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A Mission to Preserve, Educate and Promote

The mission of the non-profit Friends of Washington Crossing Park is to support the programs of Washington Crossing Historic Park by aiding in preservation, collection and maintenance of physical materials relating to the life of our ancestors, acquisitions, conducting public events, preparation and distribution of literature and solicitation of financial and material aid.

In 2018, the Friends worked in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to offer numerous educational programs and events that promoted the American Revolution as part of our national heritage. This mission was supported by individual and corporate gifts, admission fees, and proceeds from fundraisers.

This report provides you with a snapshot of our accomplishments and activities in 2018.

New Program Development

Several new programs and initiatives were launched in 2018. They include:

- Launched a new Friends membership program;
- Reestablished working mill race at Thompson-Neely Grist Mill;
- Established a new Fife and Drum Corps for the park;
- Raised $32,000 and broke ground on Hibbs House Garden;
- Recreated interpretive plan for Thompson-Neely Farmstead;
- Began filming “76 Seconds of History” video series.

Friends of Washington Crossing Park
2018 Annual Report

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Friends of Washington Crossing Park Staff
Under the direction of the Board of Directors, Friends staff members run the day-to-day operations of the organization.

Jennifer Martin, Executive Director*
Danielle Gress, Development Coordinator*
Ryan Campbell, Development Assistant*
Connie Unangst, Museum Shop Coordinator
Anna Davis-Agostini, Historical Horticulturist
Ross Heatmaker, Assistant Gardner
Suzanne Pritz, Staff Accountant

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Our People

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The all-volunteer Friends Board of Directors is made up of a diverse cross section of community members.

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Our Activities

2018 Visitation
Visitation to the park is largely driven by tours, living history programs and other events that educate attendees about the American Revolution and the events that took place at the park.

75,000 – Daily tours
10,000 – School children
600 – Annual lecture series

200 – Girl Scout programs
150 – Trades workshops
35 – Summer Camp

2018 Event Visitation
In addition to day-to-day attendance, many visitors come to the park to enjoy our varied signature events. In 2018, these events included:

1,200 – Washington’s birthday celebration
2,700 – Spring Brewfest fundraiser
250 – Rebels vs. Redcoats Classic Car Show

1,200 – 4th of July events
1,600 – Autumn Market & Encampment
3,750 – First Crossing reenactment

2,100 – Fall Brewfest fundraiser
2,500 – Christmas Day Crossing reenactment

Our Supporters

2018 Foundations/Grants
Many of the programs offered by the Friends are supported by grants given by foundations, companies and organizations.

$65,000 Visit Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau
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$5,000 Janssen Pharmaceuticals
$5,000 Washington Crossing Foundation
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$2,000 Pennsylvania State Questers

2018 Corporate Sponsors/Major Gifts/Board Contributions
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$3,600 Network Connections

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$2,250 Washington Crossing Foundation
$2,200 Continental Tavern
$1,500 Washington Crossing-Yardley Kiwanis Club
$1,200 Jay Spaziano Real Estate

Volunteers
In 2018, more than 250 volunteers contributed a total of 4,385 hours to the education and public program support at Washington Crossing Park. Volunteers served the park as historical interpreters, in visitor services, special events, gardening, animal care, school programs, as musicians in our fife and drum corps and in the Thompson Neely Mill restoration project.

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