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Dear Friends,

How deep is your personal connection with Acadia? As part of the Friends of Acadia family, your ties to the park run deeper than most. But along with our depth of affection for the park, even more remarkable is the breadth of support. There is no one distinct attribute, one age group, one level of economic circumstance that stands out among all others. People from all over the country, from all over the world, from every walk of life love Acadia. And it is that commonality of spirit that unites disparate demographics into champions of protecting the natural and cultural resources of such a special place. Every action, every contribution is an essential part of the whole.

All of you who are a part of Friends of Acadia, however, also share another distinct trait. As well as professing a profound affection for Acadia, you are part of that rare subset of people that is willing to put their names, their labors, their time, their attention, and their treasure behind what they believe. You are all doers. FOA’s individual and business members are doers. The FOA board and staff are all doers. And, most impressively, our stalwart crew leaders and legions of volunteers are doers. That’s not to say that those who wear the green and gray as employees within the National Park Service aren’t giving it their all as well. But it must be acknowledged that with inadequate funding from Congress, the park staff can’t do it alone. Even after record visitation in 2016 associated with the celebration of the 100th birthday of both Acadia and the National Park Service, the tide of visitation continued to rise in 2017, with more than 3.5 million visits recorded.

That makes FOA’s work of implementing programs to advance youth engagement, resource protection, visitor experience, and trails and carriage roads, as described elsewhere in these pages, all the more important. Yes, there are challenges ahead. But through the completion of the Second Century Campaign and its growing impact over the past year, FOA is uniquely positioned to partner efficiently, advocate effectively, and amplify your collective voices to benefit Acadia. Along with working to help protect the park and improve the visitor experience, it is also vital that we all take time to get out and enjoy the wonders of Acadia as well. Hit the trails, bike the carriage roads, paddle the lakes and along the sea shores.

As time out in the park helps to nurture and maintain our connection with this magnificent place, it also reminds us of all the good works we have accomplished together and inspires us to move forward with what remains to be done in the future. We are grateful for your inspiring support and honored to be one of the ways you connect with Acadia.

With gratitude,

Anne Green, Board Chair

David MacDonald, President and CEO
Inspiring the next generation of conservation-minded citizens, instilling in them a deep appreciation for the natural world, and motivating them to help protect special places such as Acadia National Park, are among Friends of Acadia’s most profound missions. For those looking for how FOA’s stewardship efforts have made a positive effect in children’s lives, they need look no further than the impact they are having on school children from all around Mount Desert Island and across Maine.

Teacher Grace McGeehan from Guildford visited Acadia last year with her class from Piscataquis Community School in Guildford. They came to MDI thanks to a grant from FOA’s Yellow Bus Fund. Twenty schools from coastal and inland Maine were approved for Yellow Bus Fund grants in 2017. McGeehan shared the magical moment when one of her students descended the stairs at Sand Beach and, for the first time, stood at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. “He was saying over and over ‘this place is so beautiful. I have never seen anything so beautiful. I am excited to see what we learn next.’” The teacher went on to report her own joy at witnessing such a poignant event. “He was blown away,” she explained. “I watched with pure happiness as my student who had never seen the ocean, put his feet into the freezing salt water for the first time. Thank you for that moment.”

Contributions from FOA and L.L.Bean also helped support the 2017 Schoodic Education Adventure, which was attended by many students from communities on Mount Desert Island. In addition to field trips for students, FOA is investing in longer-term immersive programs that allow teachers to spend six weeks in Acadia, learning about conservation and national parks behind the scenes. Acadia Teacher Fellows from Maine, New Jersey, and Rhode Island spend the summer shadowing researchers and helping with children’s programming. They shared teaching methods, helped create activities for rangers to share with visiting school children, and were inspired to bring what they learned at Acadia back to their own classrooms in the fall.

Acadia Quest entered its ninth year in 2017 encouraging outdoor activities that engage entire families. A total of 88 teams embarked on “Acadia Quest: Pathmaker Edition,” where they learned about the people who build and maintain trails in the park. Last summer, the four members of the Acadia Youth Technology Team worked for ten weeks capturing amazing photographs and videos for use by the park and FOA. Using the latest equipment provided by Canon USA, they helped attract more than 114,000 new Instagram followers to the park’s website which generated more than 30,000 weekly views of their work. Major support from the Diana Davis Spencer Foundation, the Lunder Foundation, and many other generous FOA donors ensures that inspiring youth and supporting the next generation of conservation stewards remain a top priority.
Ask what the words “Acadia Experience” mean and there will be as many different answers as there are people willing to respond. Visitors, some 3.5 million in 2017 alone, connect with the park’s natural and cultural resources in countless ways both on collective and individual levels.

Friends of Acadia is working in conjunction with every level of park management to help identify, test, and support a broad spectrum of implementation strategies and programs aimed at creating and protecting a rewarding experience, whether that means a tour of the park’s most popular spot or a search for spiritual solitude. Reducing congestion at high visitation areas and better managing traffic and parking are key. For Tony Palumbo of New Jersey, who has been coming to Acadia for more than 30 years, what started out as just an annual visit has now grown to three or more trips a year. The businessman and accomplished photographer is also the cofounder of the “I Love Bar Harbor Maine” Facebook page which allows more than 10,000 people to share their love of the community, Mount Desert Island, and the park. Protecting Acadia’s natural and cultural resources and making sure future generations can enjoy them as well, have never been more important, he says. “As the number of visitors increases, there doesn’t seem to be as much respect and reverence for the park as there was years ago,” Palumbo explains. “The kind of proactive steps currently being taken by Friends of Acadia and the park are needed now more than ever.” In 2017, Friends of Acadia assisted the park’s transportation plan efforts by funding creation of a simulation model of transportation and visitor use in the Ocean Drive corridor. The study produced quantitative information about traffic, parking, visitor use, and crowding during typical peak summer season days to shape the model.

As the park finalizes its formal transportation plan, the value of statistical information and scientific modeling will only increase. The park can now soundly back its management decisions. Along with funding the study, FOA also provided, literally, boots on the ground to assist with visitor use management last year. In 2017 FOA combined its Ridge Runner and Cadillac Summit Stewards program into a Summit Stewards program that extended beyond Cadillac. Summit Stewards received additional training in Leave No Trace (LNT) principles, botany, and cairn maintenance, while former Ridge Runners expanded their knowledge of visitor outreach techniques and interpretation.

During 2017 Summit Stewards contacted nearly 9,000 visitors about Leave No Trace principles. They removed more than 1,100 false cairns or piles of rock art graffiti. 2017 was a foundational year for FOA’s investments in helping the park manage for high quality visitor experiences. We look forward to engaging further with the park in programs and initiatives to assist with implementation of the transportation plan.
Today’s stewards of the trails in Acadia National Park continue a long, proud multi-generational tradition that began in the early 1930s with the creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Acadia’s first superintendent, George B. Dorr successfully petitioned President Franklin Roosevelt to establish two camps of CCC workers, one in Bar Harbor and one in Southwest Harbor. Many local “boys” participated and surnames such as Mace, Grindle, Reynolds and Stanwood remain prominent in the surrounding communities to this day.

Many of those CCC workers established the foundation of today’s trail system over the nine years the camps were open. Two decades after the closure of the CCC camps, yet another generation of youthful and energetic trail builders stepped forth to protect Acadia. Formed in the 1960s, the Acadia Youth Conservation Corps (AYCC) became permanently funded by Friends of Acadia in 1999 as part of the Acadia Trails Forever Endowment. Among the many Mount Desert Island teens who served with the AYCC in 2017 was Yarrow Fabian of Bar Harbor. Her dad, Chris Fabian, is a member of Acadia’s permanent trail crew. Yarrow spent the summer as part of a group of five people assigned to restoring the Valley Cove Trail along the west side of Somes Sound. “It was something I wanted to try for the summer. I liked the idea of working outside,” Yarrow, now a sophomore at MDI High, said. Starting work at 7 a.m., doing hard manual labor all day, grubbing out roots, hauling dirt, and moving massive rocks, all the while enduring heat, humidity, and biting insects, helped teach the teen perseverance and how to remain positive when you know there are tough tasks ahead. “Some days it wasn’t easy getting motivated,” she explained. “I guess what kept me going was knowing what I was doing was helping the park. Plus, it was great exercise!” The high point came late in the season when she visited the trail work site with her dad. “He understood just how much work we’d done,” she said. “I learned the importance of follow through. It was really cool to see the end product.”

In addition to the AYCC and the professional trail crews, Acadia is currently enjoying a third wave of get-their-hands-dirty conservationists. Under the able leadership of FOA programs staff and a dedicated cadre of veteran crew leaders, hundreds of volunteers, including many retirees who make giving back to Acadia a full-time pursuit, fan out throughout the park throughout the year. Volunteers logged more than 4,980 hours working along 90 miles of path on 35 different trails. The volunteers work closely with Acadia’s volunteer coordinator Dianna McKeage and Acadia Trails Foreman Gary Stellpflug and his National Park Service crews.

Volunteer programs continue to provide vital support and augment the work of the park’s own crews, which are supported by more than $200,000 annually from FOA endowments.
With its wealth of ecological habitats and protected fields, forests, wetlands, and waters, Acadia is an unparalleled natural laboratory. But what appears to the casual eye to be pristine, untrammeled landscape turns out to have a more convoluted history. For more than a century and half of Mount Desert Island has been shaped by the actions of humans, including numerous major conflagrations long before the Great Fire of 1947.

Friends of Acadia continues its work trying to restore engineered landscapes to a more natural condition. Wetlands are a priority as they comprise nearly 20 percent of Acadia National Park. That includes the Great Meadow and adjacent area around Sieur de Monts Spring. In 2017, work began to restore a wetland on a site that had been used since the mid-1980s as a septic disposal field at Sieur de Monts. The old septic mound system, its sand filter, pipes, and pump well tanks were removed following the completion of a nearly $1 million federal project to connect the restrooms there with Bar Harbor’s municipal sewer system. With support from Canon USA, Friends of Acadia began working on a wetland restoration plan, including analysis of soils, hydrology, and plant communities in the area. The goal is to convert the area of the former septic field into an open forested wetland similar to the surrounding region. The restoration work will begin this fall.

Those efforts have been overseen by Wild Acadia Project Coordinator Brian Henkel who works out of park headquarters and whose position is funded by Friends of Acadia. Brian serves as the hinge among many partners collaborating on research, monitoring, and on-the-ground improvements to restore ecological integrity in the Cromwell Brook watershed, which incorporates Sieur de Monts and the Great Meadow along with several private properties on the brook’s traverse to the ocean. “The Sieur de Monts area may seem natural but it’s one of the most manipulated landscapes in the park,” Henkel explains.

Identification and removal of invasive species is a key element to the park’s efforts to enable native plants and the wildlife that depend on them to thrive. Thanks to the continued generosity of FOA’s Wild Acadia partner, Canon USA, invasive plant removal around the park was broadly supported in 2017. Canon USA’s support helped the park’s five-person invasive plant management team survey more than 900 acres and treat 72 densely-infested sections.

FOA also hired researchers to begin documenting the existing conditions within the Marshall Brook watershed and associated drainages into Bass Harbor Marsh. For Henkel, who has been working with FOA and partners in the Cromwell Brook watershed since 2015, the chief motivator is learning new ways to see how nature’s puzzle pieces fit. “We’re trying to put together the bigger picture,” he says. “We want to build greater ecological diversity.”
Friends of Acadia’s Second Century Capital Campaign, which raised more than $26.2 million to help sustain and protect the park as it enters its second 100 years, wrapped up during the summer of 2017. Pledges are still being fulfilled and, on occasion, additional gifts have been received this past year.

According to FOA Director of Development Lisa Horsch Clark, the successful campaign was remarkable on multiple fronts. Along with leadership gifts well into seven figures, there were hundreds upon hundreds of individuals who gave more modest donations. In all, more than 750 people participated with donations ranging from $15 to $5 million.

For Jane Burch of Bar Harbor, who is now retired after many, many years working at the local Hannaford store, her gift to the campaign was a way to express her love of Acadia, as well as honor her late uncle, Donald Smith. Smith worked for four decades as a gardener at Dumbarton Oaks, in Washington, D.C., eventually becoming Superintendent of Gardens and Grounds. After moving back to his hometown upon retirement he volunteered at the park’s Wild Gardens of Acadia.

Burch, whose daughter, Bar Harbor businesswoman Michelle Sousa, enjoys being outside in Acadia year-round, said it was important to protect the park’s scenic beauty. Even though she lives on a fixed income, she said there was no question that she wanted to be part of the Second Century effort. “We all need to do our part to make sure Acadia is here for the next generation,” Burch said.

Also remarkable was the fact that as donors at every level stepped up, traditional FOA fundraising didn’t miss a beat. Membership hit record levels with more than 5,000 members in 2017. The George B. Dorr Society, the planned giving society, the annual fund, and support for the annual benefit also remained strong.

Much like the combined talents and strengths of Acadia’s prescient founders, George B. Dorr; Charles W. Eliot, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., it is the pooled support of hundreds of people that will help protect Acadia into its next 100 years. “Friends of Acadia now has the opportunity to be ready, responsive, and resilient as new challenges emerge,” said Horsch Clark.

“That is all possible due to the success of the Second Century Campaign, which was made possible by the commitment and generosity of so many people at every level who recognized they wanted to be part of that legacy.”

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MESSAGE TO THE FUTURE

The last official event of the celebration of Acadia’s Centennial in 2016 actually occurred in 2017. Members of the Acadia Centennial Task Force, Acadia National Park officials, staff and board members of Friends of Acadia, and staff of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust gathered at the bank on Feb. 3, 2017 to dedicate a time capsule intended to be opened in conjunction with Acadia’s bicentennial year in 2116.

The time capsule was filled with documents, images, art, and artifacts in both physical and digital formats, as an extended missive from the Acadia Centennial Task Force and 453 Centennial Partners to those who will collaborate to celebrate Acadia’s bicentennial.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Friends of Acadia’s coffee table book “Acadia National Park: A Centennial Celebration,” featuring photographs by Tom Blagden Jr., won first place in the Publication of the Year division of the Public Lands Alliance (PLA) Partnership Awards for 2017. The award was announced at the PLA annual conference in Palm Springs, CA. “Each page communicates the beauty of Acadia – its places, hours, and seasons. It is simply majestic,” the judges wrote.

Writers who contributed essays included Friends of Acadia President David MacDonald, former President of the National Park Foundation David Rockefeller Jr., filmmaker Dayton Duncan, former FOA President W. Kent Olson, former park superintendent Sheridan Steele, and authors Christopher Camuto and Christopher Crossman. “Acadia National Park: A Centennial Celebration” is available at area shops including Sherman’s Bookstore and Acadia shops in Bar Harbor. It can also be purchased online.

Above: Acadia Centennial Task Force Co-chairs Jack Russell, left, and Cookie Horner are joined by task force member Julie Veilleux at the dedication of the 2116 time capsule.
DIVERSITY IN ACADIA

FOA launched a new program in 2017 to bring a more diverse population of youth to experience Acadia National Park and engage them to become Tomorrow’s Stewards. The grant provided $1,500 to help defray the costs of transportation and gear costs for a group of 19 youth and eight adult mentors came from Charlotte, North Carolina.

The group spent a week in the park and took part in three Citizen Science projects, experienced marine biology by boat in Frenchman Bay, and more. The program coordinator says, “Friends of Acadia’s grant enabled us to engage, educate, and empower our amazing youth through high-quality experiential learning. Acadia opened up a new world for all of us… each of these memories taught us that national parks are indeed a gift to us all and we only need to take intentional time to enjoy all they have to offer.”

WINTER TRAILS

A lot of snow in a short time this winter allowed members of the Acadia Winter Trails Association to get out on the carriage roads early with the new Kubota groomer. Although cycles of warmer temperatures and rain made late season efforts a challenge, more than 300 miles were logged on the new machine.

In all, volunteers donated more than 285 hours to making the experience better for Acadia’s winter visitors.

Also last winter, the park installed new travel lane signs to educate the public on best practices for the groomed sections of the carriage roads. The pattern includes three lanes of travel: one classic lane, one skate ski lane, and one non-skier lane for snowshoers, hikers, and dog-walkers.
Accomplishments

EXPLORER PARTNERSHIP
A major milestone was achieved in August 2017 when the Island Explorer, a fare-free, propane-powered bus system that serves Acadia National Park and its surrounding communities on Mount Desert Island and the Schoodic Peninsula, logged its 7 millionth passenger. The bus system was started in 1999.

The Island Explorer is supported financially by Acadia National Park, the U.S. and Maine Departments of Transportation, contributions from LLBean and Friends of Acadia, local municipal appropriations, fees from businesses that receive front door service, and passenger donations. A portion of every weekly and annual Acadia National Park entrance fee helps fund operations.

Information and schedules are available online at www.exploreacadia.com.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING
Canon USA’s largess continued to support water monitoring on Jordan Pond in 2017. The NexSens CB-400S data buoy was in place for its fifth straight year in 2017. The solar-powered unit sends data from its sensors to a base station at the Jordan Pond House every 15 minutes. It tracks water quality indicators such as temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, algae growth and more.

Remote access to data from the buoy allows project scientists to perform quality checks to make sure the sensors are working properly and troubleshoot any technological issues. The scientists can track what is happening in the lake in near real-time — so if something changes dramatically they can quickly collect additional manual samples or perform experiments to help determine the cause and effect of the episode.

A website that makes information about the project and current water quality data available to the public is available at www.jpbuoy.com.

Clockwise from top: The 7 millionth passengers to ride the Island Explorer pose with representatives from the Island Explorer, Friends of Acadia, and Acadia National Park. A bald eagle soars above Acadia National Park. Aquatic scientists from the University of Maine Climate Change Institute and Acadia National Park staff launch the water quality monitoring buoy in Jordan Pond. Members of the AYCC work breaking granite stones on the Valley Trail.
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Friends of Acadia is deeply grateful to each and every individual who made gifts and purchases in 2017. Whether you gave $1 or $1,000,000, you provided the foundation for our work to preserve, protect, and promote stewardship of Acadia National Park. Because of space limitations, we have listed only those who made gifts of $100 and above.

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The George B. Dorr Society recognizes those members and friends who have documented provisions for Friends of Acadia in their estate plans. The Dorr Society honors George Bucknam Dorr—gentleman, scholar, and lover of nature—whose dedication to preserving Mount Desert Island helped create Acadia National Park. The society was established in 2005 with 18 founding members and has grown to 80 member families.

Each year Friends of Acadia hosts a special appreciation event for the George B. Dorr Society. In late July, members of the society, park leaders, and FOA staff gathered early in the morning at the Town Pier in Bar Harbor to board the Bar Harbor Whale Watch Company’s Miss Samantha for an exciting adventure to Baker Island.

More than 55 guests joined Friends of Acadia President David MacDonald, Acadia National Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider, and ANP Interpretive Ranger Kirk Lurvey, a descendant of early settlers on Baker Island, for a detailed talk and walk about the history and importance of preserving the Baker Island Light and surrounding buildings. A delicious picnic lunch at the “Dance Floor” was provided by the Jordan Pond House.

If you have made provisions for Friends of Acadia in your estate plans or other deferred gift vehicle, or would like information about joining the George B. Dorr Society, please contact Lisa Horsch Clark, director of development, at 207-288-3340 or lhorsch@friendsofacadia.org.
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<td>Centennial Book Projects</td>
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<td>Island Explorer</td>
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<td>Islesford Museum Project</td>
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<td>MDI Search &amp; Rescue</td>
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**TOTAL ALL GRANTS:** $1,829,316
Statement of Activities
for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

OPERATING REVENUE
Contributions, grants, and events (net) $5,996,856

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE $5,996,856

OPERATING EXPENSES
Program Services
Resource preservation and protection $2,346,878
Education and outreach 467,398

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES $2,814,276

Supporting Services
Development, fundraising, and membership $618,922
Management and general 302,230

TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES $921,152

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES $3,735,428

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS $2,261,428

NON-OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)
Contributions $62,307
Net investment income 6,211,354

TOTAL NON-OPERATING GAIN $6,273,661

TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $8,535,089

NET ASSETS
Beginning of year $49,492,487
End of year $58,027,576

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