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**NATIONAL PARKS OF NEW YORK HARBOR CONSERVANCY
FETED THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION
AT ANNUAL GALA**

New York, NY – **The National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy (NPNHC)** hosted its second annual black tie benefit last night honoring **The Tiffany & Co. Foundation**, which recently awarded a \$1 million grant to the Conservancy for its vision to transform New York Harbor into a dynamic urban waterfront destination.

The evening's cocktail reception kicked off at the glittering new Tiffany & Co. store on Wall Street, and then moved to Federal Hall National Memorial for a dinner and program under the grand rotunda, featuring remarks by the Conservancy's special guest, The Honorable **Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg**.

"I made a pledge to revitalize our waterfront at my first inauguration – and tonight, I'm excited to report that we're living up to it," said Mayor Bloomberg. "You can see our efforts taking shape across the city – from a stunning new 50-acre park at Fort Totten in Queens to our biggest new park in nearly 100 years: Fresh Kills Park in Staten Island. And one of our most exciting reclamation projects is a constellation of City, State, and National parks that we call New York's Harbor District."

"In keeping with its focus to support environmental conservation programs, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation has stood ready to be the first to spearhead the Conservancy's campaign for New York Harbor with a \$1 million grant," said Marian Heiskell, Chair, NPNHC. "These funds are earmarked for the restoration of New York Harbor parks and monuments and to preserve the rich cultural heritage that encompasses New York Harbor and lower Manhattan."

Michael Kowalski, Chairman and CEO of Tiffany & Co., told the crowd about Tiffany & Co.'s historical start downtown over 170 years ago, and reaffirmed its commitment to revitalize lower Manhattan and support one of the city's most historic areas.

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“It really is an honor for us to be able to help the Conservancy advance their mission which is aligned with our core values at the Foundation,” said Michael Kowalski.

“We applaud The Tiffany & Co. Foundation’s steadfast commitment to help us *string the pearls* of the national parks and incorporate these historic, recreational and cultural treasures along New York Harbor into the fabric of city life,” said Marian Heiskell. “With their support, the Conservancy will focus its mission to create a unique visitor experience for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike for generations to come.”

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About The National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy

The National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy, in partnership with the National Park Service, has pledged to transform New York Harbor over the next decade by creating greater access to the 23 national parks that ring New York Harbor and introducing exciting new public programs at all of these sites. With nearly 27,000 acres in the New York metropolitan area, the National Parks of New York Harbor is one of the largest caretakers, public or private, on the waterfront, hosting approximately 20 million visitors annually. For more information, visit www.nyharborparks.org.