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THE CONSERVANCY FOR CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK RAISED MORE THAN \$95,000 AT ITS ANNUAL EXPLORATION EVENT SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

PENINSULA, Ohio – Oct. 6, 2023 – The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) welcomed over 200 guests to the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center during its Exploration fundraiser on Oct. 1. The event raised more than \$95,000 for environmental education programs within Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

“We are overjoyed with the generous support received for environmental education within Cuyahoga Valley National Park,” said January Miller, vice president of education, Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. “Research shows environmental learning resonates with children, it strengthens self-esteem, leadership and character as well as encourages our future leaders to be environmental stewards. This support is critical in enabling us to expand our curriculum, create new partnerships and expand beyond the park boundaries to ensure we serve all students whether or not their families or school systems can afford it.”

During Exploration, guests delighted in cocktails, exploring the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education campus, a gourmet meal and live music.

Consider joining others who made a gift this past weekend to support environmental education programs within the park at www.forcvnp.org/exploration. Your help provides educational and nature-based experiences to thousands of children whose families could not otherwise afford.

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About Conservancy for CVNP

The Conservancy for CVNP is the official friends group and philanthropic partner for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. With a mission to enrich people’s lives and enhance our region by inspiring use, preservation and support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the Conservancy offers cultural and educational programming, co-manages the park’s volunteer program, provides venues for weddings, meetings and special events, and operates park retail spaces. Learn more at www.forcvnp.org.

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