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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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Letter from the President



Friends of the Smokies celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018 and thanks to you it was a great year for the park! As the year closed out, almost \$4 million had been raised to meet park needs, and that means since Friends was founded in 1993, park supporters have donated \$65 million.

That incredible amount only happened because people like you who love the Smokies and want to see them preserved for all time, have generously and repeatedly given to enable the park to meet the demands of the more than 11 million annual visitors.

We worked closely with Park Superintendent Cassius Cash, Deputy Superintendent Clay Jordan, and Management Assistant Dana Soehn to identify the park's most pressing needs and fund the almost \$2 million in projects and programs selected for our park's 2018 Needs List. In total, more than 50 items on that list were funded, and many of them have a direct impact on the quality of our visitors' experience.

Some of the items on the list may not be as visible to the public, but they play a crucial role in maintaining a wide range of essential services. Your dollars are sometimes used to extend the reach of federal funds already at work in the park- like making it possible for the Park to increase the number of school children who can participate in the Parks As Classroom program annually (currently there are more than 18,000 children in Tennessee and North Carolina participating).

There are other programs that would not exist at all without your contribution, such as Trails Forever, which funds a full time trail crew to focus on thorough rehabilitation of the most traveled trails of the Smokies.

Here are a few more of the very important projects your dollars supported in 2018: the replacement of the Cable Mill Water Wheel and restoration of historic log cabins-\$82,000; phase 2 of the Trails Forever rehabilitation of the Rainbow Falls Trail-\$275,000; \$57,000 to fully fund a permanent Resource Education Ranger at the Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob; continuation of the efforts to suppress the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid-\$115,000; and many more.

Your donations come to Friends in many ways. Whether you have purchased a Friends' specialty license plate, put money in one of our donation boxes, attended one of our very special events, made a memorial, honorary, designated, or business contribution, volunteered your services, or made an in-kind gift, it all goes to preserve a place that has touched the hearts of millions of people, and inspired many of them to give their support to preserve this treasure.

Once again, we have benefited from an actively involved Friends' Board who has worked throughout the year to enable us to meet our goals as the park's principal fundraising partner.

Near the end of the year, our Friends' Board approved Tim Chandler as Executive Director and CEO. I am also pleased that the board has asked me to continue as President and work with Tim and our gifted co-workers. My 17 years with Friends has been the most fulfilling of my long career, and I look forward to working with the Board, Friends Staff, Park Leadership and other Partners to achieve our common goal, a healthy and vibrant Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



**A most sincere thank you,
Jim**

Letter from Superintendent Cassius Cash

Dear Friends,

Thank you for this opportunity to express my appreciation for your commitment in helping us care for this incredibly special place. As I begin my fifth year as Superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, I continue to be inspired by the generosity of the people who love this park. With rising visitation and the wear and tear on our facilities, we face many challenges. But, with your ongoing support and the remarkable leadership of Friends of the Smokies, I feel confident that we'll continue to meet our most pressing needs.

We recently asked Friends to help us replace our antiquated communications systems to aid our emergency service response. And you responded! Through your donations, Friends has raised over \$1.5 million to help meet this critical need. We've not only been able to use these funds to purchase much-needed equipment, but we've also had the opportunity to leverage the funds to find matching federal dollars. To date, we've been able to find dollar to dollar matching funds to double this effort! In addition, you've continued to make donations that help us preserve historic structures, educate children, repair trails, and protect the forests, rivers, air, and wildlife that make up these beautiful mountains.

As we continue to work together to protect and preserve the resources of the park, we strive equally hard to provide enjoyable experiences for our visitors. Our visitation has been on an upward trend over the last decade. We welcomed over 11.4 million visitors to the park in 2018, and we are on track to break that record with 2019 visitation. With your help, we're steadily making progress in connecting people in more meaningful ways to their experience in the park so that we can engage the next generation of park supporters and advocates.

The park recently turned 85 years old, and it's up to us to make sure that the next generation cares for this park as much as those in 1934 did through today. I think an important measure of success for our next century of service will be reflected by not necessarily how many, but "who" is visiting the Smokies. We strive for a diversity of users. We educate people in urban areas to understand what a national park visit does for the soul and mind. We bring school kids from nearby Knoxville and Asheville into the park for educational experiences. Many of these kids have never been to the Smokies even though they live close by. We teach them how to connect and enjoy this resource so that what was once an unfamiliar environment becomes one of familiarity, inclusiveness, and refuge. As part of Friends of the Smokies, you are helping us build these powerful connections every day.

We have great work ahead of us and a very worthy cause. We are grateful that you've chosen to be a part of these efforts by investing in the future of the Smokies with us. Thank you for being a Friend!



Cassius M. Cash
Superintendent

Celebrating 25 Years of Friends of the Smokies

In 1993, Friends of the Smokies was founded with a singular purpose in mind: to preserve, protect, and provide for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 25 years later, we have raised more than \$65 million in support of America's most-visited national park thanks to the loyal generosity of donors like you.

Friends of the Smokies has proudly supported thousands of different

projects in the Smokies over the years, from our first effort to restore Mt. Cammerer fire tower to our 25th Anniversary Signature Project, a critical upgrade to the park's emergency radio communications system.



Radio communications are the backbone of a park this size, spanning two states and 522,427 acres. These upgrades are essential to protecting the Smokies' natural and cultural resources, keeping 11.4 million visitors safe, and providing our rangers and first responders with the tools to get the job done day in and day out.

To date, your gifts have raised \$1.2M toward the total \$2.5 million needed to make these radio upgrades a reality. With other matching funds from grants and government sources, we are proud to say that the finish line is within sight. Thanks to your support, Friends of the Smokies will meet this goal in 2019 and be able to provide the park with (literally) life-saving upgrades to its aging communications system.

We do not yet know what the next 25 years of service to Great Smoky Mountains National Park will hold for our organization. But you have shown us that with your passion, dedication, and generosity, we can and will rise to meet any challenge set before us. Whatever the park needs, Friends will be there to preserve, protect, and provide for the Great Smoky Mountains for generations to come.



GSMNP Search & Rescue

2018 Cades Cove Loop Lope – A Race Above the Rest!

The 2nd annual Cades Cove Loop Lope took place on Sunday, November 4, 2018 with more than 680 runners participating in either the 5K or 10-mile race. There are only a handful of footraces in the entire country that take place inside a national park, and there is only one in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. That's what makes the Cades Cove Loop Lope incredibly special - a race above the rest!

The uniqueness of the Cades Cove Loop Lope is evidenced by the range of participants the race attracts. Overall, 25 states were represented in 2018! Runner Lisa Cox came all the way from Jupiter, FL. She not only travelled over 800 miles to make it on race day, she also did something quite unexpected to be able to make it to the race that weekend. Lisa deferred her entry to the 2018 NYC Marathon in order to run the 2018 Cades Cove Loop Lope. Below, Lisa shares her story.

Why I Chose to Defer My NYC Marathon Entry to Run the Cades Cove Loop Lope



Lisa Cox with son Larry Cox at 2018 Loop Lope

“It’s not easy getting into the NYC Marathon but I got into the 2018 NYC race this year and I was super stoked about it, that was, until I found out that the Cades Cove Loop Lope was on the exact same day.

To me it was a no brainer as to which race held the key to my heart and I knew I would be running on November 4th in my FAVORITE place in the USA- I would defer my NYC race bib to proudly wear my Cades Cove Loop Lope bib! Yes, I would lose my \$295.00 race fee, but that was fine because I’d trade the NYC city streets for the magnificent loop road in a New York minute.

I would gladly trade thousands of people cheering me on to the finish line in Central Park for the beautiful melody of bird’s songs and the other animal sounds cheering me on instead as I run the loop in Cades Cove and reach the finish line that I consider HEAVEN ON EARTH. I would much rather view the scenic valley and the majestic Mountain Views than see the concrete jungle in NYC any old day! I can hardly wait until Sunday so I can run in my happy place, the place that moves my soul, Cades Cove.”

- Lisa Cox, 2018 Cades Cove Loop Lope Participant



The Friends of the Smokies staff is grateful to the runners, volunteers, and sponsors who made the 2018 race an unforgettable experience. Special thanks to Superintendent Cash, the park management team, and all the park rangers and volunteers who made this event possible. The 2019 Cades Cove Loop Lope will take place on Sunday, November 3, 2019.



Friends of the Smokies thanks each and every donor who supported the preservation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park last year.

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As of December 31, 2018, the endowment balances were as follow:

Trails Forever Endowment \$5,502,979

- Tom Cronan Pathfinder Fund
- Margaret Stevenson Fund
- Foothills Striders

Kathryn McNeil Educational Endowment \$1,339,811

Elaine Gibson Endowment. \$2,101,440

The board of directors and staff of Friends of the Smokies sincerely thank the **Aslan Foundation** of Knoxville, established by the late Lindsay Young, former Friend and board member, for the \$2.3 million challenge grant which created the Trails Forever Endowment in 2008. The match was accomplished with the help of the friends and family members of **Tom Cronan and Margaret Stevenson** and many others who gave with the vision of revitalizing trails like Alum Cave, Forney Ridge, Chimney Tops, and Rainbow Falls.

Kathryn McNeil was a founding board member of Friends of the Smokies. Shortly before her passing, she challenged Friends of the Smokies to match her \$600,000 gift, creating a \$1.2 million endowment to fund a full-time, year-round Parks as Classroom Resource Education Ranger position. In 2000, she and Voit Gilmore donated their mountain home and 535-acre property to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which today is known as the Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob. The endowment-funded ranger position serves at the Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob.

Upon **Elaine Gibson's** passing, Great Smoky Mountains National Park's leadership team learned of her bequest to help take care of our park's greatest needs. Friends received a \$2 million bequest in 2018 in order to create an endowment to help Great Smoky Mountains National Park address some of its greatest needs.

In 2018, Friends of the Smokies provided \$1,992,619 to Great Smoky Mountains National Park to fund critical projects and programs. Here you will find some highlights of park successes that could not have happened without your support!

TRAILS FOREVER: COMPLETION OF RAINBOW FALLS TRAIL REHABILITATION

The Rainbow Falls Trail restoration is another success story for Friends of the Smokies Trails Forever program. The completion of the restoration project was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in November 2018.

The park completed the restoration of the six-mile Rainbow Falls Trail, which took two years and included many impressive statistics: two stone bridges installed (weighing a total of 13,500 pounds); 44 American Conservation Experience (ACE) youth interns provided 41,360 hours of service; 162 volunteers contributed 1,576 hours of service; and 197 stone steps installed, among others.





Photo by Camilla Calnan

HISTORIC PALMER HOUSE BARN

The Palmer home place is treasured by park visitors, many of whom enjoy exploring the massive barn, walking back in time as they enter the barn's second level by way of the unique, 30-foot long, locust timber bridge. The circa 1902 three-story Palmer Barn sits near the

Palmer House in Big Cataloochee, which is one of the most frequently visited locations in the Cataloochee Valley area of the park.



In 2018 Great Smoky Mountains National Park received help to restore key elements of the historic Palmer Barn. Asheville building contractor Sean Perry and his crew partnered with the park and Friends of the Smokies to preserve the structural integrity of the barn and improve visitor safety.



CABLE MILL WATER WHEEL REPLACEMENT

The historic John P. Cable Mill has been a landmark of Cades Cove and continues to be a working grist mill. By 2018, the water wheel for the mill had exceeded its lifecycle and was in need of replacement. The 11' x 4' wooden wheel had to be reconstructed by hand. Friends provided funding for the labor and materials for the park crew to construct a replacement water wheel that will have a 20-year lifecycle.



Cable Mill by DJ Odom

CLINGMANS DOME OBSERVATION TOWER REHABILITATION FALL 2017-SPRING 2018



Photo by Bruce McCamish

Straddling the North Carolina and Tennessee state line at 6,643 feet, the tower is a prominent landmark and destination in the park. The observation tower was a precedent-setting design of the National Park Service's Mission 66 program, which transformed park planning, management, and architecture, and fundamentally altered the visitor experience in national parks.

In 2018, the park repaired deteriorated areas on the concrete columns and walls, stabilized support walls at the base of the ramp, and repaired stone masonry, thereby ensuring that visitors continue to experience this unique structure spiraling up from the highest point in the park. This work was made possible through a matching grant received from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Special Thank You to Our Volunteers

The staff of Friends of the Smokies is deeply appreciative to our volunteers for giving thousands of hours of their time and talents to help us accomplish our mission and make the reach of our donors' dollars go farther and work harder.

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Special events raise funds to help preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park. They also help us reach new audiences and engage volunteers. Our sponsors are key to the success of our fundraising events, and we are so thankful for their support.

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The amounts presented here are derived from audited financial statements of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park for years ending December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. There are slight variances in figures due to rounding. Copies of the complete audited financial statements of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park are available upon request and on our website.

Statement of Financial Position			
	Year Ended	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Cash & Cash Equivalents			
		\$ 8,371,200	\$ 7,759,559
Prepaid Expenses			
		\$ 21,786	\$ 47,649
Accounts Receivable			
		\$ 245,985	\$ 211,187
Pledges receivable			
		\$-0-	\$ 300
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 8,638,971	\$ 8,018,695
Investments			
		\$ 8,682,462	\$ 9,071,333
Long Term Pledges Receivable, net of current portion			
		\$-0-	\$-0-
Equipment Net of Depreciation			
		\$ 77,270	\$ 58,779
Other Assets			
Beneficial interest in assets held by others			
		\$ 217,668	\$ 238,883
Cash surrender value of life insurance			
		\$ 9,339	\$ 9,226
Deposits			
		\$ 275	\$ 275
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		\$ 227,282	\$ 248,384
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 17,625,986	\$ 17,397,192
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
		\$ 17,557	\$ 51,685
Deferred Revenue			
		\$ 267,180	\$ 275,095
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 284,737	\$ 326,780
Net Assets			
Without donor restrictions			
		\$ 3,152,745	\$ 2,718,634
With donor restrictions			
		\$ 14,188,504	\$ 14,351,778
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 17,625,986	\$ 17,397,192
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		\$ 17,625,986	\$ 17,397,192

Statement of Activities			
	Year Ended	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions & grants			
		\$ 2,159,515	\$ 2,500,863
Less amounts designated by donors for other organizations			
		(\$ 1,000)	(\$ 1,060)
Tennessee license plate revenue			
		\$ 515,507	\$ 416,907
North Carolina license plate revenue			
		\$ 476,047	\$ 465,820
Special events (net of direct expenses)			
		\$ 391,791	\$ 391,941
In-kind contributions			
		\$ 79,275	\$ 73,953
Other income			
		\$ 9,733	\$ 540
Investment income net of expense			
		\$ 192,518	\$ 192,515
TOTAL SUPPORT, REVENUE AND OTHER		\$ 3,823,386	\$ 4,041,479
EXPENSES			
Expenses (park projects and related support)			
		\$ 2,196,676	\$ 1,669,232
Management & general			
		\$ 374,962	\$ 356,665
Fundraising			
		\$ 489,973	\$ 497,175
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 3,061,611	\$ 2,523,072



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