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Greetings,

On behalf of the Friends of Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY, I am delighted to update you on some of the projects and programming supported by our generous donors. We hope you will be pleased to learn that much of the Friends' recent work has focused on providing educational opportunities to actively involve youth in our beloved Park.

In October 2017, the Friends partnered with the Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, the Park, and the National Women's Hall of Fame for the first annual Girl Scouts' Carrying the Torch Convention, to commemorate the suffrage centennial for New York women. During this two day event, we welcomed hundreds of Girl Scouts to the Park to learn about and discuss women's history, the path to suffrage, the First Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, and the future of women and girls in the United States and around the world. It was inspiring to witness the Park abuzz with such youthful energy and curiosity!

In February and March 2018, the Friends partnered with Women March in Seneca Falls, NY and the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women on a seminar series, First Amendment-First Vote!, which focused on the civic empowerment of pre-voting aged high school girls. Approximately 50 participating girls actively engaged with topics such as the women's movement in Seneca Falls, women's rights and suffrage, Amendments I and XIX, the goal of gender parity in elected office, and the importance of casting an informed vote. The seminar series, delivered by educators, Park rangers, women politicians, and historical re-enactors, is also designed to provide participating girls with the knowledge, mentoring, tools, and confidence to become leaders and political change agents within their communities and nationally. Our intent is to expand this seminar series yearly to reach more girls across the nation, especially in advance of the National Women's Suffrage Centennial in 2020. Our newly formed Advisory Board has already begun planning for our 2019 seminars, which we expect to offer early in the new year.

In July 2018, the Friends assisted in Convention Days 2018, the annual commemoration of the first Women's Rights Convention of 1848. We offered a scavenger hunt and online trivia game (as well as prizes!) for visitors to complete as they toured the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the National Women's Hall of Fame.

We want to sincerely thank all of our supporters who make the above programming possible with their donations! If you are interested in becoming a Friend, please visit [www.WomensRightsFriends.org](http://www.WomensRightsFriends.org) for information on how to join and support the Park.

With Gratitude,



Emily K. McCarter, President

The Friends of the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls serve as ambassadors and advocates for the preservation and interpretation of women's history and its enduring links to liberty, justice, and equality for all. Our aim is to support the daily operations of the Park through fundraising and preservation efforts, and by forging local and national partnerships, building membership, and creating and sustaining educational programming and dialogues to inspire the next generation of Park visitors.