

INTRODUCING OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

For the Benefit of the Judy Black Park

Five years ago, thanks to generous individual donors, the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens injected new life into the town of Washington. Gone was an unsightly abandoned garage, and in its place a new town square. Events at the park - a farmers market, outdoor movies, holiday celebrations, art exhibits, music, theatre, and much more - have drawn residents and visitors alike back to the Depot. Washington has become a thriving, lively magnet for Litchfield County.

To celebrate the Judy Black Park's fifth anniversary, we are launching an endowment fund. Its purpose is to provide core funds that future generations can count on to help cover inevitable increases in the costs of maintaining the property and supporting our community programs. In the short-term, the park will continue to rely on the generous gifts of donors to cover our current year's operating costs. Gifts and bequests to the endowment fund will be invested under the stewardship of the Connecticut Community Foundation. In years to come, the income from this fund will help ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the park – helping fulfill our mission as “a gathering place that invites friends and neighbors to relax, learn, play, and share all that our community offers.”





MEMORIALIZING DENISE DEVAULT TREVENEN

The endowment fund will be named the Denise DeVault Trevenen Endowment Fund for the benefit of the Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, to pay tribute to our beloved and recently deceased board president and a founder of the park. Denise's early vision, shared by local business leaders Michael Ackerman, Barbara Bouyea, and Peter Talbot, along with community pillar John Millington, inspired generous individual donors to contribute to the purchase of the park; and Judy Black to make her leadership gift to renovate the garage and plant the beautiful gardens.

Throughout the final chapter of her life, Denise continued to be a champion of the park. She inspired the board and the community to donate time, talent, and treasure to deliver on and expand that early vision. We are now inviting charitable donors to join us in honoring Denise by participating in this permanent legacy for the park, community, and town she so dearly loved.

For more information about the endowment fund, please contact Laura Neminski, Ron Garfunkel or Pels Matthews at info@thejudyblackparkandgardens.org

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