Dear Friends,

Over the past half-century, your unwavering support has been instrumental in preserving the rich history and heritage of our nation. Your generosity has allowed the Independence Historical Trust (Trust) to achieve remarkable milestones in our mission to safeguard and promote Independence National Historical Park and its environs for generations to come.

For our golden anniversary year, we set out to engage our existing supporters and attract a new audience through relevant and exciting monthly programs. We started our 50th year on June 15, 2022, by hosting a media event on the hallowed second floor of Independence Hall, exactly where the Trust was incorporated in 1972. We ended the calendar year with the tremendously successful Quilt of America Gala honoring the incomparable documentarian, Ken Burns with the Trust’s Legacy Award.

In the final days of 2022, the FY 2023 federal omnibus bill was signed and included the Rehabilitation of the First Bank of the United States in a list of projects selected for the Legacy Restoration Fund of the Great American Outdoors Act. This fantastic news representing the culmination of $4.5 million in private philanthropy fundraising buoyed us into the new year. Our attention now turns to raising the remaining $6.6 million for the exhibit fabrication and installation. These exhibits will explore the role the Bank played in creating the economy of the early American republic and how the nation became truly unified beyond our political pacts.

As we look beyond our 50th, we remain steadfast in our purpose of supporting Independence National Historical Park and the vibrant gateway community that surrounds it. Our neighbors in Old City, Chinatown, and Society Hill add to the rich culture and diversity of our historic district and we strive to create a world-class experience for everyone who comes to the park – visitors and locals alike. 2026, the semiquincentennial of our nation, presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to showcase the unrivaled cultural destination that is Philadelphia and our National Park.

We want to thank you for supporting the Trust in our mission of partnership, philanthropy, and preservation as we continue to serve the community and make Independence the Best Park in History.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Bill Marrazzo  
Chairman

Tom Caramanico  
Executive Director
Dear Park Supporters,

The National Park Service is an elite model of preservation and access to public lands that has been emulated around the world. Parks tell the story of our nation; people from every conceivable background-rich and poor, famous and unknown, soldiers and scientists, people who are willing to devote themselves to saving some precious portion of the land they loved, and in doing so reminded their fellow citizens of the full meaning of democracy.

The National Parks of Philadelphia has a multitude of stories providing the opportunity for connection through relevance. There is a high likelihood that you have found your connection through place-based storytelling. When you find your connection, you also become a co-owner of these special places. And, with ownership comes with a shared responsibility to promote, share, protect what generations of visitors have done. You are literally part of the NPS mission.

It is this sense of ownership that led to the creation of the Independence Historical Trust. The National Park Service highly values the partnership we have because it allows us to better preserve and protect this park for the education and enjoyment of our visitors. Simply put, we are better together.

Independence National Historical Park has the distinct honor of partnering with Independence Historical Trust, the first Friends group of the National Park Service. Not surprising that it happened in Philadelphia, since this is a city of firsts. As they celebrate their 50th Anniversary, we can all be grateful for the work of the Trust, especially since my office was right next door to theirs when I was the Chief of Assets and Preservation Maintenance between 2011 and 2014 at Independence NHP. While I have only been in the role of Superintendent for two-weeks at the park, I am not unfamiliar with the work of the Trust, especially since my office was right next door to theirs when I was the Chief of Assets and Preservation Maintenance between 2011 and 2014 at Independence NHP. As the new Superintendent, I look forward to working even closer with the Trust and getting to know all our supporters as we strive to accomplish great things for 2026 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Steven Sims
Superintendent
Independence National Historical Park
Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial
Gloria Dei Church National Historic Site
Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

Tourism to Independence

National Historical Park creates $178 million in Economic Benefits

Report shows visitor spending supports 2.4 thousand jobs in local economy

According to the 2022 report, most park visitor spending nationwide was for lodging (30.69 percent) followed by food and beverages (23.11 percent), gas and oil (15.69 percent), retail (10.86 percent), recreation industries (8.47 percent), local transportation (2.88 percent), and camping fees (2.83 percent).

Annual appropriations for the NPS totaled $3.3 billion in fiscal year 2022, effectively turning a $1 investment in national parks into a more than $10 boost to the nation’s economy.

The latest report is informed by new socioeconomic monitoring survey data, which greatly increases the accuracy of spending estimates for each park and helps the National Park Service learn more about park visitors. This advanced monitoring also delivers a more accurate estimate of the economic contributions of parks to communities.

Results from the Visitor Spending Effects report series are available online via an interactive tool. Users can view year-by-year trend data and explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value-added, and economic output effects by sector for national, state and local economies. The interactive tool is available on the Visitor Spending Effects webpage.

The annual peer-reviewed economics report was prepared by economists from the National Park Service. Learn more about how NPS-managed lands and programs provide economic benefits on the NPS economics webpage.

Source: INDE News Release: September 1, 2023
EDUCATION

Virtual and Hybrid Programs

Co-hosted with Independence National Historical Park, our virtual programs explored various topics relevant to the interpretation at Independence NHP and the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site. Two examples are: Spain and Her Colonies Involvement in the American Revolution explored the support that Spain provided to the colonies during the American Revolution with author Thomas Chávez; and An Interview and reading of the “Raven” with Edgar Allan Poe looked to the writer himself to answer some questions about his life and his work. Both programs, along with others are available to view on the Trust’s YouTube Channel.

Virtual Field Trips

Through a grant from the National Park Foundation, the Independence Historical Trust supported Independence National Historical Park’s Keystone program. The program is a standards-aligned, ranger-facilitated, synchronous virtual exploration of Independence Hall that encourages 4th grade students to use critical thinking skills to discover “evidence” of the people of Pennsylvania in the building now considered the birthplace of the nation. During the 2021-2022 school year, the program reached 54 schools, 5,068 students and at least 140 teachers. Park education staff presented a total of 112 programs during the school year.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

The Independence Historical Trust partners with Independence National Historical Park and other organizations in the historic area to support education at Independence, raise funds for major improvements in the Park and its gateway communities, conserve priceless artifacts, engage future friends and stewards, and support the mission of the National Park Service through volunteers. The following are some highlights from 2022.

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Funds Raised for Park Projects

$1,189,043

Students Reached Through Virtual Field Trips

5,068

Grant Support Received

$293,903

443 Twilight Tour Visitors

1409 Volunteer Hours

Net Funds Raised at the Quilt of America Gala

$187,189

18 States

$18,691 Funds Raised from 2022 Annual Appeal

18 Countries

Program Attendees

963

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Project Write

With funding from the Trust, the program saw 11 students in grades 9-12 and one junior counselor explore a variety of literary genres, including poetry, science fiction, and horror. Instruction included character development, micro-moments, setting, and more. The two-week summer program was facilitated by an English teacher and two park rangers. At the end of the program, the students published their work to a [blog](#) and read their works publicly at the graduation ceremony.

Repair of President's House Exhibit Panels

With funds from the endowment the Trust holds for the President's House Site, the original exhibit panels, which had been worn out due to the sun and other weather conditions, were replaced. New porcelain panels were produced and installed with a special process to ensure better colors on the panels.

Temporary Educational Exhibits

With funding from the Albert W. Bader Foundation, Inc., the Trust supported the creation of two temporary exhibits in the Liberty Bell Center. The first exhibit, *Freedom on Trial*, discussed the *Fugitive Slave Act of 1850* and the trials that occurred at Independence Hall. The second exhibit *The Stone Declaration of Independence* interpreted the history of the 1823 engraved copy of the Declaration of Independence made by William J. Stone and commissioned by Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams.

Franklin Court

In the National Park Service, you hear the mantra “Maintenance is Preservation” often and it rings true here at Independence. Thanks to a donation from Poor Richard's Charitable Trust, the Independence Historical Trust was able to provide the park with the necessary funding to paint the "Ghost Structures" at Franklin Court that represents Benjamin Franklin's home in Philadelphia. This painting and maintenance project will protect the metal structures for many years.

CONSERVATION

Adopt-An-Artifact

In 2022, three bibles that belong to the Bishop White House exhibit collection were conserved, thanks to the generosity of two donors. The Bibles were printed between 1806 to 1817, and while not owned by Bishop White, they are significant to setting the scene when interpreting his role in the American Revolution and early nation while touring the Bishop White House.

50 individuals provided
1,494.5 hours of volunteer service in 2022
With two long years of not having in-person events and programs, the Trust knew we wanted to change that for our 50th Anniversary year. We kicked off our milestone birthday by going back to where it all started. In 1972, the Trust (or Friends, as we were known) signed their first agreement with the National Park Service in the Long Gallery on the second floor of Independence Hall. On June 15, 2022, we met again in that space with supporters and partners to start our year with a press event. That evening, we celebrated with our community at Franklin Court with cheesesteaks and water ice... a true Philly style event!

Over the next 6 months, we hosted many programs and events located in and out of the Park. We partnered with the park and the American Philosophical Society to offer family-friendly activities on July 8th at Independence Square that complemented the Park’s annual re-enactment of the First Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence. We offered Trivia Nights (both virtual and in-person) in August and November. The lesson we learned was to not have questions only related to the National Park Service when there was a team made up of only NPS employees. Congratulations to “Park Strangers” for their amazing win!

September saw over a hundred people trying to drink through George Washington’s bar tab at our Washington Farewell: A Constitutional Convention Send Off event. Based on a historical event that occurred in 1787, for one night only, this event brought together local beverage vendors, re-enactors, and the community to the now shuttered City Tavern to understand how a bar tab could total over $15,000 dollars.

We finished the year strong when we honored documentary filmmaker Ken Burns with our Legacy Award at the Quilt of America Gala. Guests were treated to a thrilling and compelling conversation between Ken Burns and WHYY journalist Tracey Matisak during the program portion of the event.

Clockwise from top left, and left to right:
Picture 1: Bill Marrazzo, Chairman; Sheila Hess, City of Philadelphia Representative; Tom Caramanico, Executive Director; Cindy MacLeod, former Superintendent of INHP.
Picture 2: Molly Albertson, volunteer; Amnesty Kochanowski, Deputy Superintendent of INHP; with representatives from The Second Pennsylvania Regiment and the 43rd Regiment of Foot.
Picture 3: Visitor with volunteer Scott McCreary.
Picture 4: WHYY Journalist Tracey Matisak with documentary filmmaker Ken Burns.
Since 1978, the Independence Historical Trust has recognized individuals and groups who go above and beyond in their support of our organization and Independence National Historical Park with our Volunteer of the Year Award. This year, the start of our 50th anniversary year, we had the distinct honor of recognizing not one person, but an entire group of people who through their actions show how special Independence NHP truly is for visitors and locals. Our Volunteers of the Year were the Twilight Tour Guides for Season 2021.

The volunteer guides offered their time and talents to safely provide free programming after a year hiatus due to COVID. Not only were they eager to re-start, but they were willing to adapt as we navigated this new world. They changed their start time in order to begin as soon as the park closed at 5:00 pm so the visitors could have a continued experience. They also completely changed the structure of their program from tours to talks.

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Most importantly, they recognized for some visitors, they would be the only contact they had with a trustworthy source for recommendations. So, they all took the time to familiarize themselves with knowing what was open, what businesses were closed or had altered their hours, and how to get around in a world that was slowly emerging from COVID. They became the visitors' own personal Alexa.

Over the course of a shortened 2021 season, which consisted of 24 summer nights, the Twilight Guides talked to over 400 people who came from 28 states and 9 foreign countries. They did all this with a smile on their faces and the willingness to do more if needed.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who supported us as we navigated a post-COVID world. Thank you to our Volunteers of the Year.

(Pictured above, left to right) Tom Caramanico, Jeff Pollock, Cathy Siegl, Mike Teti, and Craig Brody.

Not pictured: Noel Abejo, Kate Heaney, Steve Kessler, Charlie Krueger, Sue Murphy, David Soltez, and Marci Spiegel.
Thank you... to everyone who volunteered in 2022!

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Thomas Spencer
Marci Spiegle
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Sean Tolan
Nancy Wood
Lee Woolley
Steve Zettler

Income

**Without Donor Restrictions**

- Grants and contributions: $413,270
- Membership dues: $573
- Development fee income: $139,895
- Special event income: $279,543
- Less: direct benefit to donor: $(82,177)
- Contributed services, materials, and facilities: $89,446
- Net assets released from restriction: $1,378,846

**Total Revenue and Support**: $2,216,621

**With Donor Restrictions**

- Grants and contributions: $940,303
- Membership dues: $0
- Development fee income: $0
- Special event income: $0
- Contributed services, materials, and facilities: $0
- Net assets released from restriction: $(1,378,846)

**Total Revenue and Support**: $(438,543)

Expenses

**Without Donor Restrictions**

- Program Services: $1,360,468
- Management and general: $282,677
- Fundraising: $135,459

**Total Expenses**: $1,778,604

**With Donor Restrictions**

- Program Services: $940,303
- Management and general: $0
- Fundraising: $0

Statement of Financial Position

**Assets**

- Cash and cash equivalents: $600,542
- Restricted cash - other: $1,917,154
- Cash - Endowment*: $228,944
- Investments - Endowment*: $1,964,100
- Contributions Receivable: $602,822

**Total Assets**: $5,313,562

**Liabilities**

- Accounts payable: $49,719
- Accrued expenses: $9,500
- Line of credit - related party: $0

**Total Liabilities**: $59,219

**Net Assets**

- Without donor restrictions: $646,173
- With donor restriction: $4,608,170

**Total Net Assets**: $5,649,207

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: $5,798,816

* President’s Home Site Endowment
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for 50 years of support

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Donations can be made by mail with a check. Please do not send cash. If you would like your donation to go to a specific program or project, please include the name of the project or program in the memo line. Checks without a designation will go to the greatest need of the organization.

There are many other ways to give. Click on any box for more information. For additional questions, please reach out to us at attn@inht.org.

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Independence Historical Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (Tax ID: 23-7179598). All gifts to the Independence Historical Trust are considered to be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For a copy of our IRS designation letter, please e-mail attn@inht.org.

**When Giving, Remember:**

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Addressed to: 143 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Tax ID: 23-7179598

For electronic payments, visit INHT.org/Donate
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Become a member of our Rising Sun Society by including Independence Historical Trust in your will or trust. This is a great way to ensure your legacy lives on at Independence National Historical Park without affecting your income during your lifetime. When deciding on your estate, you can choose to leave the Trust a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or even the remaining balance after distributions have been made to other beneficiaries.

You can also choose to name the Independence Historical Trust as a beneficiary of a retirement plan such as a 401(k), 403(b), IRA or profit-sharing pension plan. It is easy to complete this request:

- Request a change-of-beneficiary form from your plan administrator
- List Independence Historical Trust as a non-profit organization beneficiary using our Tax ID # 23-7179598
- Return the completed form to your plan administrator and send a copy to the Development Team at Independence Historical Trust at 143 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

Please see our Gift and Estate Planning webpage for information and let the Trust know of your plans in a Statement of Intent.

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Before making a gift of securities, please discuss your situation, including tax benefits, with your financial advisor. It is the policy of the Trust to liquidate digital assets (gifts of stock and cryptocurrency) as soon as practicable so the proceeds can be put to work immediately in support of our organization and projects. Independence Historical Trust is not a tax or estate advisor. We highly recommend that before making any type of donation or decision, you speak to a professional about financial decisions.

Rising Sun Society

Thank you to the following individuals who joined our Rising Sun Society:

- Ruth Herd
- Jeff & Linda Pollock
- Marci Spiegle

If you have included the Independence Historical Trust in your estate planning, please let us know so we can welcome you into our Rising Sun Society. Please email our Director of Development, Jonathan Burton at Jonathan@inht.org.

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