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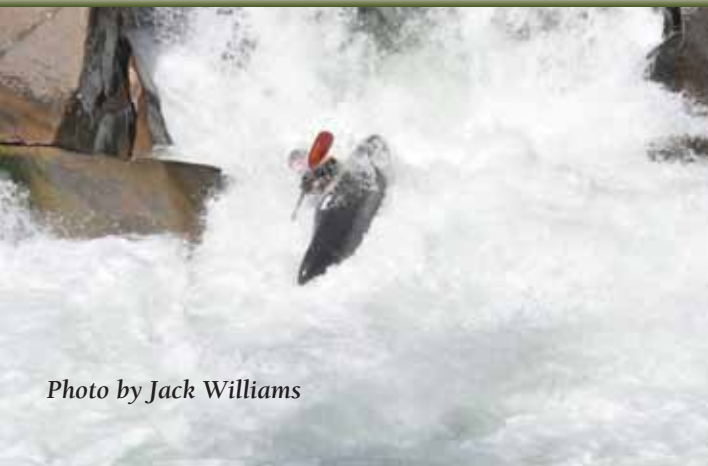


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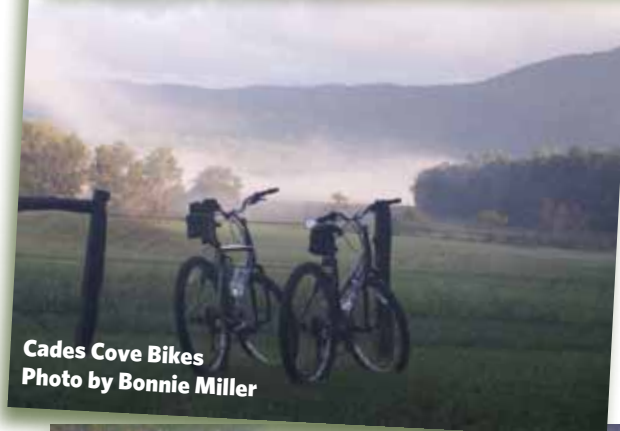
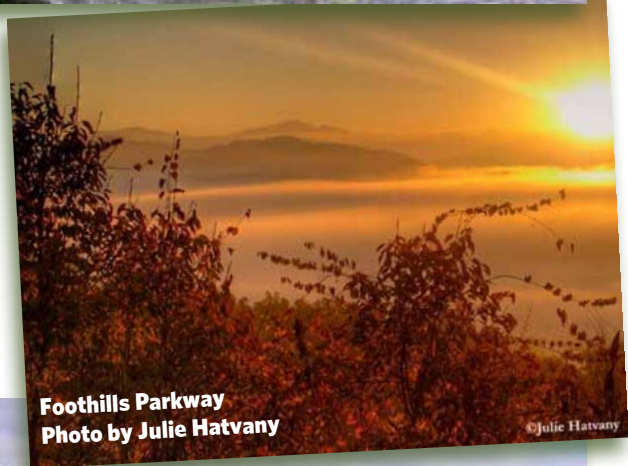
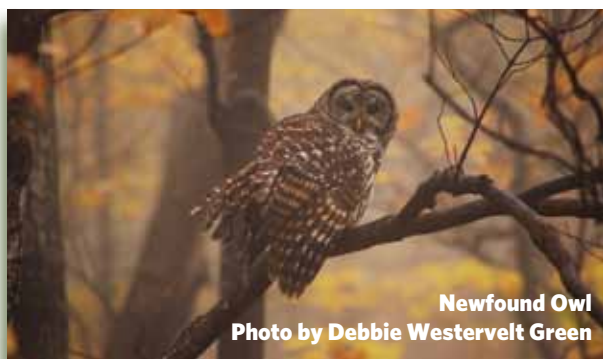


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About This Publication

Our 2011 Annual Report exists exclusively in digital format, available on our website at www.FriendsOfTheSmokies.org. In order to further the impact of our donors' resources for the park's benefit we chose to publish this report online. If you would like a paper copy, you may print it from home on your computer, or you may request a copy to be mailed to you from our office (800-845-5665). We are committed to conserving natural resources in and around Great Smoky Mountains National Park!

Throughout 2011 we enjoyed perspectives of the Smokies shared on our Facebook page by many generous photographers, so we're sharing some of their great pictures here and on page 3.



Mission Statement

The mission of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park is to assist the National Park Service in its mission to preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park by raising funds and awareness and providing volunteers for needed projects.



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Friends Across The Country

In 2011, nearly 3,800 individuals, corporations, and foundations representing 39 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands made gifts to Friends of the Smokies, hailing from as far away as Hawaii to as close as Bryson City, North Carolina. Great Smoky Mountains National Park benefits from tremendous generosity! We'd love to count Friends of the Smokies in every state. Can you help us? If you know someone who loves Great Smoky Mountains National Park and lives in Alaska, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, North or South Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island or Vermont, please encourage them to become a Friend, or give them a gift membership for a birthday, anniversary, or holiday!



Top Ten States (# of donors)

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Tennessee | 6. South Carolina |
| 2. North Carolina | 7. Alabama |
| 3. Florida | 8. Illinois |
| 4. Georgia | 9. Kentucky & Michigan (Tied!) |
| 5. Ohio | 10. Indiana |

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Keep up with us in 140 characters or less at
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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/smokiesfriends/>



Please "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/SmokiesFriends>
Daily updates include park events and happenings, hikes and Trails Forever workdays, plus gorgeous Smokies photos!



Broadcast Yourself™

Watch our latest Mission Video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/friendsofsmokies>



We still have a great website where you can sign up to receive e-newsletters, watch inspiring videos, hear Steve Whiddon's song "Be a Friend of the Smokies". Check it out at www.FriendsOfTheSmokies.org





Calendar Year 2011 was a record-setter in terms of the dollars given to support projects and programs in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In September, CFO Nan Jones happily wrote the annual “big check” for \$818,941.99. Another \$321,295.08 was direct-paid by Friends of the Smokies to vendors and seasonal employees to fulfill Park needs. Then in late December, President Jim Hart handed over the keys to the Hoffman Property on Soak Ash Creek in Pittman Center, Tennessee. The home and 20-acre land parcel, adjacent to the largest wetlands in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, meant a transfer of assets totaling nearly \$800,000. This brought the **total of park disbursements for 2011 to \$1,923,036.02.**

Grant funding remained a strong and essential source of revenue for Park projects and programs in 2011; a few highlights are included on the next few pages.



ABOVE: Use of Hoffman House is governed by an agreement between the National Park Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The A.T. Conservancy uses it as seasonal housing for trail crews and for Smokies' Ridgerunners on rest.



ABOVE: The 20-acre parcel of land that Friends purchased at the Park's request is located along Soak Ash Creek in Pittman Center, Tennessee.



LEFT: Park Superintendent Dale Ditmanson accepts the keys to the property from Friends of the Smokies President Jim Hart in December 2011.

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Fundraising for Park Projects, Programs, and Partners

Cornerstone Foundation

In 2011, Cornerstone Foundation generously gave \$37,500 for Tremont, Parks as Classrooms, and general funds. Since 1998, Cornerstone has given more than \$372,000 to Friends of the Smokies to ensure the preservation and protection of Great Smoky Mountains National Park by helping to provide science education programs for kids. This is our Park's next generation of supporters!

What is Parks as Classrooms?

<http://www.nps.gov/grsm/forteachers/pac-video-tn-k5.htm>

Alcoa Foundation

From 2009 through 2011, the Alcoa Foundation's \$75,000 grant for Trails Forever and Parks as Classrooms made big things possible in the Smokies.

Funding for Trails Forever really helped jump-start the program in myriad ways. In 2009, 10.5 trail miles

across the Park from Ramsey Cascades to Twentymile Cascades were rehabilitated with Alcoa's support, utilizing 3,341 volunteer hours to complete these projects. Alcoa funding provided necessary equipment and supplies in 2010, like an equipment trailer, a storage shed for tools, volunteer camping area improvements, and volunteer recognition incentives.

The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program began in 2009 through Alcoa grant funds. The results were far-reaching. The Park hired three science teachers for a six week period in 2009. They contributed to summer Junior Ranger programs and assisted with curriculum development while being exposed to field science and resource management information that they could take back to the classroom and to other teachers. They provided in-service programs to teachers in Sevier and Cocke Counties at the beginning of the '09-'10 school year to encourage teachers to participate in the Parks as Classrooms program. For 2010 the Park hired a middle school science teacher, a high school science teacher, and a high school Spanish teacher. The 2011 teachers were a K-8 English Language Learners (ELL) teacher, a high school math teacher, a Rehab Therapy teacher, and a middle school science and social studies teacher. The counties represented by these educators were Cocke, Jefferson, and Sevier in Tennessee. Duties remained similar throughout



Photos by
Jack Williams

*Volunteer Coordinator
for Trails & Facilities
Christine Hoyer stands
inside the Trails Forever
equipment trailer.*



*Volunteers and Trails Forever crew members
with the equipment trailer.*

the three year period, but each year we refined the work experience based on the input of the previous years' teachers.

The educational community will continue to benefit from having several teachers from multiple schools and counties that have in-depth knowledge of the park and new ideas for teaching science and other subjects from their experiences each summer. In addition to working with knowledgeable park staff, they attended workshops with local expert scientists which the teachers said would improve the quality of their teaching. The visiting public benefited by having enthusiastic teachers delivering summer programs. The park staff benefited from new ideas and curriculum to improve its Parks as Classrooms program, which serves over 15,000 students annually in Tennessee and North Carolina. Park staff gained a better understanding of teachers' needs related to school curriculum. Park management will also benefit from having teachers who serve as ambassadors that understand and support the park.

The Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program reaped great and immediate rewards. One teacher arranged a teacher in-service workshop in the park for her entire school (grades K-8). After the workshop her principal stated that he wanted all of his teachers to participate in the field-based Parks as Classrooms school programs. Two teachers collaborated to start a hiking club at their high school. The Spanish teacher organized a focus group with several educators to examine how the NPS can reach out to the Hispanic community.

Learn more about Teacher-Ranger-Teacher on the National Park's website

<http://www.nps.gov/learn/trt/>

Richard Haiman National Parks Foundation



Photo by Appalachian Trail Maintainers Committee

The Laurel Gap Shelter with renovations complete.

Richard Haiman National Parks Foundation contributed \$16,000 for completion of the 15th and final backcountry shelter renovation project at Laurel Gap and Parks as Classrooms. Since 1999, this foundation has given more than \$353,000 for backcountry improvements in the Smokies and environmental education.



Airlifting supplies for the Laurel Gap Shelter work required extensive logistical planning by the crew, and depended on cooperation from Mother Nature for the schedule.

Photos by Appalachian Trail Maintainers Committee

2011 Highlights (continued)

REI, Inc.

REI, Inc. provided us with \$10,000 to support Trails Forever rehabilitation projects and the purchase of a second Trails Forever equipment trailer

The Aslan Foundation

The year brought the finish line into view for the initial phase of Trails Forever endowment fundraising. The Aslan Foundation provided its \$400,000 match installment for 2011, bringing their total given to \$1.7 million. Contributions and pledges to the \$500,000 Tom Cronan Pathfinder Fund of Trails Forever helped close the gap on Friends' commitment to raise \$2 million to match the Aslan Foundation challenge. Once the original \$4 million goal is met by Friends of the Smokies and the Aslan Foundation in 2012, fundraising will continue in order to grow the Trails Forever endowment.



Photo by Richard Owen

Working on the Forney Ridge Trail to Andrews Bald.

The three-year transformation of the Forney Ridge Trail to Andrews Bald was complete in the third quarter of 2011. It

is a different trail now thanks to the hard work of the crew members and amazing volunteers. The planning and design of the improvements make them all appear very natural, but the secret to the success of this rehabilitation work is that the improvements should withstand weather, wear, and tear for decades.



Photos by Christine Hoyer



The Lyndhurst Foundation

The Lyndhurst Foundation provided \$25,000 in funding for park-wide SCAs through Friends of the Smokies. One of the students wrote the following "THANK YOU" note for her experience- "The intense project you've allowed us to complete in this environmental treasure of a place has been quite the adventure. Our crew of 8 has crossed creeks, climbed peaks, pounded rock, shoveled dirt, and survived Mother Nature's fury of thunder, lightning, pouring rain, white out mist (the smoke in Smoky Mountains) and BUGS galore! We've teamed together and met our goals. None of it would have been possible without your generous support, and for this we all graciously thank you. Sincerely, Lizzy"

**Do you know someone who
may be interested in becoming
a Student Conservation
Associate?**

<http://www.thesca.org/>



Examples of the trail transformations on the Forney Ridge Trail made possible by the Trails Forever crew members and volunteers

All photos by Christine Hoyer



In Memory of True Friends

Although 2011 offered many reasons to celebrate the continued generosity of countless individuals, as well as many corporations and foundations, there was also cause to give humble thanks in memory of two outstanding park advocates in Friends of the Smokies' 18-year history.

Dr. Myron "Barney" Coulter was a founding board member of Friends of the Smokies who lost a battle with cancer. He was a friend to Western North Carolina and the Eastern Band of Cherokees, as well as a mentor to generations of students through his leadership at Western Carolina University.

As the year drew to a close, we all lost Mrs. Wilma Maples, the most generous individual donor to Friends of the Smokies, and a Gatlinburg icon. Her grace, wisdom, generosity and unfailing honesty were important assets to the community as a whole. During her life, Wilma gave land and tremendous financial support to Park programs like the scholarship fund in her name to provide college tuition-assistance for Park employees' children; the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont; the Twin Creeks Science and Education Center; and Trails Forever.

These two remarkable people both deeply loved the Smoky Mountains and lent their visions and voices to strengthen their communities for the betterment of their neighbors.

Dr. Myron "Barney" Coulter

photos by Jack Williams



Left—Dr. Coulter with FOTS' Emeritus Board Secretary John B. Waters, Jr.

Center—Dr. Coulter with Emeritus Board Member Natalie Haslam

Right—Dr. Coulter in February 2006.

Mrs. Wilma Maples

photos by Jack Williams



Wilma Miller Maples 1993-2011.

She was the third female employee of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, hired in 1943 as part of the clerical support staff for Park Headquarters under Superintendent J. Ross Eakin.

Fun with Friends—2011 Evergreen Ball

photos by Jack Williams, Board Advisor

The *2011 Evergreen Ball* at Cherokee Country Club raised \$402,000+ and kicked off a very successful year of fundraising for Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



Left—Boogertown Gap entertains arriving guests

Right—Morton Massey holds replica of park directional sign for 'Morton Overlook' which was offered in the Silent Auction



Deener & Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews with Matt & Martha McClellan



Above: Danny & Liz King with their son, D.J. King



Tim & Lisa Line with Tasha Wade

Below: Dee & John Mason



Mark Williams, Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews, Justice Gary R. Wade, and Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters



Fun with Friends—3P Bar-B-Que

photos by Jack Williams, Board Advisor

Friends' big summertime celebration is the annual **3P Bar-B-Que** (a.k.a. **Picnic in Pittman for the Park**) co-hosted by Phillip and Vicky Fulmer and Jim Ogle. Both Jim and Vicky are on the FOTS Board of Directors. The 2011 3P Bar-B-Que raised \$118,000+.



(Left to right)
Suzanne
Ditmanson,
Vicky Fulmer,
Jim Ogle,
Leisa Caldwell



(Left to right) Phillip Fulmer,
Jim Ogle, Lauren Gass,
Dan Brooks, Steve Caldwell



(Left to right) Robert A. Tino,
Justice Gary R. Wade,
Jim Ogle, Dale Gillespie



Kathy & Randy Pope,
former Superintendent
of Great Smoky
Mountains National
Park

Jim Ogle and
Cheryl Houston



Fun with Friends—Hannah Epperson

photo by Stephen W. Woody

In September of 2011, **Hannah Epperson** became an intern with Friends of the Smokies as an Outreach Associate in the Waynesville office through the AmeriCorps Project Conserve program. Her talent, creativity, attitude, and energy contributed greatly to our awareness-raising mission. The board and staff of Friends of the Smokies are deeply grateful to Hannah for her 10 months of service to helping to preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Hannah Epperson poses next to the directional sign for Hannah Cabin in Little Cataloochee



Fun with Friends—the NC Side of the Smokies photos by Danny Bernstein

Friend of the Smokies **Danny Bernstein** started a series of hikes to engage members new and familiar with the North Carolina side of the Smokies. Pictured below are shots from hiking adventures in 2011 with Danny and FOTS North Carolina Director Holly Demuth.



Fun with Friends—John Muir Event photos by Hannah Epperson

In October 2011, storyteller **Lee Stetson** brought his portrayal of naturalist legend John Muir to Western North Carolina University in a performance to benefit Friends of the Smokies.

Right—FOTS Board Treasurer **Stephen W. Woody**, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent **Dale Ditmanson**, and **Holly Demuth** onstage, October 15, 2011.

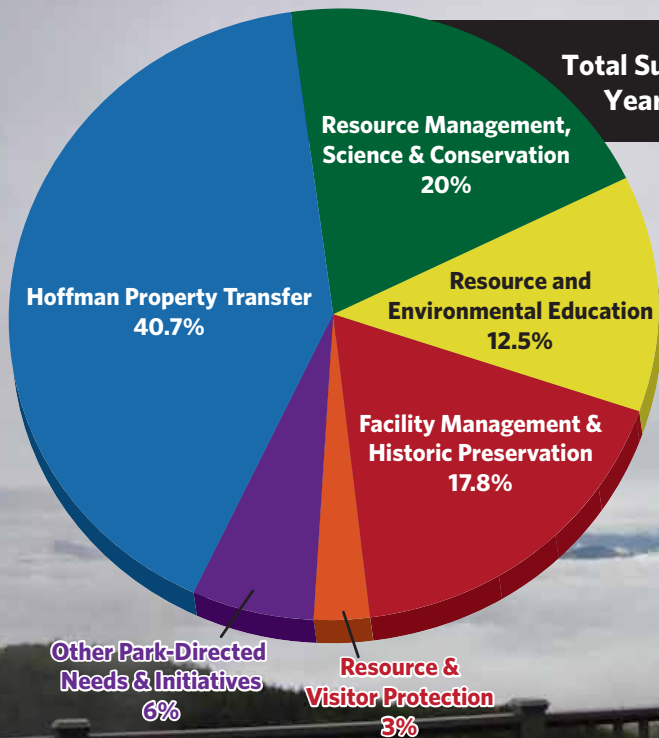


Lee Stetson as John Muir



Park Funding at a Glance—2011

Total Support for Park Projects and Programs in Calendar Year 2011 including Hoffman Property \$1,923,036.02



Picture above and below, The Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob near Waynesville, North Carolina is a residential learning laboratory for park scientists and visiting researchers from across the country and around the world. The house and land was donated to Great Smoky Mountains National Park by Dr. Voit Gilmore and Kathryn McNeil, and it became part of the park in 2006. *Photos by National Park Service.*



FOUNDATIONS

\$400,000+

Aslan Foundation

\$55,000 to \$100,000

Alcoa Foundation

\$25,000 to \$50,000

Cornerstone Foundation of Knoxville
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\$10,000 to \$20,000

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For an up-to-date listing of our membership partners, please visit our website at www.FriendsOfTheSmokies.org.

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Every year, some of our outstanding sources of support come from donors whose names we may not know and whose faces we may never see! The names and addresses of those who purchase the Friends of the Smokies specialty license plates in Tennessee and North Carolina are kept confidential by the states. Folks who put their hard-earned dollars in our donation boxes in places like Sugarlands Visitors Center and Oconaluftee Visitors Center do so anonymously. All of this support is greatly needed, and deeply appreciated.

MOUNTAINTOP FRIENDS

\$400,000+



North Carolina Specialty License Plate Supporters
Friends of the Smokies sincerely thanks all of the employees of the tag offices and the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles for their support!



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Friends of the Smokies sincerely thanks all of the Tennessee County Clerks and their employees for their support!

\$200,000+

Park Donation Box Contributors

\$25,000 to \$50,000

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Haslam, II



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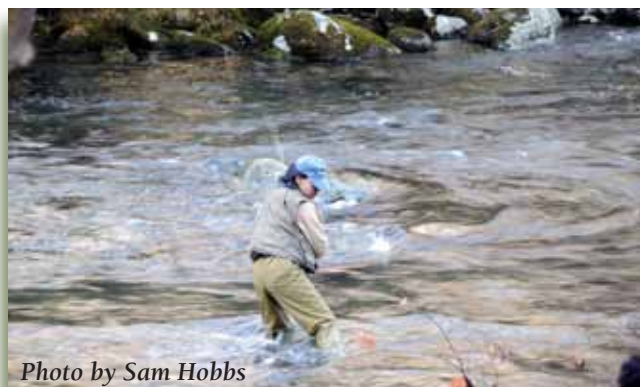


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In 2011, 88 volunteers gave 3,634 hours of their time to help Friends of the Smokies. Whether they assist with office management, the annual telethon, or other special events, our volunteers make a tremendous contribution to both Friends of the Smokies and Great Smoky Mountains National Park every year. Using figures derived from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the non-profit group Independent Sector estimates the value of volunteer time in 2011 at \$21.79 per hour. Using that figure, our volunteers contributed the equivalent of \$79,185 to Friends of the Smokies last year. **THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!** We couldn't do it without you! The following individuals volunteered 8 hours or more with Friends of the Smokies in 2011:

Marita Vornehm.....668	Chuck Budnik.....110.25	Lois Todd.....28.5	Laura Soltis.....14.5
Ellie Burbank.....626.5	Doc Morrow.....106.5	Nancy Anderson.....27.5	Jay Aldrich.....13
Eileen Wilson.....248.5	Marlene Budnik.....99.75	Bob Kurzynske.....20	Sandra Aldrich.....13
Dorothy Haislip.....231	Patty Davis.....81	Mary Kurzynske.....20	Teresa Pennington.....10
Deborah Orobello.....201.5	Larry Stewart.....78	Tom Garrett.....18.5	Susan Rudniak.....9.5
Esther Blakely.....189.5	Ann Clayton.....75	Pat Maier.....18	Steve Whiddon.....8.5
Libby Cunha.....133.2	Shirley Ray.....32.5	Carol Kashmer.....16.5	Joan Boyle.....8
Ray Sellers.....132	Sara Bush.....32.25	Anne Farkas.....16	
Susan Morrow.....116	Linda Robinson.....29.5	Bob Peebles.....15	

Special thanks to the volunteer teams from **First Tennessee Bank** and **Home Federal Bank** for once again giving their time to the Friends Across the Mountains Telethon!



Park Needs Fulfilled

Resource Management and Science	\$385,068.94
Integrate research & resource education	\$44,690.15
Monitor air quality impacts on water quality	\$115,000.00
Prepare three Elkmont historic structures reports	\$59,579.94
Support bear management and hog reduction	\$31,499.63
Park-wide SCAs (Student Conservation Associates) for resource management and resource/visitor protection	\$66,948.00
Support the the Appalachian Bear Rescue	\$10,000.00
Suppress hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) infestation	\$50,004.38
Reduce backcountry bear problems with food storage cables/systems	\$4,000.00
Reduce Ginseng poaching through root marking techniques	\$3,346.84

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Kathryn McNeil pictured here with Jim Hart and FOTS Emeritus Board Chair Justice Gary R. Wade. Photo by Jack Williams



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Facility Management	\$342,870.57
Support operations at Appalachian Highlands Science Center	\$29,700.00
Cataloochee visitor amenities	\$16,300.00
Roaring Fork visitor amenities	\$16,300.00
Townsend Wye visitor amenities	\$2,914.30
Cades Cove fencing	\$36,804.08
Final phase of Trails Forever work at Forney Ridge	\$126,297.59
Student Conservation Association (SCA) trails rehab project-	\$25,000.00
Purchase 2nd Trails Forever equipment trailer	\$2,537.66
Furnish and equip Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin for day-use/rental	\$16,446.74
Repair/replace windows in fifteen cabins at Elkmont	\$6,358.00
Rehab Laurel Gap Shelter	\$37,212.20
Manage public rental use programs at Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin	\$27,000.00

Resource Education	\$241,424.42
Support Parks As Classrooms in TN and NC	\$103,524.47
Complete final taxidermy mounts at Sugarlands	\$350.00
Expand educational outreach (Toyota Grant Funding)	\$101,950.30
Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program	\$ 11,199.65
Purchase Knob patio & porch reconstruction	\$24,400.00

Resource and Visitor Protection	\$57,026.40
Elk Bugle Corps	\$5,000.00
Appalachian Trail Ridgerunner Program	\$40,176.40
Volunteer Roadside Assistance Volunteers	\$7,350.00
Black Bear Hiking Patrol	\$4,500.00



The restoration of the interior and exterior of the Appalachian Clubhouse at Elkmont.

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Other Park-directed Needs and Initiatives	\$113,846.74
Discover Life in America funds received and paid-out	\$5,570.00
Sponsor "Run for Clean Air"	\$500.00
Parks as Classrooms additional supplies and support, including SCAs	\$11,955.96
Wilma Maples Scholarship fund	\$3,000.00
Superintendent's discretionary fund	\$3,674.57
Sponsor Tremont Gils-N-Science Camp	\$10,000.00
Tremont endowment support received and paid out	\$1,000.00
Cornerstone grant funds for Tremont	\$15,000.00
Tremont Homecoming ticket money received and paid out	\$500.00
Microscopes for Purchase Knob lab from Wachovia	\$1,049.65
Alcoa grant-funded development of Icelandic national park	\$9,020.76
Exhibits and signage at Oconaluftee Visitors Center	\$3,459.30
OVC grand opening celebration	\$1,615.66
Gary Wade Wildlife Fund	\$18,460.00
Sugarlands donor wall updates	\$3,440.00
National Trails Day event	\$3,093.00
Living Map activity funded by the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina	\$1,243.09
"Research Sustainable Management PAC- GSMNP" study by Virginia Tech	\$21,250.00
Additional V.I.P. support	\$14.75

Financial Statements

The amounts presented here are derived from audited financial statements of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park for years ending December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2011. There are slight variances in the figures due to rounding. Copies of the complete audited financial statements of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park are available upon request.

Statement of Financial Position			
Year Ended		December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$8,736,465	\$7,757,955
Prepaid Insurance		-0-	-0-
Prepaid Expenses		\$29,636	\$19,247
Pledges Receivable		\$54,583	\$84,483
Accounts Receivable		\$170,207	\$189,189
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$8,990,891	\$8,050,874
Long-term Pledges Receivable		\$71,875	\$131,176
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		\$87,895	\$877,550
Other Assets			
Beneficial interest in assets held by others		\$177,061	\$180,855
Deposits		\$275	\$275
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		\$177,336	\$181,130
TOTAL ASSETS		\$9,327,722	\$9,240,730
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		\$31,836	\$9,179
Deferred Revenue		\$158,413	\$126,909
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$189,799	\$136,088
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Net Assets			
Unrestricted		\$2,331,285	\$2,869,114
Temporarily Restricted		\$2,705,812	\$2,793,901
Permanently Restricted		\$4,100,826	\$3,441,627
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$9,137,923	\$9,104,642
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ASSETS		\$9,327,722	\$9,240,730
Statement of Activities			
Year Ended		December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010
Support and Revenues			
Contributions and Grants		\$1,524,691	\$1,971,150
Less amounts designated by donors for other organizations		(\$22,070)	(\$11,705)
Tennessee License Plate Revenues		\$405,810	\$418,465
North Carolina License Plate Revenues		\$418,940	\$364,660
Special Events		\$239,760	\$238,332
In-kind Contributions		\$118,360	\$146,318
Investment Income		\$107,497	\$152,153
Other		\$791	\$3,574
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT, REVENUE AND OTHER		\$2,787,779	\$3,282,946
Expenses			
Program Services (Park projects & related support)		\$2,033,162	\$781,066
Management and General		\$284,915	\$275,448
Fundraising		\$436,361	\$437,933
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,754,498	\$1,494,448

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