Dear Friends,

In 2015 the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County was pleased to be a part of the Forest Preserve District’s centennial celebration. We’re proud of the work we’ve accomplished with your help and look forward to helping advance the District’s vision over the next 100 years.

This past year our focus has been on building awareness of our foundation and raising funds to benefit our remaining four priority projects. We were excited to successfully complete fundraising for our second project, the restoration of the Horse Trough Fountain at St. James Farm, which is anticipated to begin later this year. We reached our goal through individual giving, support from an anonymous $25,000 donation, and a community donation box near the fountain. This combined effort shows all gifts truly make a difference and great things can happen when we work together.

In addition, the board was engaged in the development and implementation of best-practice processes to support philanthropic activity, participated in its first retreat, and established its first work plan to guide it through the year’s goals, programs and events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our contributors for your support in furthering the mission of the Friends. We look forward to another productive and inspiring year in service of this public charity that supports the valuable work of the District.

In gratitude,

Chrissie Howorth
Chair

Looking forward

Please continue to stay in touch with the Friends. We hope to see you at our upcoming events and programs.

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The Friends exist to advance the vision of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County through philanthropic endeavors.
2015 Accomplishments

• Partnered with the Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to install a ternery at the Danada Equestrian Center to mark the 50th anniversary of Lucky Debonair’s Kentucky Derby win.

• Chosen as the One Day at a Time charity for three months at Whole Foods Market in Wheaton, resulting in $4,205.45 for the ADA-accessible piers.

• Selected as one of 14 nationwide organizations featured in the National Recreation and Park Association’s annual report of Priority Projects.

Since its inception in 2010, the 501(c)(3) Friends of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County has accepted tax-deductible gifts for priority projects, favorite forest preserves, natural resource initiatives and projects where support is needed most.

In 2015 the Friends raised $71,670 and closed the year with a balance of $227,582.68. $1,184.04 was the result of 12 deductible gifts for priority projects, favorite forest preserves, natural resource initiatives and projects where support is needed most.

The Friends spent $40,000 to help the District purchase 9 acres near Waterfall Glen, nearly $12,000 to support the ADA-Accessible Piers at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve and Blackwell Forest Preserve.

In memory of the 50th anniversary of Lucky Debonair’s Kentucky Derby win.

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Priority Projects Update

Restoration of Mayslake Peabody Estate

Project Goal $35,000 Progress Toward Goal $28,652

Project Goal $20,000 each Progress Toward Goal $5,125

To support these and future priority projects, please visit dupageforest.org/donate.

The Ambassadors Circle

Finances

• Awarded $11,000 for Willowbrook Wildlife Center from the District’s endowment, which ensures the center as part of their Willowbrook Environmental Achievement Award recognition.

• Received $3,500 from the Emme Family Foundation, one of four foundations that support the Ambassadors Circle’s Visionary level.

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In memory of Jake.

In memory of Maggie.

In memory of hemp.

In memory of sheepdog Maggie.

In memory of dog Lewis.

In memory of guitarist.

In memory of mangy.

In memory of Timothy.

In memory of Maggi.

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