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Statement of Program Service Accomplishments July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Volunteer Garden Program and Funding of Trees to Beautify Liberty State Park
Over 5 million people a year visit LSP from around our state, nation and the world and
therefore benefit from seeing the attractive plantings and trees throughout this urban
waterfront park behind Lady Liberty and Ellis Island. The beauty of LSP has a positive
impact on people's emotional, mental and spiritual health. We again focused on carrying out
our beautification and conservation goals, by purchasing trees, plants, shrubs, flowers, and flower
bulbs to beautify Liberty State Park. Almost every Saturday morning all year, we had gardening
volunteers. Middle of the week volunteers, mostly corporate groups, also did volunteering. Our
volunteers planted everything, except the trees we funded, and also did a tremendous amount of
work in weeding and tree pruning. Plantings were done throughout LSP. Garden brochure:
http://agnesdebethune.com/2013FOLSP_GardenBrochure/FOLSPGardenBrochureWebPage.html
We spent funds to buy more trees in the park and plants/bulbs for garden program.

Salt Marsh Clean up 4/11 (21th annual) Over 65 volunteers cleaned up LSP Salt Marsh.

Co-sponsored Hudson County Earth Day Festival on April 25 2015 at LSP.

Annual Walk for Liberty State Park April 23, 2016

We co-sponsored our 11th fundraising WALK in LSP on April 23. The Walk's purpose was to raise money to spend on park plantings, etc. and raise public awareness about LSP as a recreational resource. The event was successful as we raised funds from sponsors and from our members who walked and obtained pledges for their walk.

Annual Luncheon April 2,2016

We had our 11th fundraising Recognition Luncheon on 5/1/16 and it was an inspiring gathering. We honored park leaders and dedicated volunteers. 225 people attended and we had positive publicity in the local newspapers and the Mayor came to thank us.

June 14, 2016 Community celebration of LSP's 40th birthday with music and speeches.

Promoted Jersey City's summer free concert series, Summerfest, held at LSP. Several hundred people come out each week for the outdoor Tues. and Sunday concerts. We promote these concerts to bring people out to enjoy music outdoors in the park.

We led a grassroots campaign to protect LSP from unpopular commercialization plans.

Mailings to our members of newsletters/postcards/e-newsletters/social media postings to inform them and the general public of LSP info, issues, and events. Also, updating our website with current info and history for members & the public.