



THE OGLEBAY FOUNDATION'S

AMERICAN IDEAL

IMPACT REPORT 2023



Community involvement has been the chief factor in the development of Oglebay as a self-sustaining enterprise and is one of the finest examples of what can result if we put the ***American Ideals*** to work.

— Courtney Burton, Jr.

Grandson of Earl & Sallie Oglebay

OGLEBAY'S IMPACT:

- **One of the top 20 largest public parks in the country**
2,400+ acres of public land
- **\$210 million economic impact**
Fourth largest regional employer
- **Most visited park in West Virginia**
W.Va.'s tourism leader
W.Va.'s only Association of Zoos & Aquariums Accredited Zoo

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*The Oglebay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation devoted to inspiring donors to invest in Oglebay and Wheeling Park. The foundation raises strategic support through donations from private individuals, corporations and foundation giving. In 2023, the Foundation received record support for ongoing improvements in the parks. **For more information, visit www.oglebayfoundation.org.***



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Dear Friends,

We saw remarkable growth in 2023. Thanks to our community of donors, the momentum of park improvements continues.

In this issue, we share stories showcasing the wonderful sense of pride and community spirit that makes our park system the best in the world — from the noteworthy, such as Wigginton Arboretum earning ArbNet Accreditation, to the heartwarming, like our golf staff's fundraiser for youth sports through a lost and found sale, to the amusing feat of selling and devouring 37,882 chicken wings at Glassworks Grill.

These stories highlight the fact that it is people who make our parks come to life. Neighbors and friends gave Boo at the Zoo incredible support, transforming the fun family event with more decorators and a flashmob. The sporting community united to invest in skiing, enhancing our hill with a snow groomer for improved snow quantity and quality.

Our philanthropic community made possible a new trolley to better connect our community to our park. Corporate sponsorship continues, with WesBanco increasing its Festival of Lights gift and extending its commitment through 2029.

As a business leader, I can't overlook the correlation between the cycle of philanthropy and return on investment. Every gift significantly impacts our parks' bottom line, enabling growth, development and relevance.

In 2024, a record \$17 million will be invested in capital projects across our parks. Through strategic planning, a renewable \$2 million maintenance fund was established to support ongoing project development and future infrastructure needs.

While these numbers may seem staggering, the transformations at Oglebay and Wheeling Park are palpable. Did you ever imagine such changes occurring in our lifetime? Thanks to a record-breaking 26.4 percent growth in giving in 2023 — defying national trends — community members are raising substantial funds to enhance the quality of life in the Ohio Valley, not just for today but for future generations.

To those who contributed to this success, thank you. If you haven't made a gift yet, it's not too late. Join us in ensuring Oglebay and Wheeling Park endure for everyone, forever.

See you in the parks,

Lisa Allen
Oglebay Foundation Chair



Then & NOW

Oglebay Through The Years

Skiing to Return At Oglebay Park

By ANDY STAMP
Staff Writer

WHEELING — After an absence of seven years, local ski enthusiasts will make their return to the slopes at Oglebay Park this winter — thanks to an active fund-raising campaign to purchase a new ski lift and new snow-making equipment.

And according to the Wheeling Park Commission, the entire facility will be made handicapped accessible.

Skis and boots will be available for rent — along with snowboards, which were just starting to become popular when the slopes went idle in 1997.

"We established a budget and, overall, the estimated cost of doing this is around \$1.2 million," said Doug Dalby, president and chief executive officer of the Wheeling Park Commission, the chartered body that manages both Oglebay and Wheeling parks.

Included in that total is a \$275,000 grant from the National Park Service's Land and Water Fund, which is administered at the state level by the West Virginia Development Office. "The remainder — about \$925,000 — will come from private donations," said Dalby.

About \$625,000 has already been received through a series of fund-raising



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Thanks to the generosity of our donors, a new snow groomer hit the slopes in 2024.



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We made a plan to make monthly recurring gifts to support the park. It's easier on the budget, and, at the end of the year, our total gift will be larger than the gift we made in 2023.”

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**Make Your 2024
Gift Today!**

Scan the QR code with
your phone's camera.

Information about specific support options is available at

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2023/2024

SKI SEASON

DONOR **KICKOFF** PARTY



INVESTMENTS TO IMPROVE SKIING CONDITIONS CONTINUE.

Make a gift to support the ski program today
and join the party in 2024.





In the 1930s, during the park's infancy, an arboretum committee was formed, which included renowned landscape architect Brooks Wigginton. The committee's vision extended beyond a mere collection of trees and shrubs; they aimed to create a naturalistic setting that would be both an asset for the people of Wheeling, and draw visitors and nature enthusiasts to our area.

In addition to the arboretum work, the park planted more than 1,100 native tree saplings in the park's surrounding wooded areas. 🌱



1962 bulletin cover and map of arboretum.





Clang, Clang, Clang Went the Trolley

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR PARK

An anonymous foundation has made a significant investment to enhance the experiences of local children at Oglebay Park by addressing a critical need — transportation for the Oglebay Park Children’s Association (OPCA) program. This longstanding program has been in operation for 73 years, offering a seven-week summer day camp to approximately 300 campers annually. Campers enjoy meals, snacks and activities managed by counselors provided by the City of Wheeling.

The Oglebay trolleys circumnavigate the park for various reasons throughout the year. The current fleet has been in service for 20+ years, and last year, one of the trolleys was out of service more than it wasn’t. The grant of \$195,000 was made in March of 2022 to purchase a new trolley. However, the backlog and holdups in shipping for most of 2022 delayed the new trolley until November of 2023.

The goal is for the new trolley to return to making its rounds to city playgrounds throughout the summer months, bringing local children to the park to participate in the OPCA camps. Transportation last year was contracted with Ohio County Public Schools.

Beyond facilitating the OPCA program, the trolleys serve as a crucial means of transportation within the park itself. They provide visitors with easy access to various attractions, allowing families, park friends and day visitors to cross the park efficiently. Whether visiting Schenk Lake in the morning, dining at Crispin Café and swimming at the pool at midday, exploring the Hilltop for museum tours or enjoying the Good Zoo’s animals in the afternoon, the trolleys facilitate seamless movement around the park.

Thanks to the anonymous foundation’s generous gift, the community will enjoy improved access to the park and can take advantage of everything the park has to offer. Talk about investing in an important asset. 🌱



2023 Park Usage Was UP!

- OPCA participation up 12 percent
- Access to the Parks Scholarships grew by 10 percent
- 3,000+ more swimmers in the pool
- 278 more rock wall climbers
- 35 more mountain bikers

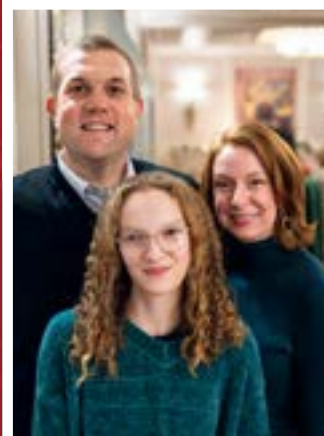


LIGHT UP
NIGHT 2023



FESTIVAL *of* LIGHTS

Presented by  **WesBanco**



2023 IMPACT



WesBanco President & CEO Jeff Jackson, center, together with his wife Ronna-Renee and their daughter Sarah-Catherine join Kris Kringle to flip the switch for 2023 FOL!

WesBanco has made a five-year pledge of support for Festival of Lights (FOL).

FOL Traffic grew by **10.1%** in 2023

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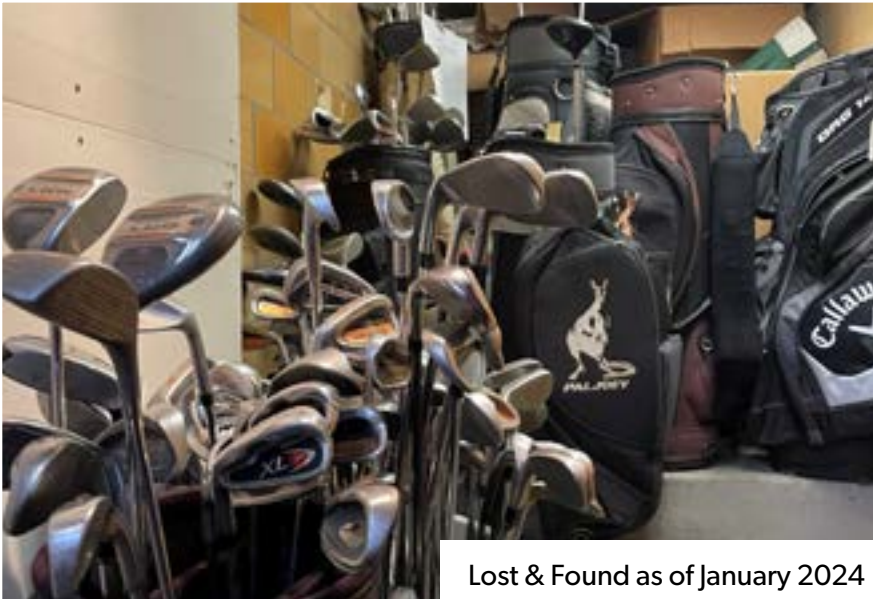
NEW

Twinkle Trot – a fun run through the light displays.

750 people participated in 2023, ensuring this event will return next year!



Race participants line up at the starting line for the first-ever Twinkle Trot through the Festival of Lights.



Lost & Found as of January 2024



Pictured from left, Tim Pelley, Jim Hartle, Madge Castilow and Danny Ackerman.

LOST & FOUND SALE SUPPORTS OGLEBAY'S YOUTH SPORT PROGRAMS

Danny Ackerman, general manager of golf for the Wheeling Park Commission, had a storage problem. Conscientious golf staff and players brought found clubs, golf accessories and the like to the office, hoping the equipment would be returned to its rightful owners. The problem was no one was claiming ownership of anything.

Realizing that 99 percent of the lost items were in his possession for six months or more, Ackerman decided it was time to fix the problem. His initial thought was to pitch the lot, but Crispin Golf employees asked if they could try to sell everything first, hoping to raise money to support young players.

Madge Castilow, Gary Cunningham, Jim Hartle, Bob Hill and Tim Pelley joined forces. They promoted the idea with golf enthusiasts for a couple of weeks while organizing everything that had been collected. In the fall of 2022, they held their first sale. Clubs cost

between \$3 and \$5 depending on their condition. Also put up for sale were four complete sets of clubs, headcovers, GPS and additional accessories.

The group raised \$1,087 in weeks, with the proceeds donated to Oglebay's Youth Sports Programs.

The story could have ended there, but word got around, and a donor learning about the group's efforts stepped forward with a matching gift. The total raised is now over \$2,250.

As the photo at left indicates, the storage problem didn't go away for long. Conscientious members of the golf community still are bringing in everything they find. Another sale is scheduled for spring 2024. Madge Castilow says they already have \$40 in the kitty to beat the first sale's numbers. 🌱



PURCHASING

4,798	AA BATTERIES
162	ROLLS OF SCOTCH TAPE
127	ROLLS OF PACKING TAPE
15,000	ENVELOPES
40,500	MAKE-UP WIPES

ACTIVITIES

25,357	Swimmers
4,629	Pedal Boats
252	Aqua Cycles
241	Kayaks
11,814	Mini Golf
3,908	Aerial
2,302	Rock Wall
243	Segway
318	Mountain Bikes
138	E Bikes
708	Fishing
5,862	Access Bands
5,614	Tennis ½ Hr Play
1,612	Pickleball
8,334	Wristbands Sold



200

Lighted **CUBES** and **SPHERES**
added to Lodge Drive

750

Twinkle Trot participants



FESTIVAL of LIGHTS

FOOD & BEVERAGE

28,000	EGGS USED DURING FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
4,100	POUNDS OF FRENCH FRIES
630	POUNDS OF TURKEY PREPARED FOR 950 GUESTS
2,600	OGLEBAY BURGERS
1,200	MARGARITA PIZZAS
15,000	BREAKFAST BUFFETS
6,150	FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DINNER BUFFETS
500	CHILDREN'S BUFFETS



3,000	LBS. OF GROUND BEEF
2,100	ORDERS OF FRIES



GOLF AT OGLEBAY



88,000

ROUNDS OF GOLF



UP TO 1.3 MILLION

RANGE BALLS HIT



GOLF SHOP PURCHASES

↑ UP 8.5%

ENVIRONMENTAL SAVINGS

Hotel single-use shampoo, conditioner and body wash to bulk dispensers

Individual Plastic Consumption =
137,400 1 oz. bottles @ 0.29 oz. =
39,846 oz. or 2,490 lbs.

Plastic Consumption Using Bulk =
311 gallons @ 4.05 oz. = 1260.75 oz.
or 79 lbs.

ANNUAL PLASTIC REDUCTION

2,411 lbs. ► **96% REDUCTION**

136,000

Plastic bottles out of landfill



PEOPLE & CULTURE

2023

CUSTOMER SERVICE PICKLE AWARDS



1,000+

GOLDEN PICKLES
AWARDED IN 2023

INCLUDING

122 MILESTONE AWARDS

5th – 61

35th – 8

10th – 30

50th – 1

20th – 20

75th – 2

WITH

\$11,850

IN BONUSES

TRAININGS

521

Trainings completed in the areas of customer service, harassment prevention & diversity, health & safety, supervisor & manager development.

RECRUITING

Hired **419** (80% new hires / 20% rehires)

Youth hired **145** (14-18 years of age)

Completed **70** HR orientations

FOOD & BEVERAGE



TOP ENTREE OF THE YEAR

18,149

Route 88 Burgers
(ALL VARIETIES)



TOP INDIVIDUAL FOOD
ITEM OF THE YEAR

9,455

Oglebay Burgers
FROM GLASSWORKS



37,882

Chicken Wings
SOLD IN GLASSWORKS
LAST YEAR



76

WEDDINGS

12,157

PEOPLE SERVED



14,310

GALLONS
OF BEER SERVED

PLANS

Making a Difference IN THE PARKS



George J. Kontogiannis

George Kontogiannis was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio, and graduated from Yorkville High School in 1958. Visiting Oglebay during his youth, George had firsthand experience with the importance of green spaces as part of a healthy lifestyle from an early age.

Earning his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Ohio University, George worked as a registered architect in Columbus, Ohio, after a brief stint in the Ohio Air National Guard. By 1966, he opened his own firm, growing his business into Colonial American Development Corporation, which, today, incorporates his construction business and employs 200 people with more than 4,600 apartment units throughout Ohio, West Virginia and south Florida.

The businessman purchased land neighboring Oglebay on its northeast side along Peters Run Road where he developed two affordable housing complexes, Oglebay Village and Wheeling Station. A key component of marketing the rental communities is their proximity to the park; residents have incredible access to Oglebay and can leverage park amenities on a regular basis.

In 1996, Oglebay leadership wanted to expand golf opportunities within the park, but more land was needed. Together with the Oglebay Foundation, they approached George about the necessary acreage to add another course. Calculating the value of the land as a charitable gift to Oglebay was a unique business opportunity for George. Thanks to his generous gift of more than 70 acres of land to the Foundation that year, the

park was able to move forward with the Palmer Course, which opened in 2000.

The land donation George made was just the beginning. His gift started a long-term relationship with the Oglebay Foundation. As a good neighbor, friend and benefactor of Oglebay, George's generosity includes funding tree removal and plantings, adding outdoor furniture to the West Spa Patio area, Access to the Parks Scholarships as well as annual fund contributions. Those are just some of the many ways George supports the park.

In 2012, George provided funds to refurbish the Oglebay Playground with new equipment and a new safety surface. The playground, adjacent to Schenk Lake, anchors Oglebay's Adventure Center incorporating minigolf, the Aerial Challenge Course, rock climbing wall, bike rentals and Segways.

George's early connection to green spaces has led to a lifelong understanding of their importance. We're fortunate that George continues to find opportunities to support the park with a focus on improving peoples' quality of life. Talk about making a difference. 🌱



George J. Kontogiannis



2012 Playground Dedication



EARL W. OGLEBAY
LEGACY SOCIETY

For more information on ways your estate can shape the parks you love, go to oglebaygiving.org or contact the Foundation at 304-243-4166.

IRA ROLLOVER BENEFITS


An IRA rollover allows people age 70½ and older to reduce their taxable income by making a gift directly from their IRA.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the Oglebay Foundation.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Support an area of Oglebay or Wheeling Park that you love.

How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to support the Oglebay Foundation.
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to the Oglebay Foundation (FEIN: 55-0750128) to ensure the parks you love are here for generations.
- Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
- Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.



Boo
at the
Zoo

BIG
COMMUNITY
LIFT IN 2023



In its **40+ years**, Boo has had a steady evolution of themes, décor and fun.

Community engagement is the key ingredient to park events coming to life. In 2023, the Good Zoo's Boo at the Zoo experienced tremendous growth with more decorators, sponsors and a flashmob. The level and impact of this year's community support did more than bring Boo together — thanks to an incredible team of volunteers, Boo at the Zoo really scared up some excitement!

In its 40+ years, Boo has had a steady evolution of themes, décor and fun. Interestingly, many of today's decorators experienced Boo firsthand in its early years. Decorating happens throughout September, but the event takes place every weekend in October, so the volunteer core is not only critical, they're also making a big commitment. This year, Boo saw 14 organizations step up to decorate every area of the zoo, and an additional 54 volunteers passed out candy.

Bordas & Bordas has been a Decorating Sponsor since 2017 and became the Premier Sponsor of Boo at the Zoo in 2020. The law firm has been supporting the event in both capacities since. "Oglebay's Boo at the Zoo is a great Ohio Valley tradition that we've been proudly supporting as a sponsor for the last four years. We're grateful to the community of decorators who came together to make this year's event special for everyone," said Jamie Bordas, managing partner of Bordas & Bordas.

Returning sponsors also included West Liberty University and Pepsi. Upper Ohio Valley Dairy Queen provided additional financial sponsorship support, in-store discounts and held a "Year for Zoo and DQ Contest," providing one lucky winner each weekend with a year's supply of Mini Blizzards and a Good Zoo membership. DQ also provided



critical marketing support by advertising Boo at the Zoo on flyers from all their locations in the weeks leading up to the event.

"The Upper Ohio Dairy Queen is a proud sponsor of Boo at the Zoo. Both organizations strive to bring joy and create memories for Ohio Valley families, not only today but for future generations," said owner Barry Boyd.

To give 2023 a new twist, event organizers approached Turn it Out Dance to add some pizzazz. A more-than-60-member flashmob performed on the zoo patio to choreographed moves accompanied by spooky classics from "The Little Mermaid," "101 Dalmatians" and Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Despite the inclement weather for half the event dates, nearly 10,000 people attended the month-long tradition. Proceeds from Boo at the Zoo benefit the care and conservation of animals in the Good Zoo's Care.

Special thanks to our 2023 Boo at the Zoo decorators: Belmont Savings Banks, Bordas & Bordas, Fort Henry Capital, Eric Hersey Web Design, Huntington Bank, Main Street Bank, Our Lady of Peace, Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration, St. Michael's School, State Farm Agent Laura Mull, WesBanco, Wheeling Hospital Auxiliary, Wheeling Park Cheering and Williams Lea.

To learn more about sponsoring, decorating or volunteering for Boo at the Zoo 2024, contact Oglebay Foundation Director of Development Heather Eddy at heddy@oglebay.com. 🌿





Pictured from left, Oglebay Foundation President and CEO Eriks Janelins, Bordas & Bordas Managing Partner Jamie Bordas and Oglebay Good Zoo Director Dr. Joe Greathouse



THANK YOU PRESENTING SPONSORS



Contributing Sponsors: West Liberty University, Pepsi
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ENLIVEN THE PARTY!

Encourage your friends to join us.

Waddington Farm Society members are generous donors who make annual contributions of \$1,000 or more. Gifts may be made at one time or in monthly installments.



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OUR ENDURING OGLEBAY

Oglebay is unique. Not just because of its distinctive origins. Not just because of its long history. Not just because of the diverse activities it offers ... or its accessibility to so many ... or the vibrant, restorative experience it provides to every visitor.

The park is unique because of its powerful impact as a builder of family connection, of community, of commerce, of pride. Oglebay and Wheeling Park — our community's "living endowment" — is the legacy we all share.

Oglebay: for everyone, forever.



F O R E V E R
Y O U R S

The Campaign for an Enduring Oglebay



Help us raise 100,000 gifts of support by Oglebay's Centenary in 2028.





**PRESERVING
OUR HISTORY**
SECURING OUR FUTURE



PRESERVING OGLEBAY MANSION: **A Historic Endeavor and Future Vision**

The iconic Oglebay Mansion has been a welcoming beacon to visitors from near and far from the beginning. Originally built in 1846, the Mansion has undergone two major expansions: first in 1900 by the Oglebay family and again in 1966 to expand the building's footprint for its current use.

The beautiful building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and remains a talisman for our community. The building also plays a critical role in the intricate relationship among three organizations dedicated to providing recreation, entertainment, education and cultural programming to the citizens of our community, state and region.

The building now houses the Oglebay Institute's Mansion Museum within Oglebay Park. The best way to explain how it all works is the building's physical home is the park's (managed by the Wheeling Park Commission — WPC), but its soul is the responsibility of Oglebay Institute (OI). In other words, the structure belongs to the WPC, but the interior collection and programming are OI's.

Together with the Oglebay Foundation, the three organizations work in tandem to preserve the building for the enjoyment of future generations. As anyone who lives in an older home can attest, maintenance is an ongoing process — from catching up on deferred work to preventative efforts. Prioritizing how to keep the Oglebay Mansion visitor-ready is a continuing process, not without challenges, but with an incredible long-term payoff.

Maintenance work on the Mansion always has been ongoing. Still, a strategy was needed to review the structure's condition so significant investments could be made to preserve its historic character. To fund this effort, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) awarded a grant to the City of Wheeling in March of 2021, providing 70 percent of the necessary funds to create a master plan to preserve and protect the Mansion with the Oglebay Foundation providing the remaining 30 percent.

SHPO's focus on historic preservation includes building public awareness and education opportunities to encourage community and economic development; fostering a better understanding of the importance of identifying and protecting historic structures;

and furthering a deeper understanding of local history.

The Mills Group, a local architectural firm and historic preservation specialists made the successful bid to evaluate the condition of the Mansion's exterior envelope, examining everything from the roof to the foundation and all points in between. In May of 2022, they reported on:

- Roof integrity and stability
- Box gutters, downspouts and piping conveying drain water away from the building
- Brick cladding, chimney structures and exterior paint
- Transitions at eave lines, portico, windows, doors and building ornamentation.

The report provided a detailed analysis of the building's condition and projected costs. An estimated \$2.3 million in needed repairs was identified. The Mills Group prioritized the structural needs to allow the WPC and Foundation to raise the necessary funds to remediate the most immediate areas of concern while raising the remaining funds to complete the job.

2023's mild fall and early winter allowed Ramp Construction from Eighty Four, Pa., to replace asphalt shingles on the Mansion as well as the adjacent annex building; inspect, repair and re-line existing box gutters; inspect, repair and paint the metal roof system on the 1960 addition; remove and replace existing rubber roof systems on the low slope roofs; and make minor masonry repairs and add new copper flashing to now freshly painted chimneys.

In the same time window, McVehil Plumbing of Washington, Pa., connected downspouts to storm drains to ensure rainwater would be directed away from the building's foundation.

"Looking at the totality of the roof and drainage system of the Mansion was an important first step in preserving the building's envelope," said Vic Greco, principal architect at the Mills Group. "With the roof and drainage issues addressed,

future work to preserve the brickwork, windows, doors and ornamentation will last for years, if not decades."

Visitors to the park can't help but notice the myriad improvements happening everywhere. In preparation for Oglebay's centenary, the Oglebay Foundation has launched Forever Yours: The Campaign for an Enduring Oglebay. To ensure the park is in tiptop condition by 2028, the Foundation has divided the projects into five areas of support: Wheeling Park; the Historic Hilltop; Wilson Lodge and Accommodations; the Good Zoo; and Park Environment.

The campaign is looking to raise 100,000 gifts of support. This outpouring will show the world the importance of Oglebay and Wheeling Park to this community's past, providing recreation and entertainment in the present, while also ensuring that our parks will endure forever. 🌱





Three Sister Organizations Work Together to Improve Our Quality of Life:

- The Wheeling Park Commission, formed in 1925 after a gift of 406 acres was received from the community, manages Wheeling Park as stipulated by major donor W.E. Stone. Earl Oglebay, one of 170 donors, contributed to its creation. Following Oglebay's death in 1926, his gift of Waddington Farm's 750 acres and historic structures to Wheeling was added to the WPC creating the city's park system.
- Oglebay Institute, established in 1930, serves as a cultural center complementing the recreational aspects of the park system. It offers diverse programming in performing and visual arts, dance, history and nature across six city locations. The Museums of Oglebay Institute, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 1972, include the Mansion Museum and Glass Museum at Oglebay Park. The Glass Museum showcases Wheeling's glass manufacturing history, while the Mansion Museum exhibits decorative arts and local history from Wheeling's early days to the Edwardian era.
- The Oglebay Foundation, founded in 1996, aims to encourage donors to invest in Oglebay and Wheeling Park by raising strategic support through donations from individuals, corporations and foundations.



Oglebay Institute
Inspiring the Imagination



2023: A RECORD

YOUR OGLEBAY FOUNDATION GIFT:

► **Has a Direct Impact on Park Improvements**

\$17 million in improvements is happening in 2024.

► **Matters**

The community of donors collectively made the highest number of gifts in 2023.

► **Makes a Difference**

Giving grew by 26.4% bucking national trends where most nonprofits saw a decline of 20-30%.

► **Adds Up**

2024 cumulative giving will fund Wheeling Park's Splash & Spray Pad.

CORD YEAR!



Pledges and sponsorships grew by 244%.

Thank You!



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Oglebay Foundation Development Committee pictured above, from left: David Weaver, Chad Remp, Chair Lyn Dotson, Bill Jones, Sue Seibert Farnsworth, Joan Stamp and Cheryl Riley.



255 MANSION DRIVE – WHEELING, WV 26003

