The Piedmont Park Conservancy Receives $50,000 Grant from The UPS Foundation

ATLANTA, GA, May 9, 2019 – On Thursday, April 25th, the Piedmont Park Conservancy honored The UPS Foundation with the Green Giant Award for its 15-year long commitment to funding the Conservancy’s efforts, especially its volunteer program. At the same time, The UPS Foundation donated yet another $50,000 to the Conservancy to enhance its volunteer efforts.

Every year, the Board and Staff of the Piedmont Park Conservancy select individuals or organizations to honor for outstanding work towards green space, the environment and/or public parks. The UPS Foundation has consistently supported the Conservancy at the $50,000 Protector Level of its Chairman’s Circle for over 15 years.

"We have always found The UPS Foundation to be humble and solely dedicated to making an impact in Atlanta's community, so we are thrilled to publicly recognize the hard work of the foundation that has continued to invest in the park," says Mark Banta.

The UPS Foundation’s contributions support the Conservancy’s robust volunteer program that provides over 9,000 critical hours of manpower to ensure Piedmont Park is clean, safe and beautiful. The program provides opportunities to groups, individuals, corporations and more. Projects range from mulching and weeding to building improvements and renovations.

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation supports areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues, including: volunteerism, environmental sustainability, diversity and inclusion, and community safety.

In 2018, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than $114.9 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS Foundation can be found on the web at UPS.com/foundation. “The UPS Foundation is honored to support the Piedmont Park Conservancy's efforts to ensure Piedmont Park is clean, safe and green through its volunteer program,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of The UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. “Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community.”

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The Piedmont Park Conservancy is a member and donor funded nonprofit working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to maintain and enhance historic Piedmont Park. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy raises over $3 million each year to enhance and maintain the park. Today, the Conservancy manages over 90% of the overall maintenance and security of Piedmont Park.
Caption: Arthur M. Blank Foundation's Suganthi Simon (right) presents the Green Giant Award to The UPS Foundation's Tamara Barker (left).

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