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Dear Neighbor:

In 2012, a small, hopeful but determined group of our neighbors brought to life an organization whose focus was to beautify and enhance our Villages public spaces. Perhaps we were just an acorn with ambitions of one day becoming a mighty oak, but we made it our mission to restore and rejuvenate Ridgewood's parks and public spaces — many of which require care and attention beyond what our municipal budget funding can provide.

***As we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we need your help to enable our Village parklands to flourish!***

The Conservancy was born out of a need for preservation and renewal. We are so grateful that many of you recognize that need and lend your support as we set about planning and executing our numerous projects. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have made great strides in support of our mission including planting thousands of flowers, shrubs, and trees throughout the Village. Our most recent project, the **2021 Enhancement of the Children's Sensory and Butterfly Garden** has been an overwhelming success judging by the smiles of the kids and adults who have visited. The new plantings, seating areas and the installation of interactive musical instruments complete a space that is both vibrant and peaceful, melodic and serene.

Now as we approach our **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, we remain committed to that grassroots vision, committed to building on the successes of the past decade, committed to beautifying the open spaces our special Village possesses and committed to making a positive imprint on its landscape.

With your ongoing support, we look forward to the **2022 Expansion of the North Broad Street Gardens and Parkland**. This highly trafficked parkland is the location of our first rejuvenation project, and we intend to enhance this landscape with more trees, shrubs, planters, and park benches. But we will need your support.

On the enclosed insert, we invite you to walk the path the Conservancy has created and witness the many projects and programs that were made possible by your generosity and support.

Please help us by donating to the Conservancy so that we may continue the important work of preserving and enhancing our Village parklands for generations to come. For further information please visit our website at [www.cfrpl.org](http://www.cfrpl.org).

Thank you for your generosity, and happy holidays!

With best regards,

Cynthia Halaby  
President