



Annual Report 2017-2018

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Virginia Capitol Foundation

... supporting the ongoing restoration, preservation, and interpretation of the Virginia Capitol, Capitol Square, and Executive Mansion.

To Our Virginia Capitol Foundation Community,

We are so pleased to share with you the highlights of this past fiscal year in our Annual Report, and we thank you for your support. It's been an exciting – and busy – year!

We can proudly say that the Virginia Capitol Foundation helped to truly change the landscape of Capitol Square this year with the Indian Monument, *Mantle*, and the Virginia Women's Monument, *Voices from the Garden*. The Foundation, along with the members of both Commissions, has been working tirelessly to raise funds, and what progress they have made! *Mantle* was fully funded, completed and dedicated this year. Just up the western sloping dell, the plaza of *Voices from the Garden* was funded, along with four of the 12 statues. We celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony for the monument.

In addition to these monumental projects, the Virginia Capitol Foundation is working on quite a few other projects – both newly developing (a fascinating “way-finding” / signage project) and familiar (Capitol Square annual ornaments, benches, and bricks). Take a look through this report to learn more. Of course, with everything we do, we strive to find ways to improve, grow, create, strategize. We welcome your ideas and your support.

We trust you know we could not do any of these things without the support of our donors. If you haven't already done so, please consider making a gift to our Annual Fund this year. Your tax-deductible gift is what propels us forward and keeps our lights on. You can return your gift in the enclosed reply envelope or you can make a gift online at www.virginiacapitol.gov and select “Make an Annual Fund Gift.”

As we write this letter, we've already entered our 2018-2019 fiscal year, and VCF is working hard at full speed ahead. We can't wait to share even more news with you in the coming months, and we invite you to visit us in the Bell Tower on Capitol Square whenever you are next in downtown Richmond.

With warm regards,

Susan Allen
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Highlights & Review

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

SEPTEMBER

We welcomed speaker Jenna Bush Hager to Richmond in support of the Women's Monument. Hosted at St. Catherine's School, "A Conversation with Jenna Bush

Hager" drew more than 400 people, and she wowed the crowd with her candor and humor as she discussed inspirational women, work/life balance, and some personal anecdotes about her Richmond connections.

OCTOBER

Welcome! Virginia Capitol Foundation and Capitol Square Preservation Council hosted an Open House for partners and state employees to visit our newly renovated offices in the historic Bell Tower on Capitol Square.



NOVEMBER

Virginia Capitol Foundation Board Vice Chair Charlie Seilheimer presented this year's annual Capitol Square ornament to First Lady

Dorothy McAuliffe. The ornament, *The Fountain at Monument Walk*, celebrates one of the most beautiful spots on Capitol Square.



DECEMBER

Governor Terry McAuliffe, then-Governor-elect Ralph Northam, and others joined donors and supporters of the Virginia Women's Monument in

officially breaking the ground for the plaza of *Voices from the Garden*.

JANUARY

Happy New Year! The Virginia Capitol Foundation and the Capitol Square Preservation Council reached out to partners, friends, donors and others with a card depicting a custom watercolor of our new offices.



FEBRUARY

The Virginia Capitol Foundation's fifth annual Capitol Celebration was held on February 15 in the Rotunda. General

Assembly members, former Delegates and Senators, donors, community and corporate partners, and others joined together to celebrate VCF and also to see a special unveiling of the Virginia Constitution of 1868.

MARCH

Donors who contributed more than \$1,000 to the Annual Fund were given a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Capitol. This two-hour tour, led by tour supervisor and historian Mark Greenough, took donors to spots in the Capitol not usually seen.



APRIL

Governor Northam, Delegate Peace, and many Virginia Indians were part of the Dedication Ceremony of *Mantle*.

Mohawk artist Alan Michelson provided an artistic perspective of this meaningful monument that is incorporated into the landscape of Capitol Square.



MAY

Several members from the Virginia Women's Monument Commission visited Studio EIS in Brooklyn, New York, to be a

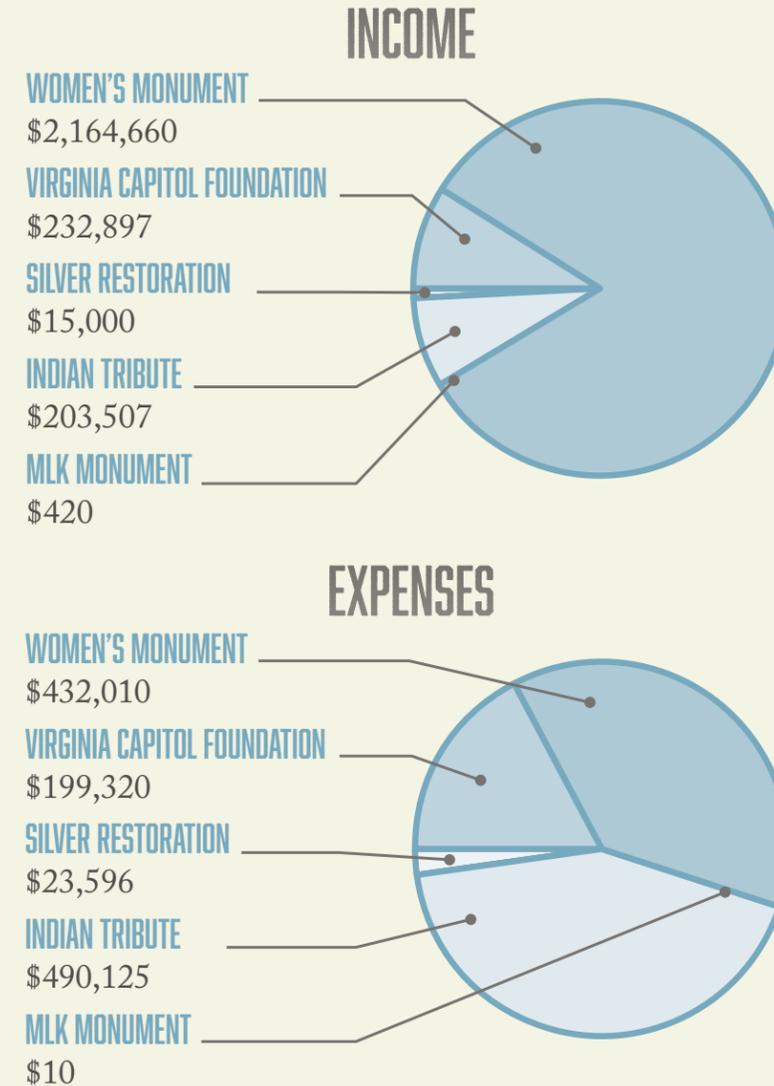
part of the photo shoot of the live statues that will become the models for the 12 bronze statues in *Voices from the Garden*.

JUNE

Virginia Capitol Foundation partnered with Capitol Square Preservation Council to host an information gathering session with Capitol Square constituents in the first stage of the new "way-finding" project. Led by C&G Partners, a multi-specialty creative studio, this project will create a unified, comprehensive visitor experience that is educational, innovative and interactive.

Statement of Financial Activities

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018



As the fiscal agent for the Virginia Women's Monument Commission, the Virginia Indian Monument Commission and the Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, Virginia Capitol Foundation raises funds and handles direct expenditures/payments to build these monuments.

This fiscal year represents the completion of the Indian Tribute and the commencement of building the Women's Monument. It also marked the opening of the fundraising for the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument.

The expenses for Virginia Capitol Foundation represent direct expenses to sustain our operations, in addition to indirect expenses to support the work on behalf of these monuments and other projects. Note that some expenditures during this fiscal year, including the Indian Tribute and Silver Restoration, are using funds raised last fiscal year.

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PURCHASE CAPITOL SQUARE ANNUAL ORNAMENTS

Each year, a special part of Capitol Square is commemorated. Starting in 2012 with the Capitol and continuing each holiday season, the ornaments are \$24.

HONOR OR MEMORIALIZE SOMEONE WITH A BRICK ON THE PATHWAY TO LIBERTY

The Bank Street bricks are incredibly meaningful and will always be a special gift.

INSCRIBE A BENCH ON CAPITOL SQUARE

You can choose the location and make a lasting impact on Capitol Square with a new or newly-refurbished bench and plaque.