

friends of patterson park



Photo By Frank Noe, Baltimore, MD

We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful park surrounded by such a wonderful community. With 75,000 people within walking distance of Patterson Park, this 140-acre green space is an urban oasis. Since 1827, Patterson Park has been the anchor of the neighborhood where generations have learned how to ride bikes and play baseball or simply sat down to relax after a long day of work.

The Friends of Patterson Park works to ensure the park's vitality as a treasured green space and encourages use and appreciation by neighbors, visitors, and future generations.

This Mission is achieved by:

- Advocating for and educating people about the importance of preserving this historic urban green space.
- Maintaining and promoting a positive park image.
- Providing the forum and ensuring community input into the process for change in the park—acting as liaison between the community and the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks.
- Increasing fiscal (private funds) and human (volunteer and staff) resources available for park projects and programs.
- Fostering park stewardship in the community and building the skills of the community to care for the park.
- Developing events and programs that bring the community into the park to learn, to recreate, and to make friends.

Improving the Park Since 1999

Since our inception in 1999 we have been working to make this community better by improving both the physical landscape of the park and the recreational activities offered within the park. With your help we have:

- Helped to restore Utz field, the Pagoda, the Park entrances, the Pulaski Monument, the Boat Lake, the Marble Fountain, the Playground, the Pool, Patterson Park East, and the Backstops and Soccer Goals.
- Offered Free Programming and Events such as: the nationally recognized Bike Jam with over 3,000 spectators, the Great Halloween Lantern Parade, the Mercy Music Concert series, Youth Soccer, the Aquatic Ballet, and all the great programs provided through a partnership with Audubon.
- Fostered Community Park Stewardship through the planting and caring for over 800 trees in the park, edging sidewalks, mending benches, tending gardens, cleaning out the boat lake, caring for the pagoda and keeping it open to the public (we've had over 40,000 visitors since 2002)

- Racked up over 43,300 hours of volunteerism, equal to close to one million dollars in community sweat equity.
- We've also brought in funds and advocated for over ten million dollars in capital restoration projects in Patterson Park
- In addition, we've improved our vision and sustainability as an organization.



Patterson Park's famous Pagoda, seen here before its re-opening after much needed renovation in 2002.

ANNUAL REPORT

It has been seven years since the Friends of Patterson Park came into existence and in that time so much has changed, evolved, and been restored. What has changed the most has been a new belief in Patterson Park and the restoration of the values that public parks were inspired by; the creation of a unified community though public green spaces for all to use and enjoy—a common ground. 2006 brought new opportunities to the park and the Friends of Patterson Park, mainly the need for community based programming. We began developing youth recreational programming with soccer in the hopes of expanding this program in the future. Once again, we had music in the park, lantern parades, fishing lessons, educational programs, and so much fun.

This past year we have been truly fortunate to have been given an initial investment toward a "Patterson Park Endowment." This gift was from the Butchers Hill Community Development Corporation. These funds will help to insure a healthy future for the Friends but more importantly for Patterson Park.

Equally important to us has been the continued and undying support from all of you. Whether it is the donation of dollars, or a weekend afternoon to plant trees or greet visitors to the Pagoda—as always THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Tim Almaguer, Executive Director

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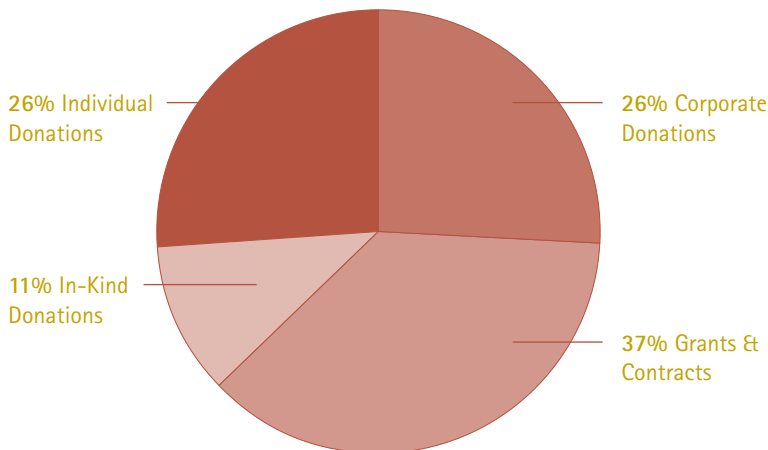
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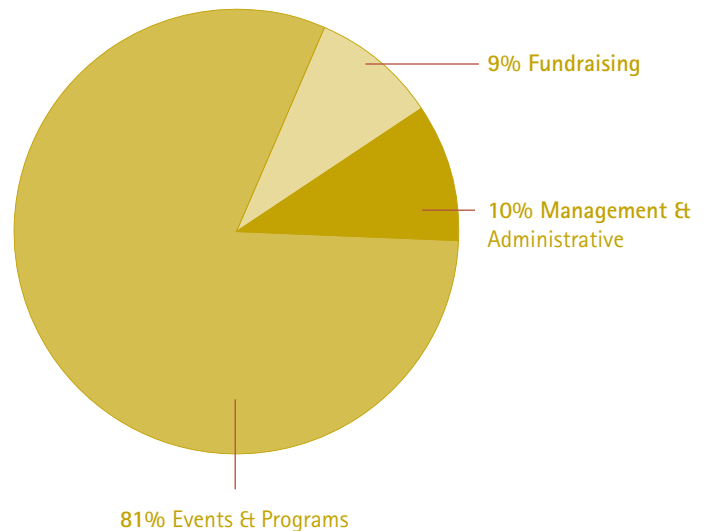
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Statement of Activities Year Ending December 31, 2006

Total Support & Revenue = \$255,243



Total Expenses = \$257,676



Goals and Successes

Accomplishments of 2006

The Friends have a lot to be proud of in 2006.

For example, this year we:

- Hired an Executive Director and Program Assistant
- Produced the 7th Great Halloween Lantern Parade
- Successfully ran the concert series with over 4,000 in attendance
- Secured an endowment thanks to the Butchers Hill Community Development Corporation
- Saw membership increase 8% from 2005
- Had over 7,000 visitors to the Pagoda
- Offered free soccer for over 200 local youths
- Published a book about Patterson Park's history and progress
- Developed youth programs and recreational opportunities
- Planted 100 new trees in the park
- Logged over 6,000 volunteer hours
- Repaired and repainted benches
- Cleaned several hundred pounds of trash out of the Boat Lake
- Renovation and improvement of the pool
- Cleaned and repaired the playground
- 12 gardens seasonally planted and maintained
- Over 300 trees were mulched and watered
- Pleasant greeting of park visitors



Volunteers putting some finishing touches on the new pool.

Local kids enjoying the newly completed pool.



Kids enjoying our new soccer league



Trees being planted by our dedicated, tireless volunteers

Goals for 2007

2006 was a great year, but we want to make 2007 even better.

Here are our goals for the upcoming year!

- Improving recreational programming at the Virginia S. Baker Recreation Center
- Creating a stronger Audubon presence in the park
- Lacrosse, tennis, and soccer clinics
- Improve interior lighting
- Renovation of the Patterson Park White House
- Strategic visioning process for Patterson Park and the Friends of Patterson Park
- Redesign and revamping of the website
- More cultural arts programming (at playgrounds and other small venues)
- Improving resources for the Pool
- Researching feasibility of public/private partnerships
- Better outreach to local schools

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