



FRIENDS OF STAUNTON STATE PARK

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Dear Members, Community Partners, Donors, and Friends,

On behalf of the Friends of Staunton State Park Board of Directors, I wish to express my deep appreciation for your continued support of our mission to Preserve, Promote, and Protect Staunton State Park. Despite a challenging year, we have some incredible accomplishments to share and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Our successful partnership with The Becker Team for their annual Climb For The Kids fundraiser raised funds to allow us to purchase a 5th Action Track Chair with the new suspension capability, and all of the accessories to go with the Track Chair. This season, although starting late due to COVID-19, is wrapping up this month and when complete, over 200 hikes with our visitors with disabilities will have occurred. We continue to fund all maintenance for the Track-Chair Program, including new batteries for Mark 1 and Mark 4.

We formed a Historic Preservation Committee with the goal of beginning in earnest a new cornerstone project: the restoration of Staunton's historic structures, starting with the Staunton Homestead Cabin. Our first priority was to purchase and cover the roof with custom tarps in order to prevent further damage to the interior of the cabin. Thanks to an incredibly generous anonymous donor kick-starting the effort with a \$50,000 donation, and in collaboration with CPW, HistoriCorps, and Alan Ford Architects, our team applied for, and received, a matching \$50,000 grant from the State Historical Fund to replace the tarps with a new permanent roof. Plans are underway for that project to begin next year. We also designed and printed brochures and mini cards to educate visitors about our historic park legacy and promote further fundraising, and nominated the Staunton Cabin as an Endangered Place to Colorado Preservation, Inc.

Following months of effort, we created a brand new website to showcase what we do, our beautiful state park, and encourage visitors to donate and support our efforts to Preserve, Promote, and Protect the natural beauty, wildlife, amenities, and historic legacy of Staunton State Park. Please explore our new website at www.friendsofstauntonstatepark.org to see what else we've accomplished, what's happening at the park, and what's next.

After nearly 8 years on our Board of Directors, most of them served as our President, our esteemed colleague, Wayne Parkinson, stepped down from serving on our Board. We are forever indebted to him for his vision, leadership, passion, and commitment to grow Friends of Staunton State Park and improve the amenities at Staunton State Park for visitors, staff, and volunteers alike. Thank you for being a valued member of our Team Wayne, you will be greatly missed. We were joined by Elk Creek Fire Chief Jacob Ware to fill that void on our Board, and welcome him to our Team.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my fellow board members for their dedication and hard work, for without your time, energy, and effort, our continued success would not have been possible. To our members of Friends of Staunton State Park, our generous individual donors and corporate partners, and fellow Staunton volunteers, words cannot express how grateful we are for your support. To the Staunton staff, our sincere appreciation for our strengthening relationship; together we can accomplish much more.

With deepest gratitude,

Sharon Trilk
President, Friends of Staunton State Park

PRESERVE

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*Working in partnership
with others to preserve,
promote and protect the
wildlife, natural beauty
and historic legacy of
Staunton State Park
for current and future
generations.*

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