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**Park Pride to Deepen Impact on Parks and Communities with a  
Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Grant**  
Grant will strengthen programs through general operating support

**Atlanta, GA, October 26, 2016** – [Park Pride](#), the only Atlanta-based nonprofit that engages communities to activate the power of parks, received a \$65,000 grant from the [Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta](#) for general operating support.

Park Pride recognizes that great parks increase the quality of life in urban environments by supporting healthy people, strong neighborhoods, vibrant business districts, a robust economy and a healthy environment. Working with nearly 100 local Friends of the Park groups in the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County, the nonprofit provides the leadership and services to help communities realize their dreams for neighborhood parks through several core programs that include: the [Friends of the Park Program](#), [Park Visioning Program](#), [Volunteer Program](#), [Grant Programs](#), and [more](#). Additionally, Park Pride is active in greenspace advocacy and educating both civic leaders and the general public about the benefits of parks, and annually hosts the [Parks & Greenspace Conference](#).

“By awarding this grant, we recognize that Park Pride is working hard to address critical needs in our region,” said Alicia Philipp, president, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. “Our due diligence process ensures that the nonprofits receiving grants conform to best practices and strong operating procedures.”

The grant awarded to Park Pride from the Foundation will increase its ability to deliver services to the community and positively impact Atlanta’s park system. Park Pride will focus more intensely on advocacy efforts through engagement in key policy conversations, as well as provide increased coaching to groups who seek to make capital improvements in their parks.

“We’re grateful for the support from the Community Foundation,” stated Michael Halicki, Park Pride’s executive director. “This grant will not only increase Park Pride’s operational capacity, but it puts us in a position to meet the ambitious impact goals set forth by our newly adopted [strategic plan](#) and increase access to the benefits of parks for more communities across the city.”

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**About Park Pride:**

Park Pride is the Atlanta-based nonprofit that engages communities to activate the power of parks. Working with 90 local Friends of the Park groups, Park Pride provides leadership and services to help communities realize their dreams for neighborhood parks that support healthy people, strong neighborhoods, vibrant business districts, a robust economy and a healthy environment. Park Pride is active in greenspace advocacy and educating both civic leaders and the general public about the benefits of parks, and annually hosts the Parks and Greenspace Conference. Learn more about Park Pride at [www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org).

**About the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta:**

Since 1951, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta has been connecting the passions of philanthropists with the purposes of nonprofits doing that work. With 65 years serving the 23-county Atlanta region and a robust team of experts, the Community Foundation manages the behind-the-scenes details, empowering our donors to focus on the joy of giving. Please visit the Foundation’s website at [cfgreateratlanta.org](http://cfgreateratlanta.org) for more information.