



**AUSTIN
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Dear <<Salutation>>,

If you're like me, you volunteer with Austin Parks Foundation (APF) because you believe public parks make life in Austin better - for everyone. As a fellow APF volunteer and neighborhood Park Adopter, I want to thank you for being part of the APF community and for helping to improve our local parks.

As Austin continues to grow, we need our parks and trails more than ever. And more than ever, our parks need *you and me*.

Patterson Park is my local park. Two years ago, the playground was falling apart and I saw so much that could be improved. Like all parents, I dreamed of a safe place for my kids to play. While I had a vision for what I wanted our park to become, APF had the expertise, logistical support and volunteer program that brought my neighbors and I together, and gave us the physical tools and encouragement we needed to make our dream a reality.

Today, my kids play on a safe, beautiful playground. And thanks to funding from APF, Patterson Park now has a community garden, new benches and tables for our pavilion, new pool furnishings and a beautiful public art installation. We transformed our park together, though the real transformation happened between the people in my neighborhood.

This same work is happening in neighborhoods all across the city thanks to APF. They support over 90 Adopt-A-Park groups, each led by volunteers like me who dream of more for their neighborhood park. APF helps us make life-changing park improvements possible.

I give to APF because I want all Austinites – regardless of their neighborhood's affluence – to have access to beautiful, safe, green parks where they can play, BBQ, unplug, relax and build memories.

APF celebrates their 25th anniversary this year and since their founding, they have helped volunteers like you and me revitalize our neglected parks and trails.

Will you join me in supporting this great nonprofit by making a \$25 gift today?

“APF empowered us to go speak to the city about what our community’s needs were. The city responded quickly and we learned the importance of asking for things that PARD didn’t know we needed.”

*- Laura Bucaro
Odom School Park Team*



APF needs us, in order to ensure Austinites have access to safe and welcoming greenspaces. Every volunteer hour and every dollar we give has a lasting impact on our neighbors, our neighborhoods and this great city we call home.

At this year’s It’s My Park Day Spring, we had numerous families volunteer with us. Many of the families have returned again and again to spread mulch, pick up trash, and make donations toward park improvements. These generous people have expressed appreciation for the chance to give back to the park while modeling stewardship for their children.

Let’s show our appreciation to APF and improve our quality of life by making a \$25 gift in honor of APF’s 25th Anniversary. Together, we will make Austin greener, happier and healthier for the next 25 years!

With gratitude,

Jennifer Potter-Miller
Chair, Friends of Patterson Park

PS: Please make your Gift today! The first 100 givers will receive an exclusive Austin Parks Foundation car sticker!