

# Annual Report 2023

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## Dear Friends of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Los Angeles Parks Foundation's 2023 Annual Report. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements and significant milestones, all made possible through the dedication and generosity of our partners, donors, volunteers, and staff.

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud to highlight the impactful projects and initiatives that have enriched the lives of Angelenos and enhanced our city's parks. From the establishment of new park facilities to the expansion of youth programs and community events, our collective efforts have strengthened the fabric of our neighborhoods and promoted the well-being of Angelenos everywhere.

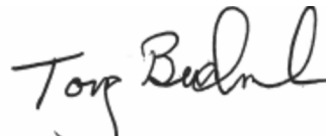
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation. Your support has made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and families across our city. We look forward to continuing our shared mission of preserving and enhancing our public spaces for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Los Angeles Parks Foundation.

Sincerely,



**David Nickoll**  
Board Chair



**Tony Budrovich**  
Executive Director





## Our Mission

The mission of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation is to enhance, expand, preserve, and promote public parks, recreation and open space for the diverse people of Los Angeles.

The work of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation grows from the premise that access to safe, well-programmed, highly functional parks, recreation centers and open green spaces improve the quality of life for all Angelenos. Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, donors are making a choice to directly invest in their communities, fight climate change, and enhance the social, environmental and physical health of this great city.



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# KEY PROJECTS: 2023

## Griffith Park Land Acquisition

One of the most notable achievements of 2023 was the facilitation of a 9.7-acre land donation within Griffith Park—the largest urban park in the United States. This donation, made possible by the generosity of our partners and donors, will help preserve native habitat, expand access to green spaces, and ensure the long-term sustainability of Griffith Park for future generations.

**Thank you to our amazing partners who made this possible -- West Valley Alliance for Optimal Living, Friends of Griffith Park, Bob & Joan Young, Annette Sikand, and Council District 4. The donation will help preserve Griffith Park, protect native habitat, and expand access to parks and open spaces.**



## Nike Coach Playbook LA and Women Coach Program

With support from Nike, the Los Angeles Parks Foundation launched the Citywide Coach Playbook, providing essential resources and training to park coaches across the city. Additionally, the Women Coach LA program was established to increase the representation of female coaches in our parks, creating opportunities for leadership and mentorship.



## Learn to Swim with LA84 Foundation

LA84 Foundation supports the EXPO Center Learn to Swim Program which helps address the lack of access to swimming pools and instruction,

This 10-week class provides life-saving water skills to 1,200 youth from 2nd to 12th grade who attend schools that do not have physical education classes.

This program not only provides them with lifelong swim and water safety skills, but it encourages participants to leverage their swimming skills into a more active lifestyle.



## Laurel Canyon Dog Park Improvements thanks to City National Bank

City National Bank invested much needed support at Laurel Canyon Dog Park, Los Angeles' oldest off leash dog park.

Their donation helped create a more accessible park – with a new shade structure, a dog wash station, and an ADA-accessible seating area. These were much needed in the area!



## Angel City Football Club - GPLA Soccer Academy

In 2023, Angel City Football Club (ACFC) sponsored the Girls Play Los Angeles Soccer Leadership Academy (Powered by ACFC). The Academy provided hands-on guidance and training to nearly 300 female and non-binary youth, with visits from ACFC's superstar players. Attendees received 18,000 collective hours of free programming and leadership development.

## Great Public School's Now Summer of Joy

In 2023, we received a grant from the Great Public Schools Now Los Angeles to support the Los Angeles Department of Recreations and Parks in the Summer of Joy Initiative.

This funding allowed for Recreation and Parks to provide summer programming and specialty enrichment programming such as but not limited to arts, STEM, and sports training at 86 Recreation and Parks locations.

Overall, the goal of the program was to increase the number of students of color and those living in poverty accessing summer enrichment programs.





## 12th Annual Rose Award Honoring Julie Uhrman

On October 26, 2023, we gathered in the Rose Garden to hold our 12th Annual Rose Award to celebrate the civic leadership exhibited by a woman in Los Angeles with nearly 200 guests. In 2023, Los Angeles Parks Foundation honored Julie Uhrman, President and Co-Founder of Angel City Football Club (ACFC), Los Angeles' professional women's soccer team that debuted in 2022 in the National Women's Soccer League. With the support of our wonderful donors, the Los Angeles Parks Foundation raised nearly \$90,000 to support our LA city parks.

## Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust

Griffith J Griffith Charitable Trust pledged funding to improve Griffith Park, the park which receives over 10 million visitors annually.

Their generous donation was contributed to support the Travel Town Museum and Griffith Park Nursery. Additionally, funds were used to create ten distinct educational signs featuring photos and fine art around Griffith Park, along with a Griffith Park Los Angeles Fire Department location map sign and the installation of a Historical Internment Camp bronze plaque.





## Tom LaBonge Memorial Park Forest

The Tom LaBonge Memorial Park Forest in Griffith Park was our first Park Forest of the year. Entirely funded by the Tom LaBonge Memorial Fund, we held a hike and ribbon cutting with Friends and Family (and former LA City Mayor Garcetti) to celebrate the completion. This fully California native microforest is made up of eight coast live oak trees and over 200 native plants that were grown and cared for in our nursery.

## Miyawaki Microforest Update

We're proud to announce that the Bette Davis Microforest is fully established! Our 2021 Miyawaki Forest is doing more than surviving, it's thriving after the buckets of rain gifted by the atmospheric river in 2023. You can visit the micro-forest anytime – to see it in action as a home for our native wildlife.



## Vermont Sq. Park + Julian C. Dixon Park Forests

With a grant from Union Pacific Foundation, we were able to bring a Park Forest to the Vermont Square Park. This is a special park with a beautiful library, and now a little more shade.

When we heard that Jennifer Garner wanted to plant trees for her birthday, we knew we had to make it happen. We gathered in Julian C Dixon Park with the Urban Forestry team for a lesson on planting trees, and we installed a Park Forest. This Park Forest provides much-needed shade for South LA, and is very close to the home of Angel City Football Club, BMO Stadium, where Jennifer is a co-owner!





## Rosalind Wyman Trust Scholarship Palms Recreation Center

We received a generous donation from the Rosalind Wyman Living Trust to establish a Scholarship Fund to benefit the Roz Wyman Recreation Center at Palms Park for program fees scholarships for those park patrons with financial hardship, with highest priority to children to participate in children's programming, including classes, youth sports, and camps. Roz Wyman was our Rose Award Honoree in 2013.



## Clubhouse Network, Paycom EXPO Center

In 2023, LA Football Club Partners, Paycom, pledged \$250 for every goal scored in Los Angeles Football Club's Goals for Stem Initiative. Paycom Software generously contributed \$15,000 to the Expo Center's Clubhouse, the safe out-of-school digital design studio for young people to express themselves through "STEAM" - STEM and the arts.



## Holiday in the Parks

From our Board of Directors Gift Fund, we provided a small token of help for 25 Senior Centers and Rec Centers to host holiday celebrations for their community.



## Coming Up for 2024

As we look to the future, the Los Angeles Parks Foundation remains committed to our mission of enhancing the quality of life in Los Angeles through the preservation and promotion of our city's parks. In the coming year, we will continue to pursue innovative projects and partnerships that address the evolving needs of our communities and ensure equitable access to green spaces for all residents. We invite you to join us in our efforts to create a more vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive city for generations to come.



### Support for RAP Strategic Plan

As a strategic partner of the Department of Recreation and Parks, we plan to work closely with them to develop the next strategic plan that will outline key strategies and priorities of the department for the following 10 years.

### Community School Parks Collaboration

We're working with the Department of Recreation and Parks and LAUSD to establish a partnership that allows school yards to double as park space in park-poor areas. There is an opportunity to increase access to parks by hundreds, and we're working to make it happen.



### Hollyhock House restoration with Barnsdall Art Park Foundation

We're collaborating with Department of Cultural Affairs, Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation to install a fully native landscape at the Hollyhock House using plants grown at the Commonwealth Nursery.

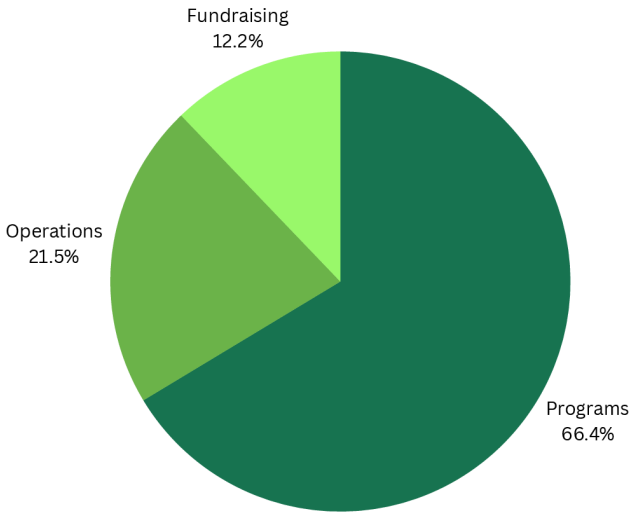
### Watts SkatePark

Get your board ready! This year, the new Watts Skate Park will be open to the public! Funding provided by the Skateboard Project has allowed for the creation of the Watts Skate Park and installation of native plants to make this a green park. This project is expected to be completed Fall 2024.

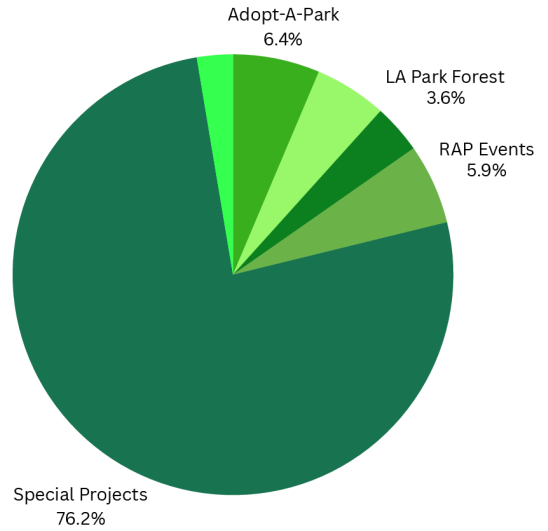
Total Raised  
2023  
**\$1,876,477**

Total Expenditures:  
**\$2,361,408**

**PROGRAM vs. OPERATIONS**



**PROGRAMS + PROJECTS**



**ENHANCE**

**PROMOTE**

**EXPAND**

**PRESERVE**





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