



The Urbana Parks Foundation

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



About the Urbana Parks Foundation

The Urbana Parks Foundation (UPF) was established in 2007 to help meet the growing need for supplemental Park District support by raising funds for district activities. UPF seeks donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations who appreciate the value of parks and programs, not just for their immediate aesthetic or environmental value, but for the impact they can have on future generations.

Meet the UPF Board of Trustees:

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Message from the President

I hope you enjoy perusing this annual report of the Urbana Parks Foundation. As we did last year, we present here a snapshot of the financial activities of the Foundation during the previous year – what assets we received, where they came from, what money we spent or distributed, and where the money went. As you can see, we did well last year, bringing in more than \$160,000 in donations and pledges to benefit the Park District. Our Campaign for the Next Century is also doing well, moving ever closer to our campaign goal of \$2 million. Take a look in the report for more details.

Rather than talking further about numbers you can see in the pages that follow, let me focus my message this year on our fundraising efforts. Without donations, there would be no extra help for the Urbana Park District, certainly not the \$72,000 in gifts the Foundation transferred to the Park District in 2019. In fact, there would be no Foundation at all. It is essential, therefore, that we spread the word about the Urbana Parks Foundation and how important it is for the future of the Park District.

How can we convey our message and raise awareness? Well, we can organize events that do just that, events that help make the Foundation a more visible organization. Many of you reading this report have even attended one or more of our events – our mixer preceding the Jazz Walk in the fall, the Holiday Party we host in winter, and our Annual Dinner in the spring. Last year we added a new event to our lineup, the Barn Bash, held in early summer. The event, which features music, food, and good fellowship, was very popular and we expect to make it a regular feature.

How can you help the Foundation? Making gifts is, of course, the most obvious way. We say thank you to our many generous donors on the last full page of this report. But you can also help just by spreading the word about the Foundation and the good work it does. Attend our events. Bring your friends and neighbors. Share your love of Urbana’s outstanding parks. Together, we can have the kind of impact that will make an already great park district outstanding.

**-Fred Delcomyn, President,
Urbana Parks Foundation**

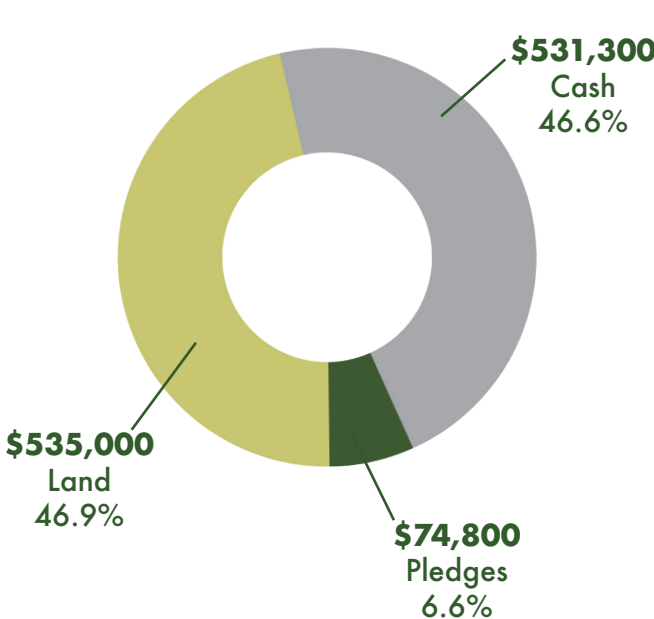


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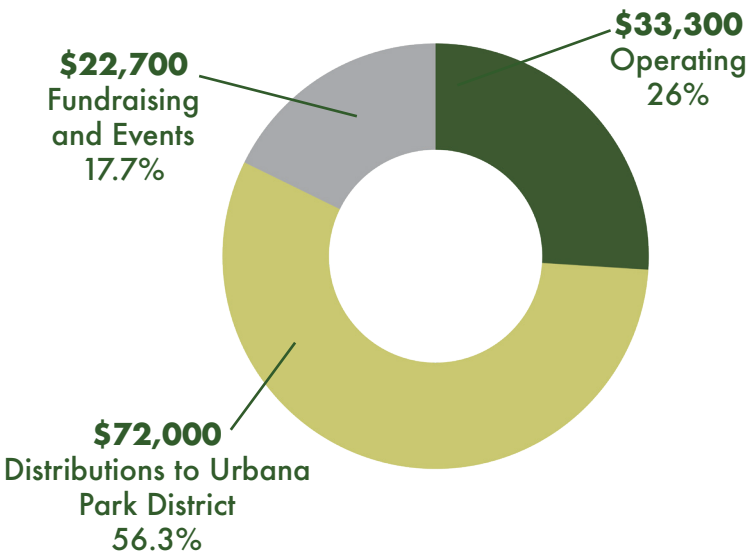
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2019 Assets & Expenditures

Assets: \$1,141,100



Expenditures: \$128,000



2019 Sources of Support

\$112,489

Individual Donors

\$24,083

Foundation Trustees & Park District Commissioners

\$28,191

Business & Corporate Gifts

2019 by the Numbers



166
gifts
made to UPF



56
new
donors



\$72,000
distributed
to UPD



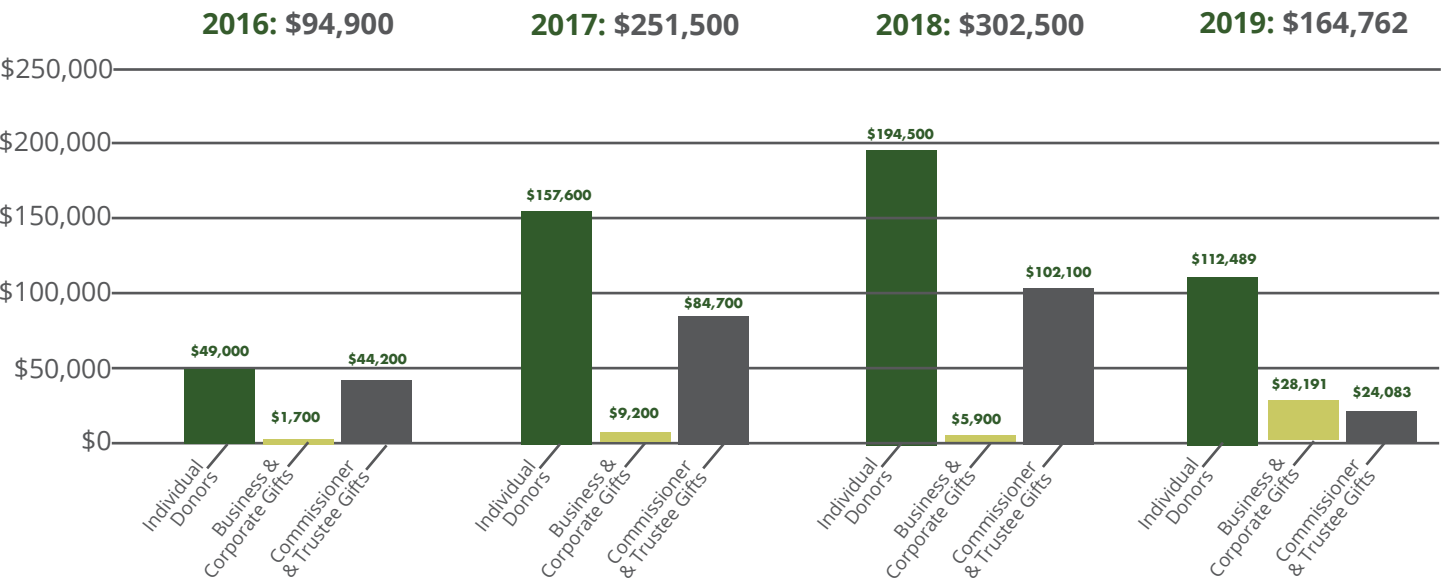
10
events hosted
& attended



8
media
appearances

Cash Donations, 2016 to 2019

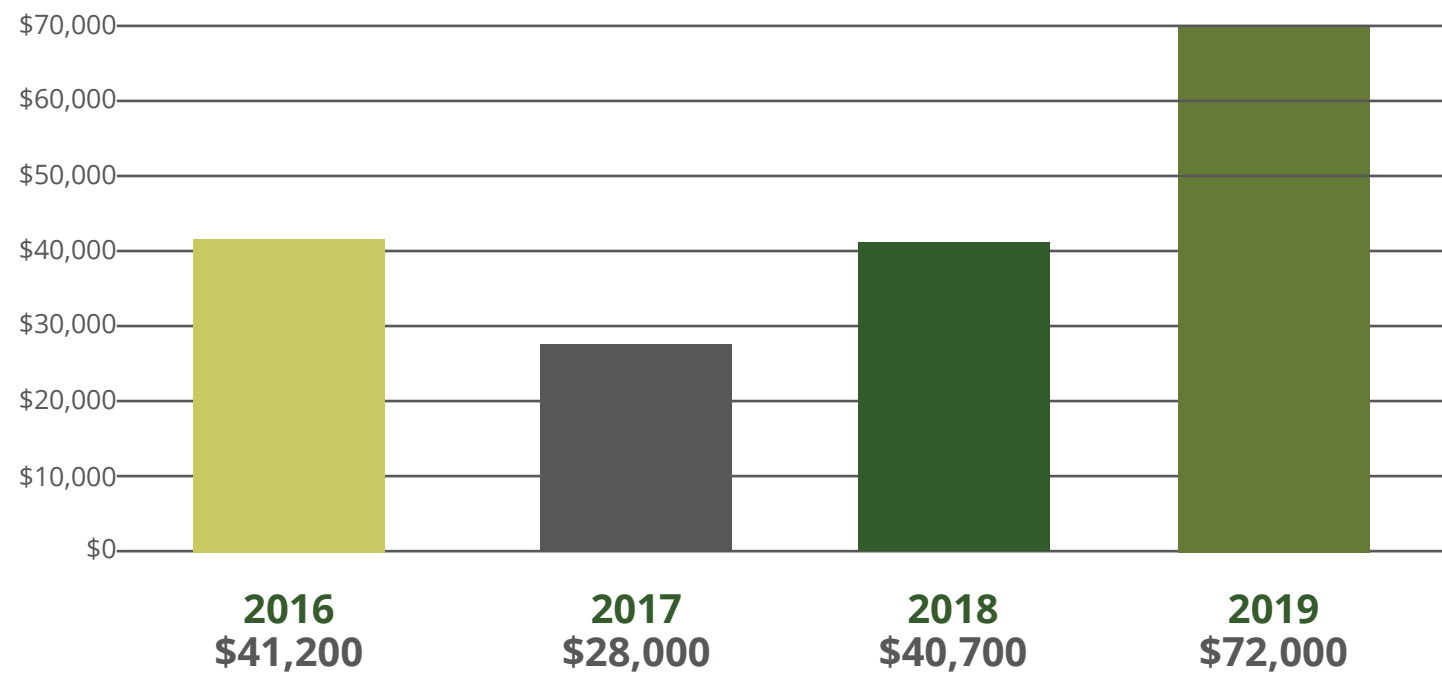
Dedicated Urbana residents and friends continue to promote nature and foster their city's health. Private generosity from individual donors, area businesses and corporations, and dedicated Foundation Trustees and Park Commissioners remains vital for Urbana Parks.



Distribution of Funds, 2016-2019

from the Urbana Parks Foundation to the Urbana Park District

The Urbana Parks Foundation financially supports the Urbana Park District through regular distributions of funds. These distributions support specific expenses which include operating expenses, youth scholarships and program support, and improvements to park facilities and park infrastructure.



CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEXT CENTURY

The Campaign for the Next Century aims to provide \$2 million in funds to support the Urbana Park District far into the future. The Campaign has three major points of focus including: **Crystal Lake Park, Youth Scholarships, and Endowments.**



Youth Scholarships

- Youth scholarships help children participate in park district programs despite limited financial resources.
- Participation of youth from all walks of life helps park programs by enriching the experience for all participants.
- Broad participation in park programs by local youth helps the community by exposing all youth to the benefits of using our parks.



Endowments

- Strengthening parks strengthens the entire community.
- An endowment broadens and deepens the base of financial support for all parks.
- Multiple donors increase the impact of any single gift many times over - and in perpetuity.
- Endowments add incremental resources for the Urbana Park District in perpetuity.



Crystal Lake Park

- Restoring Crystal Lake Park will enhance the beauty and vitality of this historic park.
- Improved water quality and shoreline restoration will provide enriched wildlife habitat & expansive lake views.
- Visitors will be welcomed through a diverse array of recreational amenities including trails, lakeside seating plazas, boating, and performance areas.

2019 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Campaign for the Next Century was launched November 1, 2015. As of December 31, 2019, the amount donated to the campaign is \$1.43 million.

To make a donation to The Campaign For The Next Century, please visit www.urbanaparksfoundation.org or speak with one of the Urbana Parks Foundation Trustees noted on page 2 of this report.



Thank You To Our 2019 Donors

Our sponsors and donors provide generous financial and in-kind assistance, as well as contributing in ways that benefit the greater Urbana and Champaign communities. We thank our many partners and donors, who support UPF in a variety of ways.

UPF SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: *Paul and Lori Ellinger*

Playing sports in Urbana Park District (UPD) Youth Leagues, performing with UPD Summer Youth Theatre, hiking, biking, tennis, running, playing, and picnicking at Urbana’s beautiful parks- these are all part of our family’s happy memories. We continue to make new happy memories at Meadowbrook, Crystal Lake, and the Urbana Dog Park with our dog and friends. We are honored to help more families make happy memories through our gift to the Urbana Parks Foundation.



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2019 Urbana Parks Foundation Events



February
The Big Splash



March
Annual Dinner



May
Strawberry Jam
Barn Bash
Neighborhood Nights



June
Neighborhood Nights



July
Neighborhood Nights



August
Neighborhood Nights



September
Jazz Walk



December
Holiday Party

Please join us at our 2020 events!
Scan below for details:



Or visit us at:
www.urbanaparksfoundation.org/events

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*The Urbana Parks Foundation (UPF) is organized as a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.
Gifts to the UPF are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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