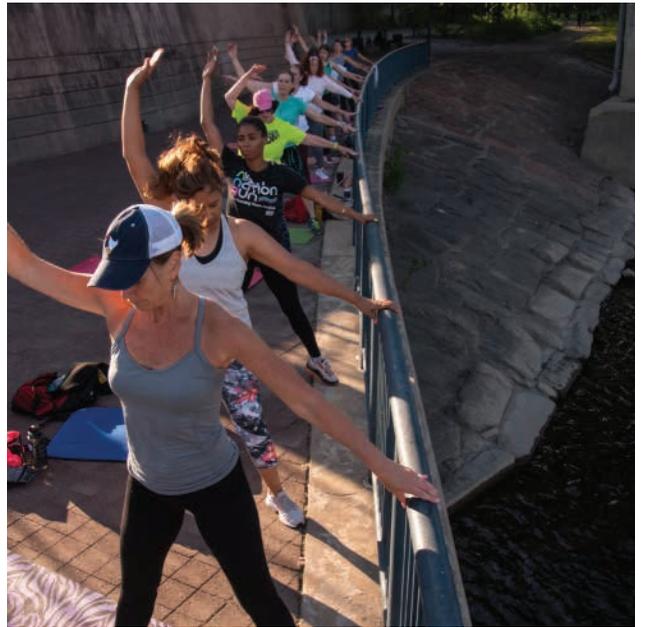
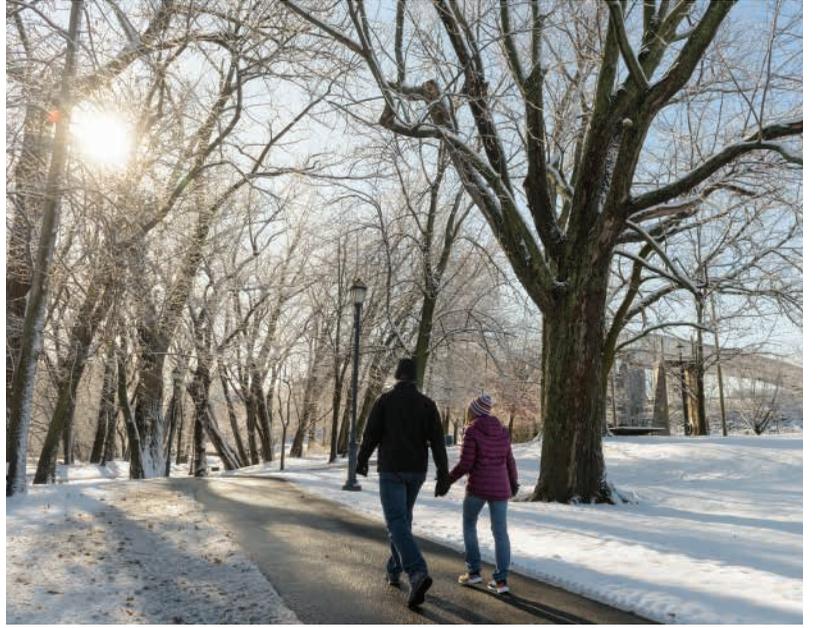




# RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



2019 was a year of growth and accomplishment, thanks to your support. Our parks welcomed 836,809 visitors, who connected with the Connecticut River in so many different ways, and we couldn't have done it without you.



We all connect with the Connecticut River in different ways. You may connect with it as a daily park user, as a rower, or as a volunteer. You might have connected to it through our Adventure program, on a dragon boat, or as one of our valued corporate supporters. The one shared connection is that you recognize the importance of our work, our parks, and our future.

Our parks are a conduit to the city and region, providing green spaces, commuter access and recreation opportunities. Our parks help to attract new residents, businesses, and initiatives to the region, especially ones that focus on quality of place. The river, and our parks, are vital to the region and its future. Your investment in and support of Riverfront Recapture enhances quality of place and makes the region a place where people want to live, work, and play.

We appreciate you all so much, and we look forward to continuing to connect in 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Jenkins".

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What did your support help us to accomplish?  
We acquired 60 acres of riverfront land in northeast Hartford and southeast Windsor, where we'll be building a new park. Additionally, this gives us full access for the 2.5-mile Riverwalk expansion from the boathouse to Windsor Meadows State Park. We made improvements to the exterior of the boathouse, and along the riverwalk. We built a new playscape in Charter Oak Landing, and we completed the installation of the new stage canopy, lighting, and sound systems at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza.

We also had more volunteers than ever - 2,132 of them! They worked for 8,881.75 hours, helping to beautify our parks, and supporting our staff. There were more volunteer opportunities than ever, with the launch of our volunteer tree-planting program, which offers companies a way to support us and the environment at the same time. Our first planting added four single-stemmed Heritage River Birches in Great River Park.

Our programming grew as well. The Head of the Riverfront was the largest ever, with 650 entries. The second annual Heartbeat Music Festival gave 24 local music acts the opportunity to perform on three stages. A team traveled from China to compete in our dragon boat races. We added Zumba to our free fitness programming, and our summer rowing clinic sold out. Our rowing program got a new wakeless, we refurbished the Connecticut Adaptive Rowing Program's wakeless launch, and the free veterans rowing program was an even bigger success than last year.

All of this was made possible with your support and our dedicated Board and staff. Our 16 year-round employees are supplemented by 89 seasonal staff, many of whom have been with Riverfront for a decade or longer. Our rowing coaches and Riverfront Adventure facilitators are essential to positive outcomes for program participants and our Rangers and park operations crew ensure that our parks are clean and safe for all to enjoy.

Thank you so much for your belief in our mission and your continued support of our work.



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Investment in Riverfront results in enhanced quality of life for the regional community. Please share your thanks with representatives of the following organizations for their support of general operations, arts and culture, youth enrichment, park development, and health and fitness.

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Lincoln Financial Foundation provided a major grant to the Greater Hartford Arts Council in 2008 to help in cooperation with Riverview Foundation to design a sculpture walk along the Connecticut River in both Hartford and East Hartford.

After a nationwide call for artists, 16 weeks from award winning artists were selected for the permanent public art series.

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**Photos:** Cover: Sounds of Summer concert in Great River Park; Page 2: Daylily on the Riverwalk, park users in winter and fall in Riverside Park, RiverBarre participants and fall foliage at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, and rec rowers on the water; Page 5: Riverfront Adventure participants, concert goes in Great River Park, host Larry Dooley, president Michael Zaleski, CRDA chair Suzanne Hopgood, Committee Chair Matt Necci, Mayor Bronin, US Congressman John Larson at the Big Mo' at Coltsville, park users on the Riverwalk, rowers at sunset, Riverfront Ranger on patrol; Page 7: Mortensen Riverfront Plaza at night

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With the land purchase complete, additional funding will be sought to convert the property into a new Riverfront park. We are excited about the future opportunities to expand access to the Connecticut River and to provide a new regional connection to existing trails and green space.

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The value of Riverfront's parks is immeasurable, and ensuring that our parks are available long into the future is critical to community well-being. Recognizing the present and future importance of the parks inspires people to include Riverfront in their estate plans.

We are grateful for the following individuals who have left or intend to leave a legacy to Riverfront, supporting our mission to connect people with the Connecticut River:

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**Photos:** Page 8: Travelers volunteers, Mayor Leclerc and president Michael Zaleski, our new wakeless launch, Stanley Black & Decker's first dragon boat team; Page 9: park users on the Riverwalk, entering Big Mo' at Coltsville, dragon boat teams at the finish line, Neighborhood Builders conference; Page 11: Toward Union Lines, one of 16 sculptures on the Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk; Page 16: Dedication of The Mady, childhood joy, Run for the Riverfront 5K, Head of the Riverfront Regatta; Page 17: Head of the Riverfront Regatta, Taste of the Caribbean & Jerk Fest, Riverfront Fireworks, dragon boat training, Run for the Riverfront 5K, Sounds of Summer concert



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# Volunteers

**Volunteers are an essential part of our work to connect people to the Connecticut River. We worked with 2,132 volunteers in 2019, who volunteered for a total of 8,881.75 hours!**

Volunteers weeded, planted, trimmed, mulched, cleared invasives, built benches, installed beaver baskets, shoveled silt/sand, cleaned PFDs/boats, removed debris, and did extensive prep work before events such as building temporary docks and sprucing up the pedestrian highway crossover. Thanks to their efforts, our parks looked clean, welcoming, and beautiful! In addition to our 44 park clean-up groups, seven groups of Travelers volunteers were vital in building a KaBOOM playground in Charter Oak Landing over four days, assisted by another 44 community volunteers from adjacent neighborhoods from Design Day to Build Day.

Many event volunteers return event after event, year after year. This year, 421 volunteers worked to make sure our events went smoothly. These dedicated volunteers have gained a real sense of ownership, particularly for the Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival, Heartbeat Music Festival, and the Head of the Riverfront.

**Our parks wouldn't be the same without the following groups and individuals:**

## GROUPS

Aetna Summer Interns  
American Eagle Financial Credit Union  
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## INDIVIDUALS

### 1,000+ HOURS

Dave Guadiana

### 100+ HOURS

Gretchen Gregg  
Jennifer Lambert

### 75+ HOURS

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### 50+ HOURS

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Mady Kenny  
Kimberly McVey  
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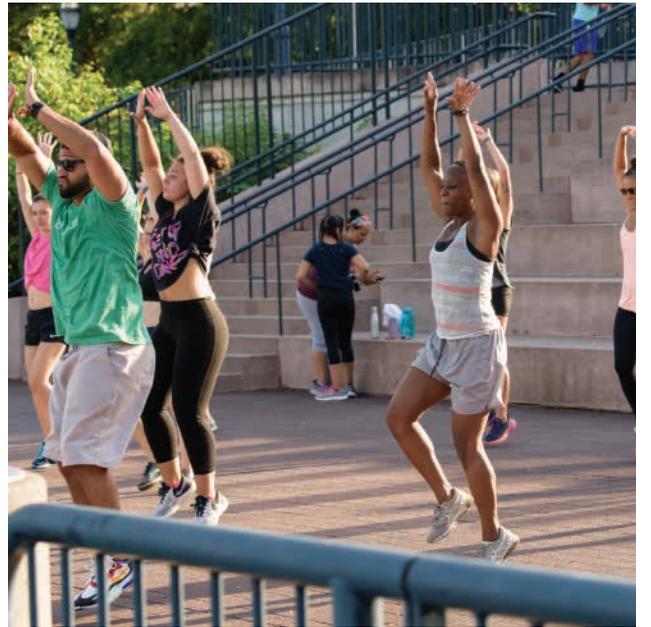
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## **MANAGEMENT PARTNERS**



**SUMMARY OF FINANCES**

**ASSETS**

Cash and Investments	\$2,744,747
Receivables	186,946
Land and Equipment	1,263,849
Prepaid Expenses	14,379
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,209,921</b>

**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

Payables	\$306,802
Refundable Advances	39,755
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	2,232,422
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	1,630,942
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,209,921</b>

**REVENUE**

Grants and Contributions	\$3,483,537
Program Fees and other Earned Income	783,710
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,267,247</b>

**EXPENSES**

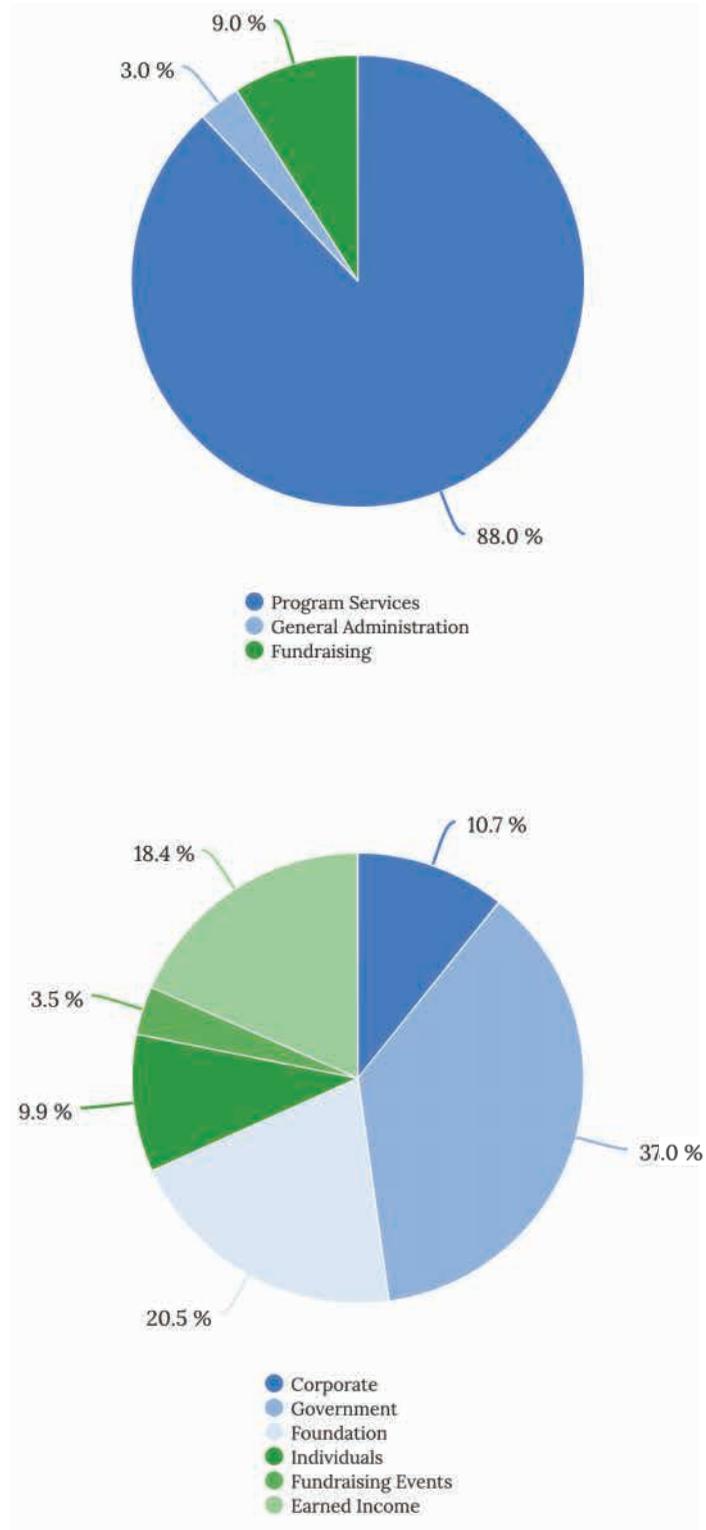
Program Services	\$3,352,624
General Administration	110,487
Fundraising	337,272
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,800,383</b>

**INVESTMENT RETURN** **\$363,914**

**TOTAL NET ASSETS**

Beginning of Year	\$3,032,586
End of Year	\$3,863,364

This summary is derived from the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. A copy of the complete statement is available at [riverfront.org/financials](http://riverfront.org/financials).



**Photos:** Page 19: volunteers at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Charter Oak Landing, Great River Park, at event, and in Riverside Park; Page 20: event attendees, Hartbeat Music Festival, Riverfront Community Rowing practice, River Zumba class, Riverfront Fireworks, views of the river and parks; Page 21: Head of the Riverfront Regatta, Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival, Yoga class, Great River Park concert, Riverfront Food Truck Festival, event goers; Page 22: Riverfront Food Truck Festival, fishing, WIP into Shape class, spring daffodils; Back Cover: Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival



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