## **MESSAGE FROM GREG MOORE CEO & PRESIDENT**



## Why Legacy **Gifts Matter**

You believe in what we do - you've proven it with your commitment. As a longtime Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy member and/or volunteer, your support of our parklands reflects your values - values of protecting unique urban habitat and wildlife and ensuring that all visitors have inspirational and even transformative experiences in a healthy environment. You can express those values in a legacy commitment benefiting the Golden Gate National Parks well into the future. I thank you for all the love and support you give to our parks for all to enjoy FOREVER.



## **ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT** THE GREG HIND ENDOWMENT FUND

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love of raptors. An inventor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist in San Luis Obispo, where he lived with his wife Jane and their two daughters, Greg was passionately committed to wildlife and the natural world.

When Greg passed away, his sister Leslie and brother-in-law Troy Daniels wished to honor Greg in a way that would be meaningful to his memory and to his family, and established an endowment fund in his name to support the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO). The fund is used to advance opportunities such as initiatives

to strengthen monitoring systems, innovations in migration research, and travel for staff and volunteers to share new information and cutting-edge practices on raptor conservation, research, education, and citizen science.

As one of the very first programs of the Parks Conservancy, the GGRO has been a model for engaging committed volunteers and partnering with other organizations. This generous endowment gift allows Director Allen Fish and his staff and volunteers to move forward with long-wished-for enhancements as well as visionary strategies. And thanks to this generous endowment gift, the spirit of Greg Hind will be carried forward through the amazing work of the GGRO.



# **BATTERY TOWNSLEY** THE CHUCK WOFFORD LEGACY GIFT



hrough a generous bequest to the Golden Gate National Parks

Charles "Chuck" Wofford of San Francisco, important preservation work was carried out in the Marin Headlands at Battery Townsley, Fort Cronkhite, within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Mr. Wofford specifically requested that funds be directed to the restoration of the underground emplacement that once housed huge coast artillery guns that could sink a battleship 25 miles offshore. The restoration work included physical improvements, increased accessibility, and interpretation of the battery site.

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Currently, more than a dozen dedicated volunteers gather monthly to work on the preservation

With oversight from park personnel and the Parks Conservancy, contractors restored lighting to the battery, added security doors, and removed lead paint and asbestos. Volunteers, led by John Martini, a retired NPS ranger, historian and author, spent hundreds of hours over 2.5 years removing graffiti and accumulated debris, repainting all interior surfaces, restoring the historic landscaping, and preserving delicate historic stenciling. Some volunteers such as Sam Stokes and his wife Ailene, who were inspired by Mr. Wofford to commit to a bequest gift of their own, made additional donations to further the

of Battery Townsley, building upon Mr. Wofford's legacy gift. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at (415) 331-1540. Battery Townsley is open to the public on the first Sunday of every month from noon until 4 p.m.



## STEWARDS FOR TOMORROW

#### SILVER LUPINE CIRCLE MEMBERS

When you make a planned gift to the Conservancy, you become a member of the Silver Lupine Circle – a community of park lovers who, like you, ensure these national treasures will be protected and nurtured for generations to come. You join an extraordinary group of people - hikers and history buffs, beachcombers and triathletes, volunteers and philanthropists, parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors - who care about preserving these parks as much as you do. We are grateful to our stewards for tomorrow.

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If you are inspired to learn more about bequest opportunities and impacts of your estate gift or to join the Silver Lupine Circle, comprised of Conservancy legacy supporters, please contact Audrey L. Yee, Esq. at (415) 561-3016 or ayee@parksconservancy.org. Thank you for your continued support of our amazing parklands!

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# **INSPIRED BY MUIR WOODS**

#### **NELSON STUBBINS**

After his retirement several years ago, Nelson was called back to the forest. An avid Sierra backpacker in his younger days and a regular hiker of Bay Area trails, he one day found himself taking a walk at Muir Woods with Ranger Lucy Scott and filling out a volunteer application. In short order, Nelson was inspired to initiate and lead bi-weekly Sunday sunrise walks at Muir Woods and share his knowledge, philosophy and awe with others in this spectacular redwood grove. Recently, Nelson meaningfully extended his commitment to this special area by naming Muir Woods National Monument and One Tam as beneficiaries of a bequest intention. For Nelson, this gesture was as natural as the place where he finds "a redwood forest as interesting as it is beautiful."

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