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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Friends of Sagamore Hill 20 Sagamore Hill Road Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Dear Friends of Sagamore Hill,

I'm writing to thank you and your fellow members, on the occasion of your annual meeting, to recognize the contributions of the Friends of Sagamore Hill (FOSH) over the last twelve months at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and in the local community of Oyster Bay, New York.

Over the last year FOSH supported multiple in-park events, including the 31st Annual Theodore Roosevelt Association's Annual Police Awards, the annual 4th of July commemoration, Constitution Day, TRA Weekend Birding at Sagamore Hill, as well as developed and sponsored Rooseveltthemed community events including "*History Comes Alive in Oyster Bay: A Rough Riders Reunion*," multiple lectures and talks including a Salute to National Park Services Volunteers, and extensive activities surrounding Halloween and Theodore Roosevelt's birthday.

Your financial support of the park included the complete restoration of the park's flagpole, placement of a commemorative wreath at the presidential gravesite, decorative holiday wreaths at the Old Orchard Museum and Theodore Roosevelt Home, free copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution for the visiting public, lunch for 4th of July event volunteers and staff, free bus transportation for visitors during the 4th of July, memberships in local community organizations including Oyster Bay Main Streets and the Chamber of Commerce, and more.

Additionally, you've provided public visitor information, in the park, on multiple weekends via your information table, helped represent Sagamore Hill during the Oyster Bay Days event, and walked in community holiday parades alongside National Park Service staff to promote Sagamore Hill.

The Friends of Sagamore Hill's significant contributions as both park partners and volunteers directly facilitates and expands the National Park Service's mission to educate visitors and our local communities about the legacy of President Roosevelt, the Roosevelt family and to preserve the remarkable place that is Sagamore Hill. We appreciate your ongoing support of our mission and this national historic site.

Thank you - to you and all your members - for your partnership in helping us protect, conserve, and promote the natural and cultural resources here for the benefit and inspiration of the public.

With appreciation,

Yonathan L. Parker Superintendent