

Annual Report: Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation

Greetings to all on behalf of Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation.

The Foundation is a 501c(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to support park projects, recreation programs, and trails and open space activities that enrich the entire community; in short: Getting Glendale Outdoors!

2022 presented the Foundation with the opportunity to restart various activities and events which had been placed on hold through the pandemic, as well develop new, exciting community events. In addition to renewing our involvement in the community, we also grew internally, adding talented new Board members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We are proud to have made a positive impact in the community over the past year.

Highlights of the Year

The Foundation continued its support of Glendale's Trails and Open Space Programs, comprised of interpretive programs conducted by certified naturalists, including hikes, lectures, and campfire nights; monthly trail maintenance and cleanups at Brand Park, Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, and Deukmejian Wilderness Park, involving corporate groups, scouting organizations, and individual volunteers; and Trail Safety Patrol training and management. We also continued our support for the Glendale Go! Program, participating in championship events.



In February the Board held its first post-COVID retreat facilitated by Scott Reese. The vision for the Foundation was expanded to include park advocacy, and specifically great access to parks for residents of southern Glendale.

In March the Foundation participated in the grand opening of the Stone Barn Nature Center and Deukmejian Wilderness Park. That month the Foundation also sponsored and hosted an open house event at Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, highlighting the park through docent-led tours, as well as providing an opportunity for City Departments and local community groups to present their environmental efforts to improve Glendale. Later that month we also participated in the Glendale Office of Sustainability's Earth Day event.

In May the Foundation was able to resume sponsorship of Glendale Dodger Night, an annual event which had been postponed since 2019. Over 600 tickets were sold, and the VIP batting practice opportunity was a great hit!



In September the Foundation hosted 150 community members in the first of its kind “Stars In The Park” dinner, where we honored organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to City parks. In September we also concluded our campaign to fund “The Breath of A Deukmejian Day” a 26-foot glass mosaic which graces the amphitheater adjacent to the Nature Center.



In October the Foundation funded and held a tree-planting event where 12 Coastal Live Oak trees as well as 40 native shrubs were planted at the Sports Complex.

Financial Summary

The foundation is grateful for the support of our donors and members, which helped us raise over \$28,000 for our mission. These funds were used to support our various programs and projects, including those listed above.



Outlook

The Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation is committed to continuing our mission of enhancing the community through park projects, recreation programs, and trails and open space activities. We are excited to continue our work in the coming year and look forward to making an even greater impact in the community.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Paul Rabinov
President, Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation