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Friends of Hudson River Park Presents \$25,500 For Upkeep Of Park's Newest Section

Pier 62 & 63 Open On 23rd Street - - Park's Newest Segment Features Skate Park & Carousel

(May 17, 2010 – New York) Friends of Hudson River Park today presented a \$25,500 check to the Hudson River Park Trust for a full year of the upkeep and care of a new garden designed by Lynden Miller for the Chelsea neighborhood. The Garden, located on Pier 62, opened to the public today at 23rd Street.

Pier 62 and 63, and their adjacent uplands join Pier 64 – opened last year – to form the largest new green space in Hudson River Park at just over nine acres. The new Park section in Chelsea, designed by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, includes a “lawn bowl”, a *Stonefield* landscape created by artist Meg Webster, the Lynden Miller-designed garden, a new California-style skate park (already tested by skateboard legend [Tony Hawk](#)), and a new hand-carved carousel, scheduled to open to the public on or before Memorial Day weekend.

“Friends’ advocacy efforts are helping to guarantee that the Park is completed and that adequate maintenance and operating funds are always made available to current and newly opening sections,” said Friends of Hudson River Park Executive Director, A. J. Pietrantone. “This contribution today is a small down payment on our commitment to ensure that Hudson River Park always looks as good as it does on opening day.”

Lynden Miller was honored earlier this month at the Friends of Hudson River Park annual Gala, for her contributions of thoughtful design and restoration to many of the public gardens in and around New York City, including Hudson River Park. The Friends’ Gala [online auction](#) in support of the Park is still open for bids from the public until May 19th.

Construction of the five-mile-long Park began in 1999 after decades of planning and community input. The Park is now nearly 80% finished and requires approximately \$200 million in additional funding for completion.

Photos of the Carousel and the Opening Ceremony are available from Allan Margolin of Friends of Hudson River Park at amargolin@fohrp.org or 212-757-0981 ext. 207.

Friends of Hudson River Park is dedicated to protecting, completing, and sustaining the entire Hudson River Park through advocacy, coalition building, and fundraising. Founded in 1999, we represent thousands of individual and organizational members committed to securing the \$200 million needed to complete this world-class park, and supporting its ongoing operations and development. When finished, this five-mile Park will extend uninterrupted along Manhattan’s West Side Waterfront from 59th Street to the Battery.

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