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To Our Virginia Capitol Foundation Community:

What a year of changes and growth for the Virginia Capitol Foundation (VCF)! I am so pleased to share with you our 2016-2017 Foundation highlights, and extend my thanks for your support of VCF.

This past fiscal year has been a time of transition, transformation and great movement forward. Many thanks to you who supported our new Annual Fund, which generated nearly \$90,000. The Foundation's ornament sales were highly successful, generating more than \$25,000, due to new sales outlets, including The Virginia Shop at the Capitol. We were honored to receive two important challenge grants from The Cabell Foundation (\$500,000) and the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation (\$100,000) for the Virginia Women's Monument and the Indian Tribute.

We can all be proud that soon, a full array of people who have traditionally been underrepresented in history and on Capitol Square will be brought into the fold of a more comprehensive record through the building of two new statues – *Mantle*, the Virginia Indian Tribute, and *Voices from the Garden*, the Virginia Women's Monument. In the planning for over ten years, these monuments will make Capitol Square a very different – and much more engaging – place.

We could not do any of these things without the support of our donors; therefore, I hope that you will 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 your gift online at www.virginiacapitol.gov.

We are excited about the progress during this most recent fiscal year – the highlights of which are outlined in this annual report – but we are even more excited to look ahead to the near future. I hope the next time you are at the Capitol, you will stop by our offices, now located in the Bell Tower, for a tour and cup of coffee!

With warm regards,

Colleen Dugan Messick
Executive Director

**JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017
HIGHLIGHTS & REVIEW**

What a year of changes and growth for the Virginia Capitol Foundation! On October 1, 2016, the Virginia Capitol Foundation and the Capitol Square Preservation Council joined forces, given our complementary interests. The future of Capitol Square is much brighter under this shared operating agreement. Together, we work side-by-side to enrich the educational, cultural, and economic potential of Richmond's national historic treasures on Capitol Square.



◀ In November, the First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe unveiled **Thomas Jefferson, Architect of History, the 2016 Annual Commemorative Capitol Square Ornament**, along with former First Lady Susan Allen. Fifth in a series, the 2016 official ornament celebrates the statue of Mr. Jefferson that is located inside the Capitol building. The

statue depicts Thomas Jefferson, the architect of the Virginia State Capitol, at age 42 in a larger-than-life capacity. Sales commenced immediately!



▲ For the first time on record, the **Virginia Capitol Foundation created and sent out a holiday card** to supporters and friends, in our renewed effort to stay in touch with our donors.



▲ The Virginia Capitol Foundation's **Fourth Annual Capitol Celebration** was held on February 9 in the beautifully renovated atrium of the Ninth Street Office Building, which is now called the Barbara Johns Building. General Assembly members and former members, other dignitaries, and supporters gathered together to celebrate the successes and absorb some historical remarks by Edward Lynn "Ed" Ayers, an American historian, professor, administrator, and ninth president of the University of Richmond, who spoke about "How Virginia Became Reconstructed."

In March, donors ▶ who invested \$1,000 or more in the Annual Fund were given a **private behind-the-scenes tour** and parking for two.

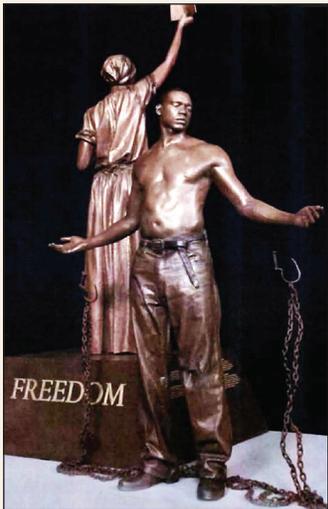


◀ On May 31, select supporters gathered together to unveil the latest addition to the State Capitol's priceless treasures, a **porthole portrait of George Washington**. Initially a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Lehrman to Mr. and Mrs. S. Buford Scott, who then donated it to the Virginia Capitol Foundation, this porthole portrait (ca. 1852) by Rembrandt Peale is a giclée print. Peale highlighted Washington's most heroic qualities by incorporating elements from his original 1795 portrait of Washington and other images of Washington he admired.

▼ On June 24, members of Virginia’s 11 state-recognized Indian tribes came together with friends and supporters “to honor and celebrate the strength and resilience of Virginia’s Native people, and the power of their story to heal and inspire” at the long-anticipated **groundbreaking of *Mantle, the Virginia Indian Tribute***. Billy Mills, a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe and the second Native American to win an Olympic gold medal, was the keynote speaker.



▼ This year, the Virginia Capitol Foundation received a \$10,000 grant to begin restoring the **Executive Mansion’s Battleship USS *Virginia Silver Service***. A prized part of the Executive Mansion’s collection is its exquisite 50-piece silver service, beautifully crafted in 1906 by Bailey, Banks & Biddle of Philadelphia. From the monumental punch bowl adorned with portrait medallions of Virginia’s presidents to a tray decorated with Jefferson’s Rotunda at the University of Virginia, each piece was designed to be a unique work of art and a treasured part of Virginia’s heritage.



◀ As part of its commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and abolition of slavery in the United States, the Virginia Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission will construct the Emancipation Proclamation and Freedom Monument on Brown’s Island. **The Virginia Capitol Foundation agreed to serve as the Commission’s fiscal agent.**

Voices from the Garden, Virginia Women’s Monument



Total Raised FY16-17: \$1,196,188

Voices from the Garden, the Virginia Women’s Monument will be the first monument to women in the nation, honoring the contributions of Virginia’s women — their ideals, vision, and spirit of sacrifice — that illuminate the path today for those who will follow them. It will take the form of an interactive garden plaza featuring 12 bronze sculptures of important female figures from Virginia, including well-known women and those unheralded in the history books. Those selected represent over four centuries of Virginia history, reflecting various spheres of influence and geographic areas. It will provide a voice for Virginia’s women, past, present, and future, and a foundation for honoring Virginia women in perpetuity.

Mantle, Virginia Indian Tribute



Total Raised FY16-17: \$393,809

A tribute to the lasting legacy and significance of the contributions of the native peoples of Virginia, *Mantle* was designed by Alan Michelson, an award-winning artist and a Mohawk member of Six Nations of the Grand River. Michelson describes the monument saying that it “requires the visitor to neither look up nor look down, but invites one to enter—from the east—and participate in it. It is not conceived as a static monument to be venerated but an active one to be experienced by moving off the everyday grid and into the American Indian circle.” The title and design of the Indian Tribute, *Mantle*, was inspired by the spiral clusters of shell beads decorating a ceremonial cloak owned by Paramount Chief Powhatan. The site design mimics the spirals of the beads as well as the shape of the Nautilus and symbolizes strength, knowledge of the past, permanence, and continuous growth. The Tribute will feature natural landscaping, a winding path five feet long, a smooth stone sitting wall, a meditation areas, and native plants.

Our mission is to provide resources beyond those available from state financing to support the restoration, preservation, and interpretation of the Capitol, the Executive Mansion, and Capitol Square. We are extremely grateful for the community of individuals, foundations, and corporations who invest in these projects.

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Thank You for Supporting the Virginia Capitol Foundation

Contributions to our Annual Fund are a critical component of our success and provide vital operating support for staff, rent, financial audits, and other basic expenses that allow us to do the important work we do.

- **Contribute to our Annual Fund:** www.virginiacapitol.gov (100% tax-deductible)
- **Inscribe a Brick:** *Pathway to Liberty* is a set of inscribed bricks on Bank Street at the front door of Virginia's historic Capitol Building. To date, more than 1,000 bricks have been installed to honor individuals, families, and groups. With more than 120,000 visitors to the Capitol annually, these bricks are well-seen! The donation for a brick is \$250, which is fully tax-deductible. For an additional \$35, you can also buy a mini-replica brick as a keepsake. Your donation not only provides a permanent memory marker, but also supports the Virginia Capitol Foundation.
- **Commemorative Ornaments:** The First Annual Virginia Capitol Square Ornament was introduced in 2012, and each year thereafter, a special part of Capitol Square has been commemorated. In 2016, *Thomas Jefferson, Architect of Liberty* was introduced. Ornaments are \$24 each (\$20 each for five or more) and proceeds support the Virginia Capitol Foundation.
- **Adopt a Tree or Bench:** Trees or benches with plaques adorn Capitol Square as a way to honor a loved one, friend or colleague. Trees are \$10,000 and benches are \$3,000.
- **New This Year:** Virginians entitled to a state income tax return can now donate all, or a portion thereof, to VCF. Just indicate VCF as the recipient on your state tax return filing, and indicate the amount you'd like to donate.



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