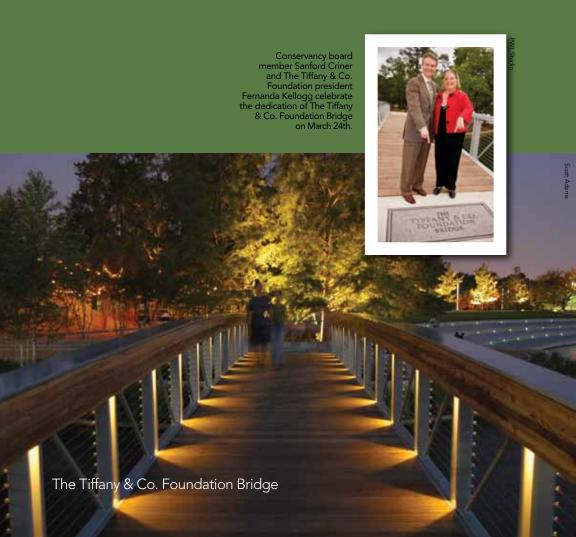


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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



I love seeing the communities of people gather at Hermann Park. It is unlike anywhere in our wonderful city.

Fiscal year 2009 was a powerful reminder that Hermann Park is an invaluable resource to our community, offering peace of mind and improving the quality of life. We are most appreciative of those who supported the Conservancy this past year, and allowed us to make extraordinary progress in our efforts to improve Hermann Park for our six million annual visitors.

Immediately following Hurricane Ike, to which Hermann Park lost nearly 300 trees, the Conservancy quickly repaired the damaged Hermann Park Railroad track and organized massive volunteer teams to help clear the Park of debris. In the days and weeks after the storm, the Park gave families and individuals a welcome reprieve. Soon after, as economic uncertainties took hold, Hermann Park continued to prove priceless, providing a safe, affordable, and rejuvenating space for its community.

Thanks to thoughtful and responsible planning, Hermann Park Conservancy was able to move forward with the second phase of its Centennial Campaign.

In the past year, the Conservancy:

- Received one of the first \$1 million grants from The Tiffany & Co.
 Foundation as part of its new national initiative to restore major urban parks
- Unveiled the transformative Lake Plaza, a gathering place designed to celebrate and foster Hermann Park's sense of community

- Opened three new stops on Hermann Park Railroad to increase connectivity and encourage use of the METRORail
- Generated valuable revenue from the operation of Hermann Park Railroad, pedal boat rentals, and the all-new Hermann Park Conservancy Gift Shop
- Expanded its maintenance and operations role
- Continued the renovation of the Japanese Garden with the help of a team of designers from Japan
- Coordinated a record number of volunteer hours
- Planted over 1,000 trees as part of its reforestation program

As you read through the pages of this report, you will learn about these efforts in greater detail, and the donors who helped make them possible. The value of Hermann Park to its community cannot be overstated, and I am honored to have been a part of this success. I thank all those who supported me during my tenure as Chair and ask for the same responsiveness for our new Chair, Tom Downing.

I hope you will join us as we press on with our vision for Hermann Park in fiscal year 2010.

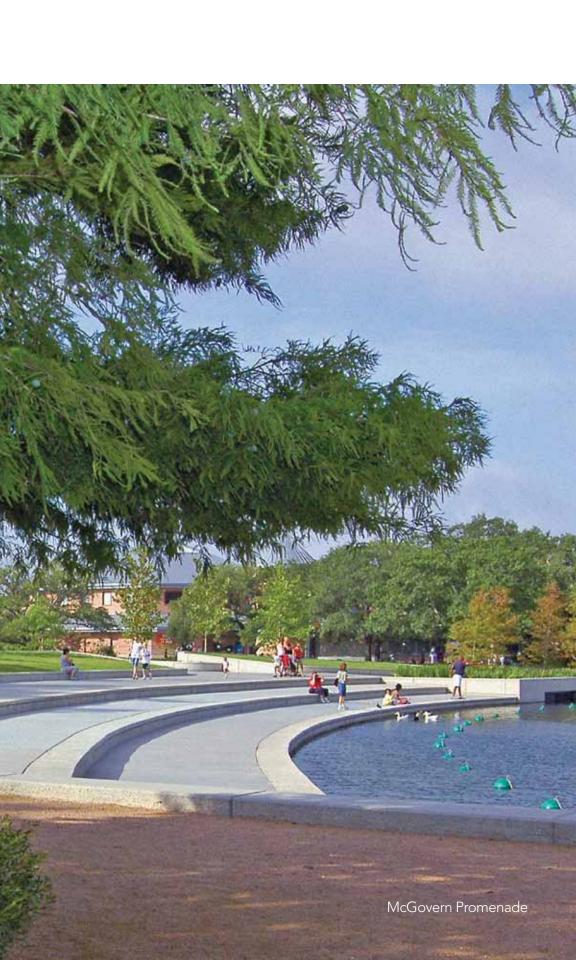
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Sincerely,

Donald W. Short

CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN





Phase 2 Progress

In 2008 Hermann Park Conservancy launched Phase 2 of the Centennial Campaign for Hermann Park. Set for completion by the Park's centennial in 2014, Phase 2 includes many fundamental Park improvement projects. While fundraising is still underway, construction of Lake Plaza and Hermann Park Railroad reached completion and opened to the public this year, marking fiscal year 2009 as a monumental one for the Campaign. Future centennial plans include the renovation of the Garden Center, restoration of the Grand Gateway entrance to the Park, and a variety of reforestation initiatives and infrastructural improvements.

Lake Plaza

The Conservancy unveiled Lake Plaza, an \$11-million renovation project, to the public in April. This beautified area is situated on eight acres around McGovern Lake, and offers several new amenities and attractions. Complete with Kinder Station (the main station

on Hermann Park Railroad), public restrooms, pedal boat lagoon, cafe space, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Bridge, McGovern Promenade, the Mary Gibbs and Jesse H. Jones Greenway, and public art by local artist Jesse Lott, Lake Plaza is a grand civic space without parallel in Houston.

The entire project was designed with environmental factors and energy conservation in mind by the design team, including Overland Partners, architect; White Oak Studio, landscape architect; and Laurie Olin, master planner. This incredible renovation would not have been possible without the generosity of the following donors:

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John P. McGovern Foundation
The Tiffany & Co. Foundation



Hermann Park Railroad

Reaching Lake Plaza and other scenic spots around the Park is now easier thanks to the opening of three new stops along the expanded Hermann Park Railroad, an extraordinary \$3 million project. M. D. Anderson Train Station picks up and drops off riders across from the popular Houston Museum of Natural Science, while the two other stops accommodate METRORail riders and walkers from the Texas Medical Center and Rice University areas.

Not only do the stops and expanded track enhance connectivity and encourage the use of public transportation, but they allow Park users to experience more of the Park since riders may get off at various stops and then hop back on. Along with the train itself, these convenient stops are ADA-compliant, giving the improved Hermann Park Railroad an opportunity to offer a fun and unique experience to more Park users than ever before.

A special thanks is due to the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for their donation toward this effort.





Reforestation



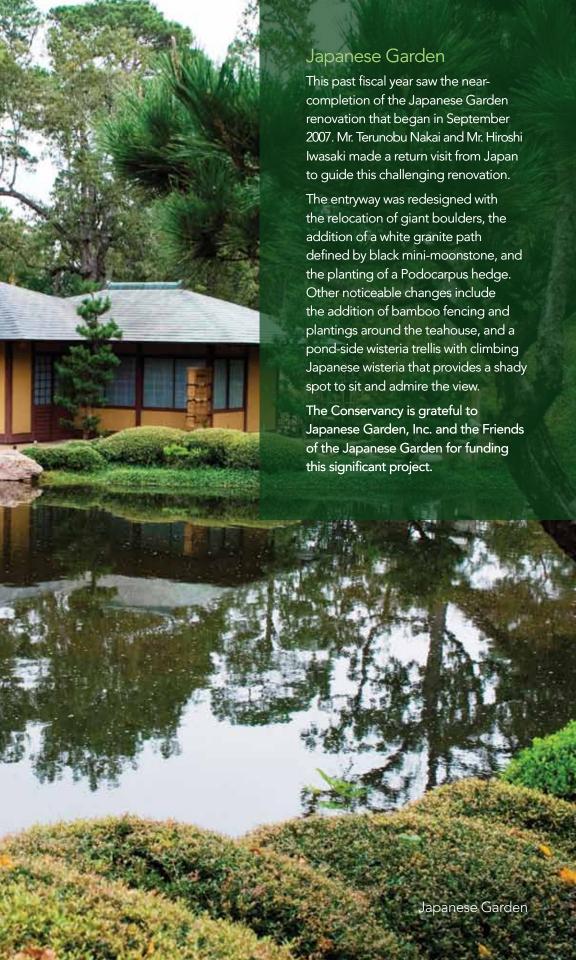
Reforestation has been a major focus of the Centennial Campaign, and with the destruction of almost 300 trees due to Hurricane Ike, our mission to replace aging trees and increase the Hermann Park tree canopy became even more important this year.

Thankfully, this past fiscal year saw an influx of trees into the Park. Lake Plaza received 221 trees as part of the overall Plaza design plan, while the new train maintenance/tunnel facility received 125 new trees as Phase I of a Tribute Grove by Trees for Houston. Harris County Flood Control District donated 73 medium-sized trees that would otherwise have been destroyed as a result of upcoming plans to widen the bayou.

Many other trees found a home in Hermann Park thanks to tree gifts from corporations and individual donor support for the Conservancy's Plant a Tree dedication program. Added all up, the Conservancy oversaw the planting of over 1,000 new trees this year.

The Conservancy is grateful for a generous grant from Shell Oil Company to support reforestation.





STEWARDSHIP & OPERATIONS

Maintenance



The Conservancy's maintenance responsibilities expanded this year with the completion of Lake Plaza and the enhancements to Hermann Park Railroad. Its maintenance program continues around the Jones Reflection Pool, Molly Ann Smith Plaza, McGovern Lake, and other areas in tandem with the Parks Department.

One full-time staff person and community service workers focused their efforts on cleaning water features, including the Jones Reflection Pool, McGovern Lake, and fountains; clearing concrete and limestone surfaces of debris; and removing trash. Volunteers also supported maintenance efforts by delittering, extracting invasive plants, and restoring benches and picnic tables.

Maintenance needs certainly increased following Hurricane Ike, which left fallen trees and debris and damaged Park infrastructure, including the Hermann Park Railroad track and the train maintenance/tunnel facility. In a tremendous show of community support, over 200 volunteers aided immediate clean up efforts.

Volunteer Programs

Hermann Park Conservancy's volunteer department surpassed its goal of 20,000 hours, setting a record high of over 22,500 hours this year. Thanks to the expansion of volunteer program opportunities, volunteers saved the Conservancy nearly \$441,000 in labor alone.

The Conservancy could not have met its goal without the new Project Facilitators Program, through which volunteers are trained to lead projects and educate volunteers about the Park. Project facilitators allow the Conservancy's volunteer coordinator to schedule multiple groups on weekend days, allowing more volunteers to make a bigger impact across the Park.

Conservation Posse, the Conservancy's summer volunteer program for teens, was expanded to six weeks. Participants took part in fun volunteer projects, learned from educational field trips, and heard from various speakers about conservation and environmental issues. The Conservancy is grateful to the Houston Young Lawyers Association for funding this impressive program.



Visitor Services

Along with carrying out the impressive renovations of Lake Plaza and Hermann Park Railroad, the Conservancy prepared for the professional management of their operation by developing a new Visitor Services Department. Operations overseen by the Conservancy in the new Lake Plaza include the Conservancy Gift Shop, Hermann Park Railroad, pedal boat rentals, and the cafe.

With a staff of 15-20 employees, the Visitor Services Department is tasked with seven days a week, 363 days a year operation and maintenance of Lake Plaza and Hermann Park Railroad.

Operation of the Railroad has proved successful so far, with an increase in revenue of 18% this year over the last comparable reporting period.







CONSERVANCY EVENTS



Hermann Park Hat Luncheon

Themed Hats on the Green, the second annual Hermann Park Hat Luncheon drew over 200 fashionable guests to the Historic Golf Clubhouse on March 12th for a champagne reception and awards luncheon on the lawn. This fabulous event, chaired by Kelli Blanton and Phoebe Tudor, raised \$179,000 for the Conservancy, and honored Jack S. Blanton, Sr., for his longtime support of Hermann Park.



Park To Park Run

The Conservancy continued its tradition of community outreach and engagement with the sixth annual Park to Park Run, stretching from Discovery Green to Hermann Park, on February 21st. Led by Scott Dorfman as chair, the Park to Park Run attracted over 1,000 participants, raised \$47,000, and engaged more in-kind sponsors than any past Run.



Orient Express Chair Jerry Michael Acosta and Shellie Stone



Dancing under the Stars co-chairs Divya Paralkar and Alton LaDay

Urban Green

The Conservancy's young professionals' group, Urban Green, had a successful year with two signature events and a new membership program that helped double last year's revenue. Dancing under the Stars in the fall lured nearly 400 guests to the stage of Miller Outdoor Theatre for an evening of dancing and revelry, while Orient Express, the spring event, brought about 200 patrons to the new Lake Plaza following a special ride on the train. Together, the events raised \$33,000, while the membership program attracted over a hundred participants in its first year.

Evening in the Park Gala

This year's annual Evening in the Park Gala kicked off the much anticipated grand opening of Lake Plaza on April 17th. The theme, A Twilight Journey by Train, placed the focus on the new train and Kinder Station in Lake Plaza. Chaired by Terri and John Havens and Kara and Ray Childress, the event attracted over 430 guests and raised \$409,000 in vital operations support. Bill Coats, one of the Conservancy's founders and its longtime friend, was honored for his vision and passion for Hermann Park.

The French-themed twilight journey was elegantly enhanced by beautiful antiques, lent by Ruth Gay and Chateau Domingue, and breathtaking floral arrangements by Johnathan Andrew Sage.

Evening in the Park co-chairs Terri and John Havens











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Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Cash Money market funds Accounts and government grants receivable Pledges receivable Prepaid expenses and other assets Investments Property, net		181,557 3,171,431 61,099 2,280,383 45,275 1,800,790 1,684,129
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	9,224,664
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Construction payable Line of credit Funds held on behalf of City of Houston Total liabilities		77,677 459,409 3,645,858 983,266 5,166,210
Commitments		
Net assets: Unrestricted Temporarily restricted Permanently restricted Total net assets		873,269 1,433,462 1,751,723 4,058,454
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	.\$	9,224,664

Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2009

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REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 452,369	\$ 1,831,832	\$ 4,535	\$ 2,288,736
Special events	605,840			605,840
Donor benefit costs – special events	(151,119)			(151,119)
Park concessions	761,200			761,200
Investment return	(321,029)	15,194		(305,835)
Total revenue	1,347,261	1,847,026	4,535	3,198,822
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Park projects and programs	6,814,286	(6,814,286)		
Total	8,161,547	(4,967,260)	4,535	3,198,822
EXPENSES				
Program services:				
Visitor services	6,671,353			6,671,353
Planning, design, and construction	1,088,402			1,088,402
Park program and maintenance	351,572			351,572
Total program services	8,111,327			8,111,327
Management and general	163,669			163,669
Fundraising	304,093			304,093
Total expenses	8,579,089			8,579,089
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(417,542)	(4,967,260)	4,535	(5,380,267)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,290,811	6,400,722	1,747,188	9,438,721
Net assets, end of year	\$ 873,269	\$ 1,433,462	\$ 1,751,723	\$ 4,058,454

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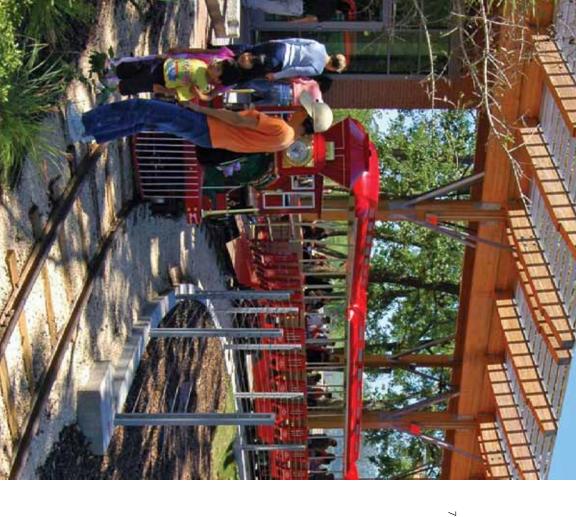
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