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Dear Neighbor:

Energized and Committed! Entering our second decade of service, we remain **committed** to 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. And, **energized** by our transformation of the "space" behind The Stable into one of the most vibrant, bucolic and highly trafficked open spaces in our village, we've selected the Children's Sensory and Butterfly Garden as our 2023 capstone project.

The Conservancy was born out of a need for preservation and renewal. We are so grateful that many of you recognize that need and have lent your support during our first ten years. 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 **2022 Expansion of the North Broad Street Gardens and Parkland** brought us back to the site of our first rejuvenation project. There, along with our steadfast partners Raimondi Horticultural Group and Parks and Recreation, the space has been enhanced with two benches and beautiful large stone planters in addition to trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials.

We remain committed to our 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.

In 2023, with your ongoing support, we look forward to executing **Phase II of the Children's Sensory and Butterfly Garden**. The **Phase II** expansion includes new plantings, benches, play equipment and the installation of additional interactive musical instruments. On the back of this letter we invite you to enjoy a breathtaking view of the garden captured in a gentle floral explosion on a watercolor created by Athena SuhnOak Kim, one of the many painters that wander the garden. Overlaid on the artwork are photos of dynamic and interactive play equipment planned for Phase II installation. Phase II encourages play, creativity and exploration, completing a space that will continue to be both vibrant and peaceful, melodic and serene.

But we will need your support and generosity.

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.

Thank you for your generosity, and happy holidays!

With best regards,