

3 high school interns trained

HORTICULTURE



7,800 gallons
of compost tea used instead
of chemicals

12 ornamental gardens
maintained throughout the Esplanade

**1,935 perennials, shrubs,
and trees** planted in the Park

PROJECTS



10 coats of paint used in the **Patterned Behavior** art mural

\$359,000 invested in restoring the **Lotta Foundation**
and the landscaping around it

INTRODUCING ARTS & CULTURE



Before and After. Art has significantly brightened this formerly unwelcoming space.

Patterned Behavior was the first mural commissioned by the Esplanade Association and was curated and produced by Now + There. The concept for this mural takes inspiration from the Esplanade's immediate environment and the many ways this space is enjoyed and used day-to-day.



*Esplanade Association Board members, donors, partners, and staff celebrate the completion of the *Patterned Behavior* art mural with a special view from the Charles River.*

Patterned Behavior echoes the beauty, diversity and energy of the Esplanade and life along the Charles River. In addition, the mural:

- Enlivened an unwelcoming area of concrete and asphalt
- Eliminated graffiti in a vulnerable area
- Showcases many of the ways the park is enjoyed, from sailing, to bicycling, to bird-watching
- Highlights the need for safer pathways at "pinch points"

The mural was completed in September 2017 and is intended to remain in place for up to two years. It reflects the relationships and patterns created by human interaction with the space and the busy intersection of water, land and sky. The piece is joyful and contemporary, reflecting how the park has grown and changed since its dedication over **100** years ago.

COMING IN 2018: THE ESPLANADE AS AN OUTDOOR CONCERT HALL!

The Esplanade Association was thrilled to receive a grant from the Boston Foundation to provide new arts programming in the park in 2018 while celebrating the region's diverse artists, audiences, and nonprofit cultural organizations. Stay tuned for the announcement of several outdoor performances to come!



REVITALIZING MEMORIALS & LANDSCAPES



To celebrate the revitalization of the Lotta Fountain (pictured above), the Esplanade Association hosted a ribbon cutting on June 15, 2017, in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.



Organic Land Care Horticulturist Eric DiTommaso placing signage at the newly renovated Eliot Memorial Lawn.



LOTTA FOUNTAIN RESTORED TO FORMER GLORY

For generations, the Lotta Fountain was a place where dog owners could relax and socialize while providing their canine friends with cool water on hot summer days. After decades of neglect, the fountain needed significant repairs. The Esplanade Association privately raised funds necessary to fully restore the Lotta Fountain to working condition, including an operating fountain with a bronze basin.

This restoration project is a testament to our commitment to investing in capital improvements throughout the park and their ongoing maintenance. Restoring the fountain to active use has enlivened the area, bringing park dogs and their humans back to this beautiful gathering space.



From left to right: Esplanade Association Board Members Margo Newman, Jeryl Oristaglio, Margaret Pokorny, Alexi Conine, Jody Gill, and Emi Winterer celebrate the restoration of the Lotta Fountain.

LAWN CARE

The lawns of the Esplanade are well-used daily—for everything from picnics to sunbathing to throwing a frisbee or football—and for special events like concerts and our free fitness classes. This consistent usage impacts the lawns, resulting in bare patches, dust in dry weather, and compacted soil.

As part of a growing focus on annual lawn maintenance, the Esplanade Association restored both the Eliot Memorial lawn and the Hatch Shell Oval lawn in 2017. Care work included aeration, top-dressing with compost, non-synthetic fertilizer application, and over-seeding.

DCR: OUR PARTNER IN STEWARDSHIP

The Esplanade Association works closely with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to assess priorities for restoration and improvement within the park. Thank you to the DCR for your support and collaboration throughout 2017!

EA Board Chair Alexi Conine and DCR Commissioner Leo Roy.

ENHANCING THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

ESPLANADE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our efforts to 'Make Life Better on the Esplanade'. The Esplanade requires a tremendous amount of care in order to remain safe and beautiful; thus, volunteer contributions are invaluable to improving the park visitor experience. Working alongside Esplanade Association staff, volunteers participate in a host of park beautification and maintenance projects including planting native species, managing invasive species and weeds, raking leaves, removing litter, and painting park benches.



Volunteers from Dechert LLP picked up 33 bags of trash around the Bistro, Community Boating, and Lee Pool.

In 2017, **1,610** horticulture volunteers joined us in the park. These volunteers painted **271** benches (every bench in the park!) and cleared **467** industrial-sized bags of litter. **21** corporate groups participated in the Volunteer Program, with a record level of financial support. In total, volunteers completed **4,800** hours of volunteer work, providing the Esplanade Association over **\$100,000** in volunteer labor (the equivalent of more than two full-time employees!).

Nearly **100** additional volunteers supported the Esplanade Association throughout the year at our events.

***"We had a wonderful time both days.
It was not only great to get outside and do some good,
but it was great team development experience!"***

– Adelle Greenberg, Wellesley Bank



Wells Fargo Advisors volunteers raked leaves around the exercise course.



Volunteers from Tufts Health Plan painted benches and removed invasive plants near Community Boating.

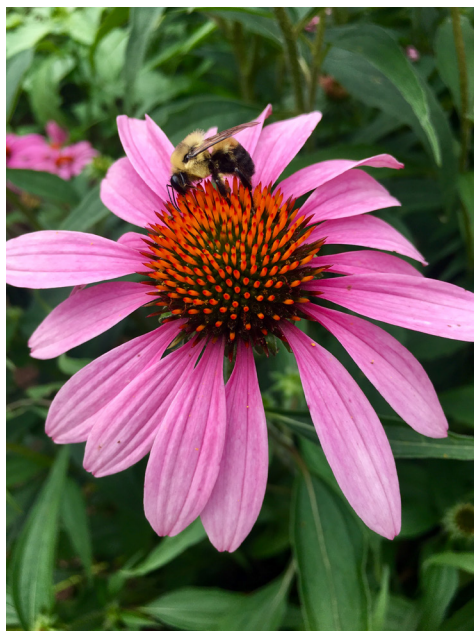
If you're interested in scheduling a volunteer event on the Esplanade for your company, group, or finding an individual volunteer opportunity, please email Micah Jasny at mjasny@esplanadeassociation.org or call 617-227-0365.

ESPLANADE BANNER PROGRAM

In partnership with Reebok, the Esplanade Association installed **70** banners from the Longfellow Bridge to the Mass Ave Bridge. These banners promoted active recreation in the park, brightened the pathway along Storrow Drive, and created visual connections to the park for several miles.



Temporary banners between the Longfellow Bridge and the Mass Ave Bridge.



Flowers on the Esplanade attract and feed pollinators like this bee.

ORNAMENTAL GARDENS

Our two full-time Horticulture staff water, plant, mulch, weed, and apply compost tea to **12** ornamental gardens throughout the Esplanade. Many of these gardens showcase a spectacular variety of native and pollinator-friendly species and we encourage you to explore them further.

Horticulture staff planted **1,935** perennials, shrubs and trees in 2017! We invested in new park plantings to beautify the Esplanade and strengthen the park ecosystem. Both the **Holmes Memorial Garden** and the **Eliot Memorial** were enriched with the addition of Irises, Bottlebush, and groundcover varieties. The **Esplanade Playspace** and **Stoneman Playground** were beautifully accented with new plantings, including Hypericum, Geranium, and Lilacs. We added **3,000** Crocus bulbs to the **Clarendon Garden**, as well as a selection of perennials.

A large replanting was done around the **Lotta Fountain** to accompany the ribbon-cutting.



*Purple flowers in an Esplanade run-off garden.
Photo by Pam Steel.*

COMING IN 2018: WELCOME SIGNS & MAPS

Welcome signs will be installed in early 2018 at six park entrances: Arlington Street/Fiedler Footbridge, Dartmouth Street, Fairfield Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Silber Way, and Boston University. The signs will provide park visitors with a new map and information about Points of Interest in the park to help improve the visitor experience. Thank you to the George B. Henderson Foundation, The Lynch Foundation, and the Museum of Science for their support of this project.

ENCOURAGING PLAY, HEALTH & WELLNESS

PLAYGROUNDS

There are three playgrounds on the Esplanade: the **Esplanade Playspace**, **Stoneman Playground**, and the **Charlesbank Playground**.

The Esplanade Playspace is located near the Hatch Shell and the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge. Built in 2011, this playground features state-of-the-art equipment that is designed to increase upper body strength in children ages 5-12 while also encouraging play.

The Stoneman Playground is located between Fairfield and Massachusetts Avenue. The playground features distinct areas for both toddlers and kids. A toddler playground, geared towards children three and under, features climbing structures, slides, swings, and a model car. The playground area for older kids includes a challenging climbing structure like a fire pole and monkey bars.

The Charlesbank Playground is located near Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields and the Museum of Science. Geared toward children ages 5-12, the playground offers several climbing structures with varying degrees of difficulty.

Did you know that the Esplanade Association pays for repairs and maintenance at the Playspace and Stoneman playgrounds? When two pieces of equipment were significantly damaged at the Esplanade Playspace in fall 2017, the Esplanade Association came to the rescue, ordering a new 'Cloud 9' swing and replacing the zipline!



The Esplanade Playspace is conveniently located next to the Arlington Street footbridge.



Children in the Park participants experience touch tanks provided by the New England Aquarium.

CHILDREN IN THE PARK (ChiP)

Each summer, the Esplanade Association brings over **700** children ages 5-17 to the Esplanade for free field days. This year, campers from 20+ camps and 13 different zip codes, including Roxbury, Dorchester, Chinatown, Mattapan, and Dudley Square, participated in the Children in the Park program. Activity partners included Playworks, the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Science, Metro Lacrosse, Zumix, and the Boston Bruins.

Thank you to the Highland Street Foundation, the Boston Bruins Foundation, and The Reebok Foundation for their generous funding to make this program possible, and to Polar and Sweetgreen for their in-kind donations!

COMING IN 2018: IMPROVED BIKE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

In 2018, the Esplanade Association will hire a consultant to develop an Esplanade Pathway Improvement and Safety Plan. This plan will provide design concepts and schematic plans for revisions to the Esplanade pathways that will allow their use in a safe and efficient manner by pedestrians of all abilities, parents with children, runners, and those bicycling for recreation or as commuters.

FAMILY ADVENTURES

Led for the first time in 2017, the Family Adventures program invited families to enjoy time together on the Esplanade while participating in four days of activities in the park. The inaugural Family Adventures included a free guided kayak tour and fishing on the Esplanade docks; a tree walk led by our Horticulture Manager with tree ID booklets for kids; a wildlife walk to identify bird and animal species along the Esplanade; and the Esplanade A-to-Z Scavenger Hunt. Thank you to Reebok for generously supporting the first year of Family Adventures programming.



The Esplanade 5K course takes a scenic riverfront route with spectacular views of the Longfellow Bridge, the Boston and Cambridge skylines, and our Esplanade lagoons.

CANINE PROMENADE

Over 100 Esplanade neighbors and families got creative, dressing their dogs in Halloween costumes for the Annual Canine Promenade, a half-mile loop around the Esplanade.



Healthy, Fit & Fun Yoga classes take place on Fiedler Field with gorgeous views of the setting sun over the water.



A father and son enjoy the Father's Day fishing and kayaking activities.

ESPLANADE 5K

300 runners joined us for the Second Annual Esplanade Sunset 5K, which raised over \$18,000 for the Esplanade Association. Despite temperatures that reached 95 degrees, runners enjoyed a scenic loop of the Esplanade.



Dogs had a blast at the Canine Promenade! Pictured: Capone the Pilgrim, Covey the Butterfly, Flash the DCR Park Ranger, and Potato the Hippie.

HEALTHY, FIT & FUN

Over 4,700 people joined us for free outdoor fitness classes on the Esplanade, as part of our Healthy, Fit & Fun outdoor fitness series. Classes included Tuesday night Zumba where the 4th of July fireworks go off, Wednesday night Yoga in an unbelievably relaxing setting facing the Charles River, and a Thursday night Bootcamp that grew five times over by the end of last summer.

MAINTAINING THE PARK ORGANICALLY

Did you know that day-to-day horticultural care of the park is **100%** organic? The Esplanade is one of the only public parks in the country that is managed without the use of pesticides, herbicides, synthetic fertilizers, or other unsustainable practices!

How is that possible? Our two full-time field staff use organic practices that include removing weeds by hand, composting vegetative debris, applying compost tea (more below), and analyzing and interpreting soil tests in order to make adjustments to meet our soil's nutrient needs.

Our Horticulture staff are fully accredited in accordance with the Northeast Farming Association's Organic Land Care standards, and they use these criteria throughout the park.

COMPOST TEA

One of the tools available in an organic program to address soil fertility and overall plant health is the use of compost tea. Compost tea is a special brew of compost, water and other ingredients to boost biologic activity. Compost tea helps increase the soil's biodiversity and improves plant health as a result. Approximately **7,800** gallons were applied to lawns and gardens throughout the spring and fall of 2017.

SIGNS OF A HEALTHY PARK

In summer 2017, our Horticulture staff was thrilled to see the return of four species of native plants to the park: Button Bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), Rose Mallow (*Hibiscus lasiocarpus*), Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) and Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*). Staff harvested seeds from these native plants and have begun the process of propagating them for future plantings in the park.



An Esplanade Association staff member prunes trees along a lagoon.



The four native species of plants spotted in the park over the summer: Button Bush, Rose Mallow, Milkweed, and Elderberry.

TREE CARE

Over the last several years, the Esplanade Association has focused our efforts heavily on the health of the park's more than **1,700** trees. In fall 2017, EA worked in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and a project consultant to draft a comprehensive Esplanade Tree Management and Succession Plan. The plan will build on an existing tree inventory to create a multi-year maintenance and planting plan, ensuring a healthy tree canopy for future generations.

With our inventory system, the Esplanade Association is able to easily track tree maintenance efforts and tree health, enabling us to move forward with best practices for ongoing tree maintenance. Based on this system, EA hired an independent contractor to complete pruning work between the Union Boat House and Community Boating. Since 2015, **48%** of the park's trees have been pruned in total, improving the health of the trees and decreasing public safety concerns.

Thanks to the Beacon Hill Garden Club, the Biber Foundation, and the Garden Club of the Back Bay for their support of this project.

ADVOCATING & EDUCATING



Intern Camella had the experience of the summer when she met Matt Damon while working on the Esplanade!

HIGH SCHOOL INTERN TRAINING

In partnership with the City of Boston and the Boston Private Industry Council, and with generous funding from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and the Beker Foundation, the Esplanade Association was able to hire three paid high school interns for the summer season. They gained valuable hands-on experience working in the field with our Horticulture staff.

PARKS & WATER LOBBY DAY

Several members of the Esplanade Association staff and board participated in the Parks & Water Lobby Day hosted by the Environmental League of Massachusetts. They met with Rep. Jay Livingstone and Sen. William Brownsberger to advocate for increased funding for state agencies that manage our parks and natural resources.

INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

With funding from the Merck Foundation, the Esplanade Association began a pilot project to assess best management practices to reduce the influx of the invasive plant *Phragmites australis* (Common reed) along the Esplanade shorelines.

A consultant established six treatment locations and applied treatments for *Phragmites*. Monitoring will continue throughout 2018. The findings of this pilot project will be shared with the Department of Conservation & Recreation and other local parks agencies, shaping future management protocol. Without our work, *Phragmites* would more severely threaten the riparian ecosystem of the Esplanade.

This study complements the ongoing work of our volunteers, who cut back invasive plants on the shoreline of the Esplanade and plant more non-invasive species to stabilize the banks.

OTHER ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION WORK

- The Esplanade Association was engaged in a series of three public meetings to reimagine the former Lee Pool as a multi-purpose indoor/outdoor pavilion. EA has partnered with the nonprofit Hill House to more comprehensively plan for how the pavilion will be constructed, operated, and funded.
- John H. Alschuler, Chairman of HR&A Associates and Emeritus Chair of Friends of the Highline, spoke about his experience in public-private partnerships across the country at our Annual Meeting.
- Two weeks before Earth Day, Dr. John L. Keller of the Citizens' Climate Lobby and MIT Professor Dr. Daniel Rothenberg gave a talk on Climate Change & Local Solutions to Esplanade Association Members.
- The Annual CEO Breakfast brings together local thought-leaders for an informative speaking program and networking opportunities with their peers, all held on the stage of the iconic Hatch Shell.
- Over **400** volunteers participated in the 18th annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup on the Esplanade.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR DONORS

The Esplanade Association gratefully acknowledges the individuals, businesses and foundations that generously supported our work in 2017. It is only with your help that we are able to make life better on the Esplanade!

INDIVIDUAL, FOUNDATION AND CORPORATE GIFTS

\$25,000 AND ABOVE

Anonymous
The Biber Foundation
Alexi and Steven Conine
Jean and Chris Egan
Audrey and Jim Foster
The George B. Henderson Foundation
Jody and Tom Gill
Highland Street Foundation
Harriet and Alan Lewis
The Lawrence and Lillian Solomon Foundation
The Lynch Foundation
Jeryl and Steve Oristaglio
The Reebok Foundation
Mary Lou and Marc Seidner
Jill and Niraj Shah
Lori and Matthew Sidman

\$10,000- \$24,999

Alli and Bill Achtmeyer
Brenda and Stephane Bancel The Beker Foundation
Constance Bacon and James Bevilacqua
Jeanne and John Blasberg
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
The Boston Foundation
The Boston Bruins
Germaine and Michael Choe
Melissa and David Druley Sandra and Paul Edgerley
Ceci Cleary and Joseph Gigliotti
Sandy Steele and Paul Greenfield
Maureen and John Hailer
Heather and Robert Keane Family Foundation
Allison and Andrew Hirsch

Barbara and Amos Hostetter
Beth Johnson
Elizabeth B. Johnson
Seth and Beth Klarman
Elizabeth and Solomon Kumin Lisa and Greg LeBlanc
Lisa and Jeff Leiden
Therese Minton
Yvette and Peter Mulderry
One8 Foundation
Joan and Joseph Patton
Wendy Shattuck and Sam Plimpton
Cynthia and John Reed
Christine Olsen and Robert Small
Emi and Bill Winterer
Hope Sidman and Steve Wymer Judi Rotenberg and Ed Zuker

\$5,000- \$9,999

Amy and David Abrams
Beacon Hill Garden Club
Fiona and James Benenson Paisley and Susan Boney Brightview
Landscape Development Emily and Roy Burns
Kiki Walker and Roger Crandall Susan and George Domolky Eaton Vance Management
Tamar and Ken Frieze
Garden Club of the Back Bay, Inc.
Diane Gipson
Terri Conners and Brian Halligan
Becky Kidder-Smith
John Lanzillotti
Patricia Lanzillotti
Sondra and Norman Levenson Tristin and Martin Mannion
Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.
Museum of Science
Jennifer Nassour
Carolina Save-Natale and Bryan Natale
Margo and Fred Newman

Megan and Robert O'Block
Kelly and Frank Panayotou
Creela and Tony Pangaro
Erica and Ted Pappendick
Jennifer Poveromo
Daniela Corte and Stuart Roseman
Rucker Family Charitable Fund
Santander
Natalie and Dan Santaniello Audrey and Mark Schuster
Fran and Dennis Slutsky
Stephanie and Brian Spector
Valentino
Wayfair
Cesarina Templeton Wheeler and Bruce Wheeler
Uncle Larry's Fund
Anne Lovett and Stephen Woodsum

\$1,000-\$4,999

Alkermes, Inc.
Alnylam US, Inc.
Lianne and T.K. Ankner
Tess and Sam Atkinson
b.good
Jesse and Pam Baker
Barr Foundation
Bertram A. and Ronald M. Druker Charitable Foundation
Suzanne and John Besser
Larry Best
BodyBurn by Ray
The Boston Bruins Foundation
Boston Planning and Development Agency
The Bresler Foundation
Charles Brucato
Debra and William Bulkeley
Cinta Burgos
Suzie Tapson and Gordon Burnes
Dan Capobianco
Robert Caro
Christy and Jay Cashman
Susan Ashbrook and Fritz Casselman

Anastasia and Frank Catrickes
 Chadwick-Loher Foundation
 Charles River Associates
 Ellie and Brian Chu
 Nicole and Michael Conlon Cooley
 LLP
 Jamie and Stephanie Cornell
 Crescent Capital
 Cynthia and Oliver Curme
 Ilana D'Ancona
 Ann Merrifield and Wayne Davis
 Carol Deane
 Sarah Mraish Demeter
 The Depository Trust and Clearing
 Corporation
 Elaine Dolley
 Deborah and David Douglas
 Michelle and Jim Duane
 Janet Berkeley and Robert Duboff
 Karin and Charles Dumbaugh
 Alexis and Chris Egan
 Fred Ehram
 Estate of Lotta Crabtree
 Bridgitt and Bruce Evans
 Katie and Jamie Fagan
 Cordelia and Henry Fasoldt Grace
 and Ted Fey
 Nina and David Fialkow
 Fluent
 Lisa and Rick Frisbie
 Elizabeth and Peter Georgantas
 Carol and Avram Goldberg
 Gabriela and Matt Gorman
 Annie Hollingsworth and Harry
 Hanson
 Elin and John Harris
 Whitney Hatch
 Healthworks
 Michael Hines
 Savanna and Donald Jabro
 Pam and Michael Jackson Ashley
 and Bruce Jacobs
 Jana
 Cheryl and Stephen Jonas
 Elizabeth Kaplan
 Jason and Heather Kelly
 Joyce Tallent and Brian Klock
 Roger Krakoff
 Peter and Stephanie Kurzina Meryl
 S. Leboff, MD
 Naomi Aberly and Larry Lebowitz
 Agustina and Yuchun Lee
 Heidi Lehner

David Levenfeld
 Ailene M. Robinson and Thomas E.
 Lewis
 Mike Dobbert and Kirby Lunger
 Sharon and Brad Malt
 Kay Calvert and James Manzi Susan
 Kohn and Phil Markell
 The Family of John McGinty
 Dell Mitchell
 Kimberly Molino
 Nadine and Peter Mowschenson
 Claire Corcoran and William L. Murphy
 Mary Nobile-King
 Mary Violette and Herb Nolan
 Gretchen and Michael Novak
 Novartis Institutes for BioMedical
 Research
 Janet and David Offensend Morgan
 Palmer
 Julie and Jeffrey Parker
 The Paul and Edith Babson Foundation
 Lisa and Shep Perkins
 Peterson Party Center, Inc.
 Julia and Fred Pfannanstiehl
 Ann Philbin
 Margaret and Gene Pokorny
 Polar Beverages
 Suzanne Priebatsch
 Anna Beha and Rob Radloff
 Audrey and Steven Reny
 Karen and Michael Rotenberg
 Alex and Mimi Rozek
 Norman Satanoski
 Jessica and Daniel Schmitz
 Joseph Schutt
 Teresa Koster and Errin Siagel
 Liz Silverman
 Gilda Slifka
 Maya Samara and Otello Stampacchia
 Stop and Shop
 Kate Lubin and Glen Sutton
 Lisa and Patrick Taffee
 Takeda Pharmaceuticals
 Linda Tedder
 Charlotte and David Thibodeau
 Maryann Thompson
 Lauren and Arthur Thompson
 Thomson Reuters
 Krista and Paul Toms
 Catherine Truman
 Tufts Health Plan

Tugg, Corp.
 Ken Tutunjian
 Renata Von Tscharner
 Wellesley Bank
 Wellesley Bank Charitable
 Foundation
 Wells Fargo Capital Management
 James P. Whitters III

\$500-\$999

ADK Group
 AIG
 AimCo
 Jim Alexander
 Allied Integrated Marketing
 Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
 Debbie and Randy Barker
 Steve Basque
 Georgette and Sol Boucai
 Mary and Scott Carson
 Kurt and Mary Cerulli
 Nancy and Chris Coburn
 Dashing Whippets
 Esta and Robert Epstein
 Ellen and Peter Fallon
 Kenneth Fisher
 Jim Fitzgerald
 Claire and Adam Forkner
 Alicia Towns Franken and Michael
 Franken
 Betsy and David Glynn Jacqueline
 Hampton
 Baron Hartley
 Eliza Hatch
 Hearts on Fire
 Eloise and Arthur Hodges
 Sara and Andy Hunter
 Lara Hurley
 Marcia and Louis Kamentsky Sarah
 Kenny Rabasco
 Andrea Kreitman
 Naomi and David Krejci
 Claudine and George Lewis
 Joe and Liz Marconi
 Daria McLean
 Stephen Mead
 Ed and Nancy Morris
 Susan and Anthony Morris
 Paula Furst and Charles Neckyfarow
 Sandra Bahous and Carl Nehme
 Michael Nichols
 May Pierce
 Kathleen and Whit Porter

Ute and Patrick Prevost
Robert and Judith Prosser
Ronald Raikula
Howard and Debbie Reef
Marta Bergamaschi and Alessandro Rollo
Miguel Rosales
Peter and Cynthia Schliemann Kate
Enroth and Dana Schmaltz Sheila and
William Schwab
Pauline Donnelly and Joe Selvaggi
SevOne
Kathy and Gary Sharpless Margaret
and Peter Sherin
Jody and Andy Snider
Kate Gulliver and Sam Spirn
Anne Stemlar
Geneva Thorndike
Union Boat Club
Anne Louise C. Van Nostrand

\$100-\$499

Robert Ackerman
Charley Aldrich
David Alves
James Lawford Anderson
Robert Antosia
James Apodaca
Sinem Atahan
Dr. and Mrs. W. Gerald Austen Judith
Avery
Hope Baker
Georgia Balafas
Rich and Cecilia Baldwin Christopher
Barry
Jonathan Barry
Helena Bauk
Beacon Services
Laura Tomasetti and David Beardsley
David Beck and Gregory Van Boven
Joseph Beggan
Peter and Maggie Begley Katharine
Black
David and Phyllis Bloom
Craig Boyce
Stephen E. Braude Foundation
Meredith Braunstein
Maribeth and Mark Brostowski
Jennifer Broutas
Michael Brown
Building Impact
Christina Burke

Paige Goodwin and Matthew Burrows
Deanna Bushart
Allison and Joshua Byrne
Mary Calvagna
Jennifer Campbell
Maryann Capasso
Ilyana Capobianco
John Carucci
Mei Mei Chow and Edgar Casado
Elizabeth Case
Nathan Cenis
Pamela Chang
Charles River Recreation, Inc. Cerena
Chen
Jill Christians
Claudine Ciccio
Nicolette Clifford
Caroline Coggeshall
Oliver and Cecily Colburn
Matthew and Diana Coldren
Jane and Cornelius Coleman
Katherine Collins
Janis Collins
Nichola and John Collins
Roseann Colot
Community Rowing, Inc.
Sarah Conine
Jane and Jim Connolly
Thomas Connolly
Nick Connors
Jean and Robert Cook
Nancy and Lawrence Coolidge Gloria
Coppinger
Jessica and Martin Crimmins Melanie
Crocini
Donald and Sandra Crocker
Ann Marie and Tim Cronin
Doug Cubell
Kristine Cummings
Julia Shivers and James Cusack
Pamela and Belden Daniels Michelle
Daniels
Tracy Davis
Matthew Delbello
John Dellapa
Talinn Demirjian
Maria Denslow
David and Katherine Dietz
Cara Donleavy
Jen Dowd
Christian Draz
Jeffrey Driscoll

Therese and Brian Driscoll
Matt Eagan
Fran Early
Sally Ebeling
Michael Ebner
Annie Elfar
Youssef Elmountassir
Elizabeth Erdreich White
Debbie and Matt Evans
Florence Everett
Anne Fairfield-Sonn
Samuel Farr
Molly Fazio
Jacqueline and Steven Feinberg
Matthias Ferber
Ellen and Stephen Fine
Lynn Davis and Steven Finn Maryann
and Bobby Fischer
Joan E. Doucette and Harry A. Fisher
Michael and Camilla Fitzpatrick Abbey
Flores
Robert and Gertrude Fondren William
B. Ford
Patrick Ford
Richard Freeland
Leslie and Michael Gaffin
Thomas Gardella
Mary Gardill
Sherley Gardner-Smith and Fred
Gardner
Elizabeth and Russell Gaudreau
Allison and Nick Godfrey
Greg Gordon
Peter Gori
Alexander Goriansky
Brittany Greenfield
Tyler Griffin
Stefanie Gross
Marc Hall
Halvorson Design Partnership, INC.
Christopher Harris
Deborah Harrow
Jill and Chadwick Hauff
Sue and Mike Hazard
Lisa Hazen
Carey and Nathaniel Hennigar Robert
Herold
Jeannette Herrmann
Ann Higgins
Richard Hornblower
Holiday and Philip Houck
Constance Coburn and James
Houghton

Maisie Houghton
Nancy A. Hubeck
Clarissa Hunnewell
Debra Iles
Emily Ingardia
Kellie Innocenti
Kelly Jablonski
Emily Jacobson
Randall Albright and H. Parker James
Stephen Jeffries
Joan Jolley
Teresa Lynn Scott and Fred Joseph
Deniz Kalaycioglu
Mary Beth Kelley
Gloria Kessler
Mark Kiefer
Tania Kluzak
Tomas and Elaine Kohn
Tricia and Alexander Krantz Rosanne
Kumins
Connie and Peter Lacaillade Wendy
Landman
David Lank
Patricia Lassiter
Maurice Laurence
Calantha Lee
Henry and Joan Lee
Joon Lee
Eric Levin
Svetlana and Michael Levin Gunnar
Link
Xiaoli Liu
Kathryn Loncto
Peter Longo
Mark Lu
Ann and Mike Lucas
Russette Lyons
Margie Macek
Gordon Macfarland
Robin Mack
Geary Macquiddy
Carrah Malone
Judith Hughes and Michael Malyszko
Milton Manousaridis
Shirley Marston
Massachusetts Service Alliance
Joseph Massik
Cornelia McAndrew
David and Judy McCaffrey
Terri-Lynn McCormick, Esq.
Joy and Andrew McDonald Julianne
McHugh

Sven Meier
Jordan Michaels
Linda Hyland and Lana Miller MIT
City Days
David and Katherine Mittelbush
Wendy and James Mnookin
Kristen Mobilia
Meredith Moore
Carolyn and Andrew Morey
Kristen Morse
Vincent Moschella
Catherine Murphy
Alice Murphy
Erin Murray
Eugene Muzykin
Peter and Beatrice Nessen
Jacqueline Neves
Elyse Newman
Alison Newman
Alicia Nichols
Muriel Nichols
Renee Noll
Chris Nowinski
Maureen O'Hara
Desmond O'Leary
Michele Olson
Regan O'Malley
Susan Osborn
Roberta Paris
Pawsh Dog Boutique
Kendrick Perry
Bruce Petschek
James and Beverly Philip Barbara
Pike
Julie and Jason Pike
Margaret Plum
Peter Pochi
Kimberly Pope
Christopher Porter
Valerie and Larry Post
Kelly Pratt
Susan Prindle
Bella Prumo
Sue and Bernie Pucker
Lisa Rachlin
Cecilia Rait
Jennifer Rand
Amy Feind Reeves and Douglas
Reeves
Jason Reginis
Molly Rhatigan
Sandy and Jim Righter

Susan Riley
William Roberts
Pat and John Rodgers
Kristen Roffi
Olivia Rogan
Michelle and Thomas Roloff Thomas
Rosin
Michael Rouns
Gabrielle Rundle
Jody Saarmaa
Safety Insurance
Tedd Saunders
Megan Schaefer
Megan Schliep
Marvin Schorr
Johanna Seddon
Jessica and Nikunj Shah
Kathryn Shepherd
Steve and Carol Silver
Grant Simpson
Chris Smith
Thurman Smith
Judith and Barry Solar
Vivian and Lionel Spiro
Lorry and Diane Spitzer
John Spooner
David and Pat Squire
Christian and Laura Stephens
Josh Stiles
Lise and Myles Striar
Nancy and Byron Stutzman
Mimi Sun
Benjamin Sutton
William Swanson
sweetgreen
Britt Tartaglia
Karen and Dan Taylor
Lydia Thew
Vyctoria Thwreath
Janet Tiampo
Joan and Edwin Tiffany
Brian Tobin
Denise and Ron Tompkins
Sharon and Jean Jacques Toulotte
Mary Fran and Tom Townsend
Jay Tracy
Anne and Brian Truesdale
Gina and Scott Usechek
Caroline Vaillant
Mark Valle
Catherine and Robert Vandenabeele
John Vecchione

Mary and Robert Verville Michelle
and Andres Vilms Julie Kim and
Mark Viviano Ashley and Adam
Volwiler

Ann Fowler Wallace and Brad
Wallace

Stephanie and Jonathan Warburg

Clair Walton and Eve Waterfall

Susan and Kyle Weaver

Susan Weiler

Mary Thomsen and Harold
Weintraub

Peter and Ronney Weiss

Jane and Robert Weiss Suzanne
Wenz

Amber Wert

Catherine and Craig Weston

Nannie and Frank Wezniak Simon
Whitten

Deborah E. Wiley

Christopher Wilkins

Carroll and Kate Williamson

Regina and Jonathan Winslow

Chris and Hilary Wittmann Robina
Worcester

John Zaccardi

Kristin Zajac

Helena Zeng

\$99 AND UNDER

2 Dogs Treats

Anonymous

Kathryn Aboujaoude

Michelle Accettullo

Elliot Albirt

Enjoli Alexander

Omar Alkabbani

Cali Asuncion

Karen Aylmer

Denis Babani

Rachel Bakish

Paula Beatty

Erin Behan

Maya Berdzenishvili

Megan Blair

Elyse Blanda

Barbara Bojba

Boston Red Dog Pet Resort and Spa

Lorraine Bressler

Michael and Katie Brewer Kimberly
Brundage

Samantha Burns

Zach Burrus

Jenn Bussell

Katie Cannon

Janet Carroll Donelan

Kristin and Joseph Casey

Colleen Casey

Rosanna Cavallaro

Martha Childs

Joan and Frank Christison-Lagay

Emily Chu

Joyce Chuang

Amy Chung

Monica Connarton

Diane Cotting

William Coughlin

Linda Cox

David Crossman

Alicia Dalba

Veronique Daphnis

Charley and Elaine Davidson Robert
and Jo Ellen Davidson Denise Dorgan
and Richard Diephuis Leigh Anne

Dempsey

Mary Ella Donleavy

Kevin Donnelly

Jillian Drago

Sandra Drubner

Andrew Duffy

Britt Dunn

Meg and Matt Dwyer

Mary English

Elisabeth Evans

Julienne Finnegan

Tiffany Finnegan

Aleda Freeman

Nathalie Garcia

Paola Garza

Jane Gibbons

Nora Goddard

Amy Gold

Phyllis Goldman

Jeanie Gorlovsky-Schepp

Rebecca Gordon

Stephanie and Tom Greene

Grace Gregor

Mathilda McGee-Tubb and Peter
Grieco

Laura Grip

Arjun Gupta

Brandon Harper

Susan and Michael Hartnett

Sonia Hauser

Marilyn Hernandez

Vicki High

Katharine Howard

Dan Hubbard

Eleanor Hughes

G. Lee and Diana Humphrey

Joanna Johnson

Anthony Jones

Allison Ryder and David Jones

Michele Jordan

David Kaplan

Sabra Katz

Justin Keith

Jane Kelley

Jeannette Kelly

Kathleen Kelly

Angie Khaw

Gesa Kirsch

Lina Kriva

Sarah Laberge

Gail and Elliott Laffer Kareene

Lamarche

Allison Lau

Lee Lawton

Lynne Levine Young

Bill and Beth Loizeaux Nancy

Loughridge

David Lumpkins

Betty Lykins

Byron Mahoney

Nancy Maida

Karen Mauney-Brodek

Jacqueline McBride

Vann McGee

Carrie McGuire

Robert McKittrick

Gledis Memelli

Anita Mepani

Jennifer Millen

David Mittelstadt

Jaclyn Mosher

Lillian Mulvaney

Jeanine Murphy

Gregory Neilley

Leigh Netcoh

Paul Neumann

Russ O`Haver

Emily O`Connor

Anna O`Hara

Nicky Olson

Vanessa Parker-Geisman

Ashley Perkins

James Perkins

Elisabeth Peterson
Loumona Petroff
Kayley Pettoruto
Karen Pevenstein
Jill and Gordon Prichett
Daniel Ready
Shannon Reilly
James Roberts
Albert Robinson
Sally Conkright and William Rogerson
Bella Prumo and Erica Rondeau
Robert Rottenbucher
Catherine Rurode
Allan Ryan
Jenette Sabbag
Marnie Salkovitz
Cynthia Sarver
Joseph Schutt
Eli Segev
Eric Sennott
Marie Sheridan
Sarah Freeman and Sam Sherwood
Jill and Donald Shulman
Brett Smith
Johanna Song
Olivia Stark
Carlisle Starrett
Pam Steel
Adina Steen
Sarah Stipho
Nancy Stone
Elaine Sullivan
Lia Sylvestri
Andrew Trull
Marina Vyrros
David Walfish
Nathaniel Walton
Skylar Webster
Christina Weng
Kelsey Whitaker
Sarah Whitlock
Karen Whitney
Atheline Wilbur Nixon
Nicole Wolfe
Diane Yarrow
Candace Young
Daniella Young
Alina Zalucki
Mandy Zobel

IN KIND DONATIONS

Allie Tuminelli Esthetics & Vega Vitality
American Meteorological Association
Angry Orchard
Ann Fontaine
Anne Holt Design
b.good
Be Our Guest
Best Dressed
BodyBurn by Ray
Boston Celtics
Boston Duck Tour
Boston Veterinary Clinic
Cabi
CCW Interiors
Chloe
Christopher Kimball's Milk Street City Winery
Community Boating Inc
Community Rowing
Cooley LLP
Crush Boutique
Daniella Corte
DJ Chris Roxx
DJs of Boston
Donnelly + Co
Downeast Cider
Jessica Dyer
Elevin Studios
Fairmont Copley Plaza
Fitness Together
Frost Productions
Hall
Harpoon Brewery
Healthworks
Hubway
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
International Tennis Hall of Fame Jala Water
Jeffrey Lyle Salon
JetBlue Airways
Joint Ventures Physical Therapy
JP Licks
Karen O'Brien Fine Art
Kings Bowling
Sue Kohn
Kotseas Concierge
Lala Rokh
J.B. Parrett Photography
Larry and Valerie Post
Binita Mandalia
Mandarin Oriental, Boston

Marathon Sports
Marc Hall Design
Margo Newman
Matthew Malatzky
Max Ultimate Food
Mix 104.1
Mooo
Nespresso
One by Maya
Orangetheory Fitness
Patrick Pan
Pawsh
PEAK Event Services
Isaac Phelps
Polar
Samuel Adams
Sara DiVello
Skinhealth Centers
Stop & Shop
sweetgreen
Taj Hotel
Taza Chocolate
Teatro
The Liberty Hotel
The Point
Tiffany & Co.
Tracy Davis Public Relations
Treeturn
UBS
Valentino
VINCE
Vineyard Vines
Wayfair
Xtend Barre
XV Beacon Hotel

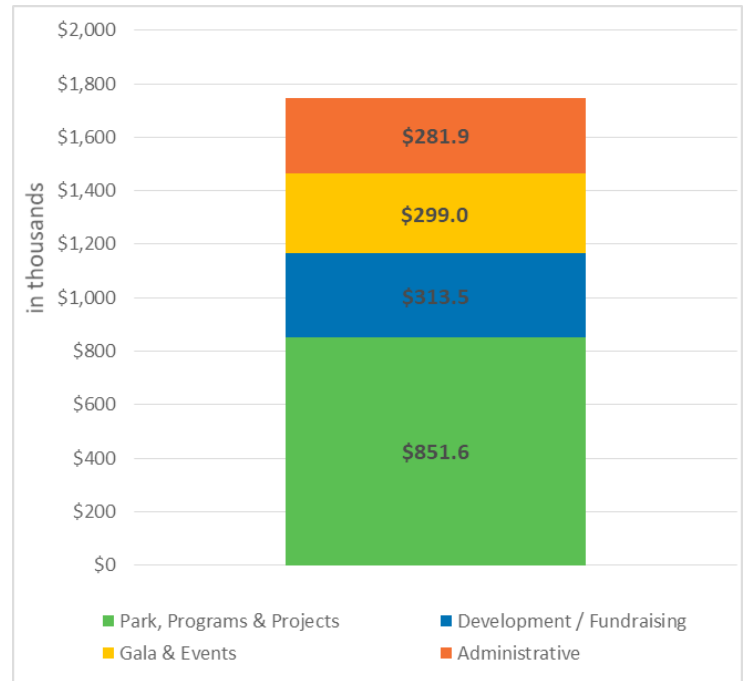
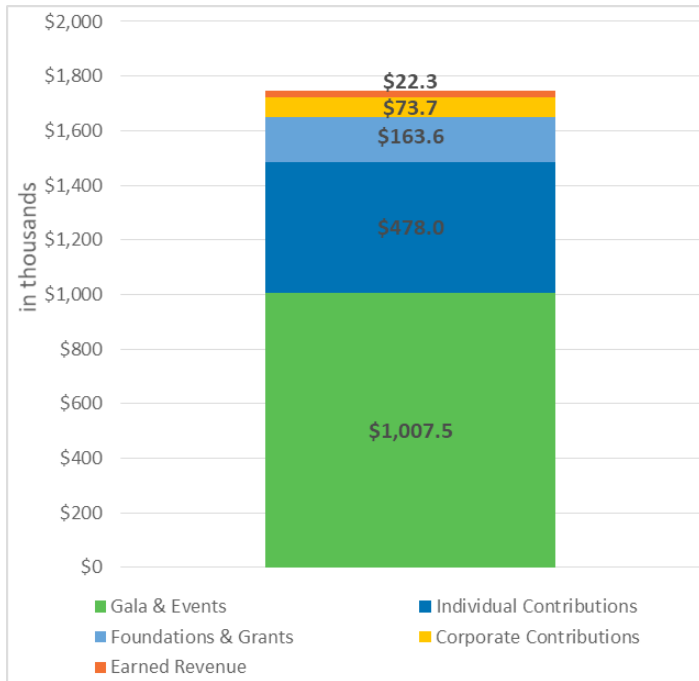
THANK YOU TO OUR COMMITTEES

5K Committee
Development Committee
Friends Council
Finance Committee
Governance & Nominating Committee
Horticultural Committee Moondance
Gala Host Committee Project
Planning Committee

If we have made a mistake in listing your name, or have not included your name, please contact our office and we will correct our records. Thank you for your support!

A STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION

2017 was one of the Esplanade Association's strongest financially as we achieved a record level of support in revenue and our corresponding support for in-park work and programming! Below is an unaudited summary of the year, with \$1,745,100 in revenue and \$1,687,000 in expenses.



RAISING FUNDS IN STYLE

As a 100% privately-funded non-profit organization, the Esplanade Association is only able to succeed with the support of people who care deeply about the Charles River Esplanade. Below are a few of the many dedicated individuals who invested in the park in 2017 by attending the Moondance Gala. We are grateful to everyone who has helped—and continues to help—ensure that the Esplanade remains a dynamic, thriving community resource for generations to come.



Moondance Gala 2017 Co-Chairs Lori Sidman and Jean Egan.



Jeryl and Steve Oristaglio



John and Maureen Hailer with friends.



Bryan Natale and Caroline Save-Natale.

2018 MOONDANCE GALA

Our 2018 Moondance Gala will be held on Saturday, September 15. To purchase tickets or sponsor the event, please contact Abigail Fischer at afischer@esplanadeassociation.org or 617-227-0365 ext. 402.

Esplanade Association
376 Boylston Street, Suite 503
Boston, MA 02116
617-227-0365

esplanadeassociation.org

📷 EsplanadeinBoston

🐦 EsplanadeBoston

📘 EsplanadeBoston