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2015 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING 17 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR THE SW COMMUNITY

In 2015, Friends of Southwest DC once again raised more funds, from more donors, than previous years. That enabled us to provide grants to both traditional partners and new organizations. We publicized our activities through ads and articles in the Southwester newspaper, and we participated in several of our grantee's projects. We are grateful for the continuing engagement of donors and non-profit organizations in the Southwest DC community.

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Friends of Southwest DC began 2015 with the following officers and board members: Coralie Farlee, President; C. W. Hargrave, Treasurer; Joyce Bouvier, Secretary; Farley Fisher; Donald H. Flanders; Cecilie Jones; and Rodney A. Ross. In March, Joyce Bouvier and Farley Fisher were elected for additional three-year terms. C. W. Hargrave was elected to another term as Treasurer, and Joyce Bouvier agreed to continue as Secretary.

The annual meeting was held on March 17, 2015, where we heard reports from some of our 2014 grantees. Several donors attended the meeting, and we decided to hold our 2016 annual meeting in the evening, to encourage more participation. We continue to welcome and encourage donors' advice and suggestions.

Donald H. Flanders retired from the board in March. Donald was instrumental in the formation of Friends of Southwest (FOS), which was established as River Park Friends (RPF) in 1998 when Donald was president of the River Park Board. Donald served on the FOS board from 2008-2015. The current board and a few previous board members held a celebratory dinner at a local Southwest restaurant to honor Donald. We miss him.

Board Member Engagement

In addition to attending bi-monthly board meetings, board members participate in events that we help to sponsor with our grants. In 2015, these included visiting Camp Arena Stage, helping Kemet Productions with interviews for an Internet Radio project, attending a special meeting of Thelma Jones' Breast Cancer Support group, meeting the students at the SWNA Scholarship awards ceremony, attending an Arena Stage's Voices of Now performance, and hearing about the Girl Scout Troup's experience of the Underground Railroad.

There are currently two vacancies on the Board. If you are interested in exploring the responsibilities and opportunities of serving on the FOS Board, please contact either Coralie Farlee, President, or Joyce Bouvier, Secretary.

Administration

We renewed our membership in the Center for Non-Profit Advancement, which is a good source of information on issues of concern for non-profit organizations. Several board members attended educational workshops sponsored by the Center.

Friends of Southwest DC keeps administrative costs to a minimum. In 2015, administrative expenses were 4.7% of total spending.

Outreach and Publicity

We have a good relationship with The Southwester newspaper. We placed several ads to advertise our annual meeting and our fundraising campaigns. In February 2015 the paper published an article, written by one of our board members, about two students who received SWNA scholarships from an FOS grant. An article about Computers-for-Kids in the December 2015 issue stated that the project was supported by a grant from the Friends of Southwest DC.

We were able to distribute 1,500 copies of the Friends of Southwest brochure as inserts to issues of The Southwester, thanks to the assistance of Perry Klein. Brochures are also available in the Southwest Library, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the lobbies of several Southwest Condos and Co-ops.

We updated our profile on GuideStar.org, "the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations." We received a "silver" rating, which we advertise on the homepage of our website. We continue to update our website www.friendsofswdc.org with information about our organization and reports that we receive from grantees.

Fund raising

In 2015, FOS raised \$23,910.60 through our Spring and Fall fund-raising campaigns. Contributions in the Spring were matched two-for-one and contributions in the Fall were matched dollar-for-dollar, thanks to two very generous donors.

Donations are welcome throughout the year. Tax-deductible contributions should be made out to “Friends of Southwest DC” and mailed to 389 O Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Donations by credit card may be made via Razoo at: www.Razoo.com, and enter “Friends of Southwest DC” in the upper right-hand side in the box “Find Cause or Fundraiser.”

2015 Grants in Support of SW Community Projects and Activities

The following grants totaling \$16,255.00 were awarded:

Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage

A grant to Arena Stage provided scholarships for two Southwest students to attend the four-week intensive arts program of Camp Arena Stage. Held each summer at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, the program is for young people ages 8 to 15 and provides the opportunity for the participants to learn from Arena Stage’s professional artist-educators in dance, music, theater, and several arts classes.

Arena Stage: Voices of Now

A grant helped support Arena Stage’s innovative Voices of Now program. This after-school experience is conducted by Arena Stage in several schools in the Washington area. The FOS grant helps support the program for Jefferson Middle School/Academy students. Each year, the Jefferson Ensemble develops a theatrical piece based on the members’ life experiences. At the end of the school year, the group performs its play at the Jefferson school and in Arena’s Kogod Cradle for enthusiastic audiences.

EmmaUS Learning Center

FOS continued its support of the Center’s educational trips for Southwest young people. The grant funded trips to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and to the National Archives. The students were exposed to the nation’s historical documents and America’s early history.

Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital

A new grantee for FOS, the Council received a grant for the benefit of Southwest Girl Scout Troop 4298. The modest grant funded a trip to the Chesapeake Children's Museum where the girls learned about The Underground Railroad and experienced it first hand by being awakened in the middle of the night and escorted through woods on the "Railroad" trail.

Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council

A grant provided funding for a reception for parents of Jefferson students prior to the start of the students' school year.

Southwest Comm-Unity Forum

An FOS grant helped support the Forum's ninth annual Southwest Comm-Unity Day which was held August 29 at Lansburgh Park.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly: Technology Task Force

Grants provided funding for computer centers at Syphax Gardens (1501 Half Street, SW), Greenleaf Gardens (203 N Street, SW; and 205 L Street, SW), and James Creek (100 N Street, SW).

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly: The Southwester

FOS advertisements in The Southwester supported this important community resource. The ads also increase visibility for FOS in the Southwest neighborhood, as well as that of the grantees, and we use the opportunity to also solicit donations and grant applications.

Southwest Neighborhood Assembly: Education and Scholarship Task Force

Two scholarships were awarded to Southwest college students through the Assembly's Education and Scholarship Task Force. This year's recipients were Tiffany Livingston, a student at Hampton University; and Kiana Livingston, a student at SUNY at Purchase College.

Southwest Renaissance Development Corporation

A grant supported the attendance of SW resident, Thelma Jones, at the National Breast Cancer Coalition 2015 Advocate Leadership Summit. Ms. Jones used the information gained at this event to enhance her activities in counseling of breast cancer survivors.

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We thank the Westminster Presbyterian Church and River Park Mutual Homes, Inc. for the use of facilities for our meetings.

We also thank and acknowledge the many and important contributions of Perry Klein in support of our efforts.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Calendar Year 2015

ASSETS

Account balance (December 31, 2014)	\$ 7,945.14
Income (January-December 2015)	23,910.60
Total Assets	\$ 31,855.74

GRANTS

Arena Stage: Camp Arena Stage, Voices of Now	5,000.00
EmmaUS	1,202.00
Girl Scouts	278.00
Southwest Comm-Unity Forum	925.00
SW/SE CBCC for Jefferson PTA	300.00
SWNA <u>The Southwester</u>	1,000.00
SWNA Scholarships	3,000.00
SWNA Technology Task Force	4,050.00
SW Renaissance Development	500.00
	\$16,255.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Supplies, printing, etc.	\$ 544.11
Association Dues	150.00
Razoo administrative processing	29.12
DC Treasurer	80.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 803.23

TOTAL OUTLAY \$ 17,058.23

ACCOUNT BALANCE (December 31, 2015) \$ 14,797.51