Dear Friends,

Looking back on 2018, it is inspiring to reflect on the Glen Echo Park Partnership’s many accomplishments. Perhaps most importantly, we established a Scholarship & Transportation Fund to enable economically disadvantaged students to participate in the Park’s programs. This key resource will help ensure that the Park is more inclusive and accessible.

Throughout the year, the Park continued to delight over 370,000 area residents and visitors with arts, music, dance, children’s theater performances, and nature programs in our unique setting. The Park’s historic architecture, including the Spanish Ballroom and Dentzel carousel, are truly unforgettable.

We are tremendously grateful for our Board of Directors and staff, our valued partnerships with the National Park Service and Montgomery County, and our generous contributors and dedicated volunteers – all of whom have been instrumental in helping us to fulfill our mission.

Thank you for all that you have made possible this year and for your support as we move forward. Together, we will continue to celebrate and explore creativity and the arts here at the Park.

With thanks,

Katey Boerner
Executive Director

Robert Reaves
President, Board of Directors
About the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. manages one of the liveliest visual and performing arts sites in the Washington area. Each year, more than 370,000 people come together at Glen Echo Park to renew their creative spirit through classes, festivals, exhibitions, dances, children’s theater, music performances, nature programs, and more. Established by Montgomery County in 2002, the Partnership is a nonprofit organization charged with managing Glen Echo Park’s programs and facilities. In collaboration with Montgomery County and the National Park Service, the Partnership works with resident artists and organizations to develop distinctive arts programming; operates the historic Dentzel carousel; presents an extensive social dance program; produces festivals and special events; conducts fundraising and marketing; and manages and maintains all facilities.

Our Vision

Glen Echo Park inspires creativity and offers shared artistic experiences in a welcoming historic natural setting.

Our Mission

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc. presents vibrant artistic, cultural and educational offerings at Glen Echo Park and promotes the Park as a unique destination for our region’s diverse population. It nurtures a dynamic community of artists and performers while preserving and managing historic facilities within a National Park.
The Partnership established a Scholarship & Transportation Fund by raising nearly $45,000 during the 2018 Gala Fund-A-Need campaign. This fund will serve an unmet need for scholarships to allow school-age children to register for classes or camps at the Park who wish to participate but cannot afford the full tuition. In the past, we have had to turn away those who request a subsidy because we have not had funds available. The Park’s camp programs are fee based and resident organizations have indicated that a resource such as a scholarship fund would enable a broader group of participants from the region, particularly underserved children, to benefit from our programs.

We also hope to address an unmet need for transportation of school-age groups to the Park from regional schools that do not have full funding available. This would enable more children to attend our children’s theater performances and environmental education programs. Resident organizations at the Park that offer field trip opportunities include Adventure Theatre MTC, the Puppet Co., and the Glen Echo Park Aquarium. These organizations have cited a lack of budget for school buses to be a factor that has hindered groups from coming to the Park, and they have requested that we seek funding to assist with this challenge.
Highlights
5th Annual House Tour Fundraiser

On April 21, 2018, the Partnership hosted a House Tour Fundraiser featuring seven homes, including two with artist studios, and one award-winning garden in the Town of Glen Echo.

Over 100 people participated in the House Tour and the event raised nearly $8,000 to support the arts and educational programs at the Park. Special thanks to Debbie Beers, Debbie Lange, and Martha Morris for engaging the homeowners in this special fundraiser for the Park.

Highlights
Major Renovation to the Bumper Car Pavilion

In collaboration with the National Park Service and with a capital grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, we renovated the Bumper Car Pavilion (BCP), a historic structure that is centrally located at the Park. Completed in March 2018, work included installing energy efficient heaters and lighting and replacing the vinyl panels to provide protection from inclement weather and also to better contain heat within the space.

The BCP is a covered, open-air space that is used from April to October as a venue for our social dance program. Each year we present 350 dance events that serve 50,000 dancers in the Spanish Ballroom, the Ballroom Back Room, and the BCP. The BCP is also used for other core programs, including classes, summer camps, and special events such as our free Summer Concerts and family festivals, as well as for facility rentals for weddings and other private events.

This project successfully improves the energy efficiency of the BCP and extends our ability to use the space for programs and rentals during the colder months of March and November.
Highlights

Expanded Partnership with Folklore Society of Greater Washington to Present the Washington Folk Festival

By 2018, the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) had presented the annual Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park for 37 years. The Glen Echo Park Partnership had always participated as a co-host of the event, but in 2018 the Partnership took on a greater role in producing and promoting the festival.

Partnership staff worked closely with long-time FSGW festival volunteers, beginning with several all-hands-on-deck meetings to launch the planning process. We helped to plan, promote, and raise funds, and all funds raised through donations to the festival continued to support the event.

Visitors to the 38th annual Washington Folk Festival were treated to an extraordinary array of folk music styles and enjoyed the weekend despite some unusually wet weather. The Partnership plans to continue this co-producing role in the future.
In 2018, the Partnership launched The PAGE Program, an arts-enriched early childhood program for children ages 1 to 4 with their parents or caregivers. This unique "play-school" experience provides preschool readiness with an arts focus. The PAGE Program motto is: Play. Arts. Grow. Educate.

To give families the best in both curriculum and flexibility, registration for PAGE classes is by the day, so participants have the choice to attend from one to five days per week. The program can be a perfect supplement to a child’s current preschool or a great option for building up to preschool. All PAGE classes are taught by preschool teachers and follow a preschool-like day. Arts and science specialty classes are taught by experienced Glen Echo Park faculty and resident specialists.

The program's first year was a great success, with more than 75 families enrolled, exceeding the Partnership’s goal.
Glen Echo Park
By the Numbers

370,000
Visited the Park

45,000
Attended Social Dances

55,000
Rode the Historic Carousel

25,000
Attended Festivals, Special Events & Concerts

40,000
Viewed Exhibitions

8,000
Enrolled in Classes

90,000
Attended Children’s Theater
“When I retired from an aerospace engineering career eleven years ago, I wanted to find a hobby that satisfied my need for physical and intellectual activity, and that also provided an outlet for my artistic spirit. The program at Glen Echo Glassworks filled that need.

Paul Swartwood is not only an outstanding glass artist, but also an excellent teacher. He’s helped me grow as a glassblower, both through hands-on teaching and collaborative projects. If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding program that allows you to create both beautiful works of art and useful objects, the Glassworks is a great choice.”

Allan Jawarski  
Glass Artist & Student
Gala in the Park 2018

Crystal Gala

The Crystal Gala in the Park on May 19, 2018, celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Partnership.

The event honored Jeffrey Slavin, Co-Director of the Sanford & Doris Slavin Foundation, for his generous support of the Park over the years. We also offered special recognition to Hon. Isiah and Mrs. Catherine Leggett for their outstanding support of the arts in Montgomery County. Karen and Tom Natelli served as Honorary Gala Chairs and Arch Campbell conducted the awards presentation.

The Gala raised a record of over $160,000 to support the Park’s arts programs. This figure includes nearly $45,000 raised during the Fund-A-Need campaign to establish a new Scholarship & Transportation Fund.
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- **Rental Income**: 25.8%
- **Grants**: 22.3%
- **Contributions**: 20.3%
- **Dances and Events**: 8.6%
- **Education Programs**: 9.3%
- **Retail & Carousel**: 6.5%
- **Utility Reimbursements**: 6.3%
- **Other**: 1%
- **Management & General**: 5.5%

**FY2018 Expenses**

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Susan Sinclair
Painting Student

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