Prospect Park Alliance Launches New Season of Junior Volunteer Corps

BROOKLYN, March 5, 2015 -- The Prospect Park Alliance will present the second year of its popular Junior Volunteer Corps, which introduces youth ages 6-13 to the value of service by giving back to Prospect Park. Spring sessions will take place March 29 and April 11 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm, and are open to families and elementary-aged community groups. Volunteers will help with a range of tasks to help prepare the Park for spring, as well have a chance to meet other youth and families. Refreshments will be provided, and families and groups can register online.

The Alliance launched the Junior Volunteer Corps in 2014 to provide its youngest volunteers with an experience tailored to their age range, and build a sense of ownership of the Park as well as participate in active service. In its first year, the program welcomed more than 400 volunteer sessions: hundreds of bags of leaves were gathered from paths and playgrounds, and over 9,000 square feet of green space was mulched. Based on the success from last year, the Prospect Park Alliance will offer additional sessions this summer and fall.

The Prospect Park Alliance works with over 4,000 volunteers who give approximately 25,000 hours annually, working in the Park and promoting community engagement and stewardship. Beginning in late March, the Alliance hosts ongoing weekday and weekend volunteer activities and coordinates events with individuals as well as community, corporate, and youth groups. In addition to pitching in with outdoor projects, our volunteers collaborate with staff and assist with educational programs, special events, program development and administrative work. For more information about the full range of volunteer opportunities at the Alliance, visit prospectpark.org/volunteer.

Founded in 1987, the Prospect Park Alliance is a nonprofit organization that partners with the City of New York to ensure the ongoing care and long-term stewardship of Prospect Park. The Alliance preserves the natural environment, restores historic design, and provides public programs and amenities for the Park, which receives more than 10 million visits each year. To learn more about ways to get involved, visit prospectpark.org.

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