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# A NIGHT IN THE WOODS

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# WELCOME

**T**eatown was created out of community goodwill and a desire to serve. Before the organization had any staff, volunteers built what was needed, fixed what was broken, and even taught the first environmental education programs. They held bake sales, square dances, pancake brunches, plant sales, and fall festivals. Each one brought the community together and reminded everyone how fortunate they were to share the beauty and joy of this wonderful place.

Tonight, we celebrate the "Spirit of Service" and proudly honor some of the people and organizations who have embraced it: [Pace University](#), [IBM Research](#), [Phelps Hospital Northwell Health](#), [New York Life Insurance Company](#), and the [Teatown PlantFest Committee](#). As we reflect on their contributions, we are reminded that the spirit of service has been a key to growing Teatown's impact as a unique community asset for more than 50 years.

Through collaboration and partnership with our honorees, and many others like them, [Teatown has become much more than the largest independent, community-supported nature preserve in Westchester County](#). Our educational program reach creates a "ripple in the pond" effect that sends empowered citizens who make a difference out into the world.

In May of this year, [we opened our new Environmental Science Center](#), where

young adults and college students engage in hands-on science research.

[Teatown has also stepped up its commitment to serve the under-resourced in our community](#). In the last school year, through sponsored field trips, outreach in schools, after-school and summer enrichment programs, and scholarships we reached the greatest number of under-resourced students in any single year in our history.

[Teatown has just become certified as a "green business" by Westchester's Green Business Partnership](#). This distinction means we have proven our commitment to addressing our environmental impacts through updates to our energy and water usage, waste disposal, purchasing policies, land use, and more, as a first step towards a truly sustainable and resilient future.

We must renew our commitment to lifelong environmental stewardship every day, continue to care for what we have, and deepen our community impact for future generations. Your support tonight directly supports our many classes and programs, serving over 20,000 people per year, as well as the care and maintenance of our 1,000-acre preserve and 15 miles of hiking trails.

For the help you have provided in building and sustaining this wonderful institution, the Teatown community is grateful.

With sincere thanks and kind regards,

Howard Permut



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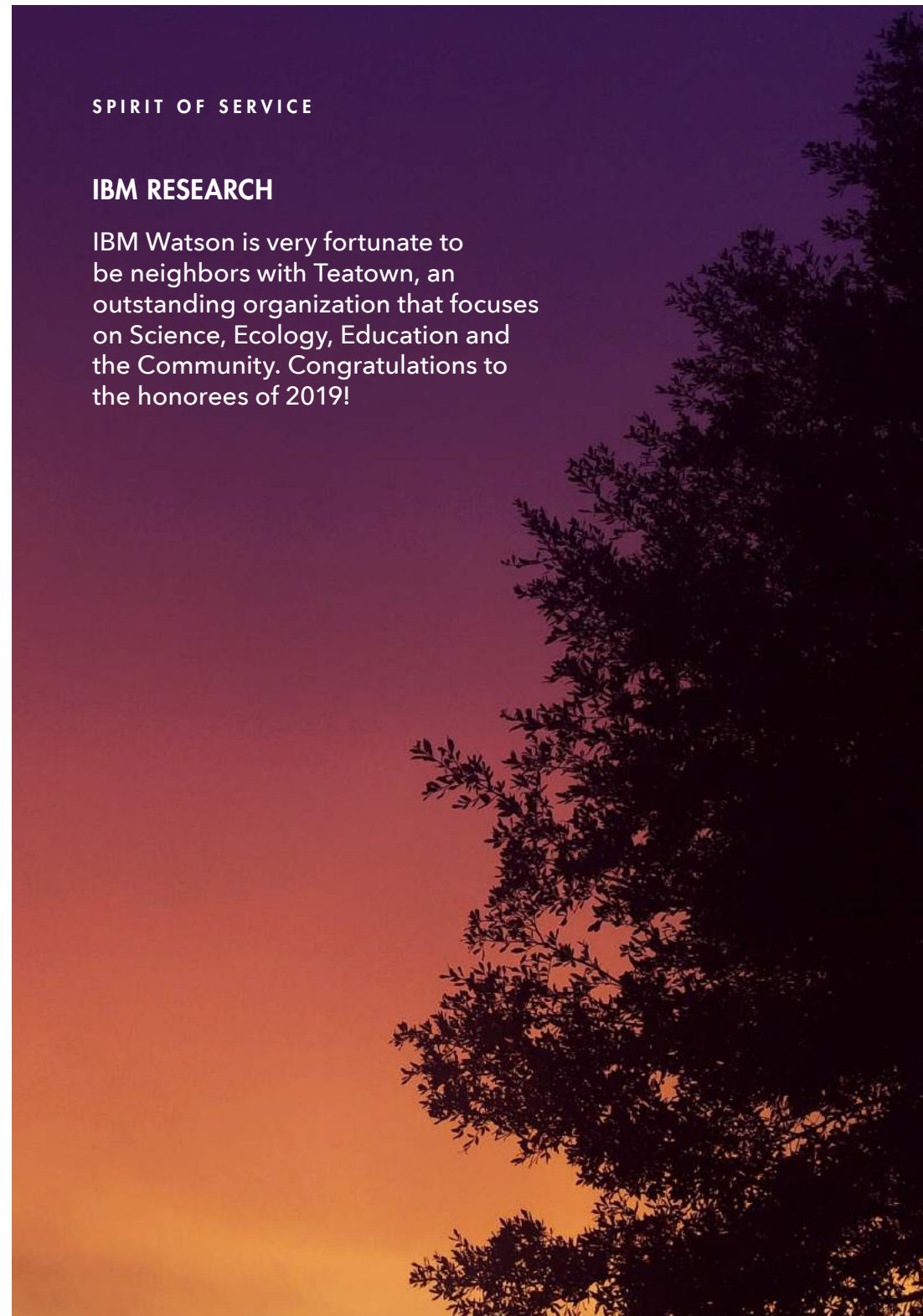
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## HONOREE

### SPIRIT OF SERVICE

### IBM RESEARCH

IBM Watson is very fortunate to be neighbors with Teatown, an outstanding organization that focuses on Science, Ecology, Education and the Community. Congratulations to the honorees of 2019!



SPirit of Service

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

New York Life Insurance Company is honored to share tonight's celebration with our fellow honorees.

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PACE UNIVERSITY

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As PlantFest Co-Chairs, it has been our honor  
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event at Teatown for all these many years.

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**Kristina Lindbergh Celia Carroll**  
**Rudy Fasciani Holly Ross**



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Teatown PlantFest Committee  
Pace University  
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Phelps Hospital Northwell Health  
New York Life Insurance Company

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Beverly Aisenbrey

## **WELCOME**

Howard Permut, Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Kevin Carter, Executive Director

## **HONOREE RECOGNITION**

Beverly Aisenbrey

## **DINNER**

## **TEATOWN IMPACTS**

Testimonials by Greg Haber and Amar Bhardwaj  
"Ripple in the Pond": A film by James Fischer

## **RAISE YOUR PADDLES TO SUPPORT TEATOWN**

Kevin Carter

## **DESSERT**

## **THANK YOU**

Beverly Aisenbrey

# HONOREES

## THE PLANTFEST COMMITTEE

For more than 40 years, the PlantFest Committee has embodied the power of community at Teatown. PlantFest is an event that the committee creates, curates, and improves each year. It is fueled by their tremendous energy, creativity, and passion. They have generously shared their love of plants and gardening with the tens of thousands of people who have come to this event at Teatown over the years. All the proceeds from the PlantFest go to support Teatown's education programs and the care of our 1,000-acre preserve. And while the location of the event at Teatown has migrated from place to place, the constant and essential ingredient is this amazing group of people: Mary Anne Benedetto, Holly von Bernuth, Celia Carroll, Kristina Lindbergh, Rudy Fasciani, and Holly Ross—our heartfelt thanks to you.

## IBM RESEARCH

For more than seven decades, IBM Research has defined the future of technology. Our scientists, among them six Nobel Laureates and six Turing Award winners, have produced ten U.S. National Medals of Technology and five U.S. National Medals of Science. Along the way we helped put a man on the moon, defeated Kasparov at chess, and built a Jeopardy! champion named Watson. Today, we are pioneering the most promising and disruptive technologies that will transform industries and society, including the future of AI, blockchain, and quantum computing.

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Pace University has a proud history of preparing its diverse student body for a lifetime of professional success as a result of its unique program that combines rigorous academics and real-world experiences. Pace is ranked the #1 private, four-year college in the nation for upward economic mobility by Harvard University's Opportunity Insights, evidence of the transformative education the University provides. From its beginnings as an accounting school in 1906, Pace has grown to three campuses, enrolling 13,000 students in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in more than 150 majors and programs, across a range of disciplines: arts, sciences, business, health care, technology, law, education, and more. The university also has one of the most competitive performing arts programs in the country. Pace has a signature, newly renovated campus in New York City, located in the heart of vibrant Lower Manhattan, next to Wall Street and City Hall, and two campuses in Westchester County, New York: a 200-acre picturesque Pleasantville Campus and a Law School in White Plains. Thank you for honoring Pace!

## PHELPS HOSPITAL NORTHWELL HEALTH

Phelps Hospital Northwell Health is a 238-bed regional hospital located in Sleepy Hollow, New York, providing acute care, rehabilitation, behavioral health, and medical education services. As a not-for-profit hospital, Phelps is committed to improving the health of our community regardless of the ability to pay. Daniel Blum, who began his healthcare career as a paramedic in New York City, has been President and CEO since 2014. Under his leadership, Phelps has expanded to provide access to innovative treatments, breakthrough discoveries and an unrivaled network of specialists while continuing its strong tradition of compassionate, dignified care. Phelps has also expanded its healing footprint outside the walls of the hospital. Phelps sponsored 396 free events in the community last year focused on healthcare access, education, and prevention. Phelps' new FARMacy hospital-wide gardening initiative gives access to healthy food and healing spaces through a growing series of gardens, which are being planted across its 69-acre campus.

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September 22, 2019

Teatown  
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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club for Teatown's Annual Gala, *A Night in the Woods*.

The Empire State is committed to preserving the integrity of our air, land, and water for future generations. We are especially grateful to those organizations and individuals who possess a conscientious concern for our inherited natural wealth, turning that interest into positive action. Since 1963, the 834-acres of the Teatown nature preserve have been set aside as open space for the purpose of educating and engaging the regional community of Northern Westchester County, sustaining wildlife, plants, and habitat to protect our natural heritage for generations to come.

Tonight, you come together to pay tribute to those who further this important mission and I join in congratulating The Plantfest Committee, Pace University, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Phelps Hospital Northwell Health, and New York Life Insurance. I applaud the passionate commitment and advocacy of everyone affiliated with Teatown, for the role they have had in fostering a more environmentally conscious and responsible public, protecting community character, and preserving wildlife habitats and natural woodlands.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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We are so pleased that all of the honorees have supported Teatown with their Spirit of Service.

**STUART AND BEVERLY AISENBREY**

The Carter Family wish to honor the commitment of the entire Teatown Staff. All year round, in any kind of weather, your personal passion and commitment shape Teatown's culture and drive the positive impact we have in our community.

Thank you!

**KEVIN, EMILY, AMANDA AND LILLY CARTER**

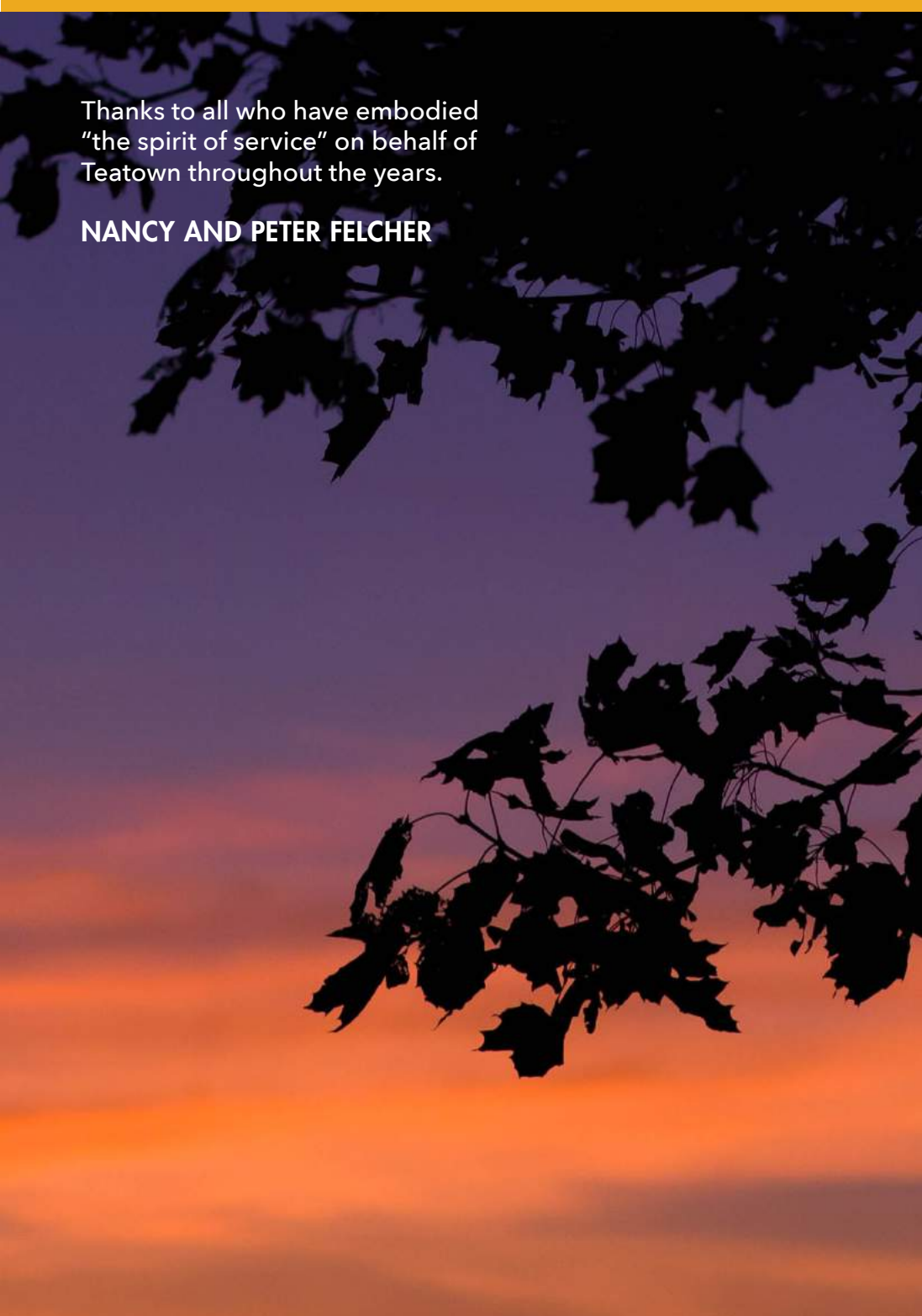


Congratulations to this evening's honorees:

Teatown PlantFest Committee  
Pace University  
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New York Life Insurance Company

For providing the foundation and support  
for the growth and inspiration  
of our wonderful campus in the woods  
"Teatown"

**CONNIE CURRAN**



Thanks to all who have embodied  
"the spirit of service" on behalf of  
Teatown throughout the years.

**NANCY AND PETER FELCHER**



Congratulations!

**ZAZA AND DONALD MANOCHERIAN**

A big thank you to our Plant Sale organizers and volunteers whose long term dedication means so much to our Teatown community. It's a pleasure to honor you.

**MARGUERITE PITTS**



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great year!

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Congratulations to all the  
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**DORRY SWOPE**



Congratulations and thank you to all  
the Teatown 2019 honorees!

**DORIAN GOLDMAN AND  
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Congratulations to Teatown's 2019  
Honorees—IBM Research, Pace University,  
Phelps Hospital/Northwell Health, New  
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PlantFest Committee.

With appreciation for your contributions  
to Teatown and the greater Westchester  
community.

**JOANNE LANDAU AND  
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Thank you, Teatown, for all you do—  
and thank you to all the honorees  
for their spirit of service.

**JEAN AND JOHN NONNA**

Kate and I salute Teatown, our  
honorees and long-term partners.

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Congratulations all!

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In memory of David Swope and  
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to Teatown's great heritage. We look  
forward to its exciting future.

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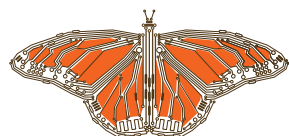
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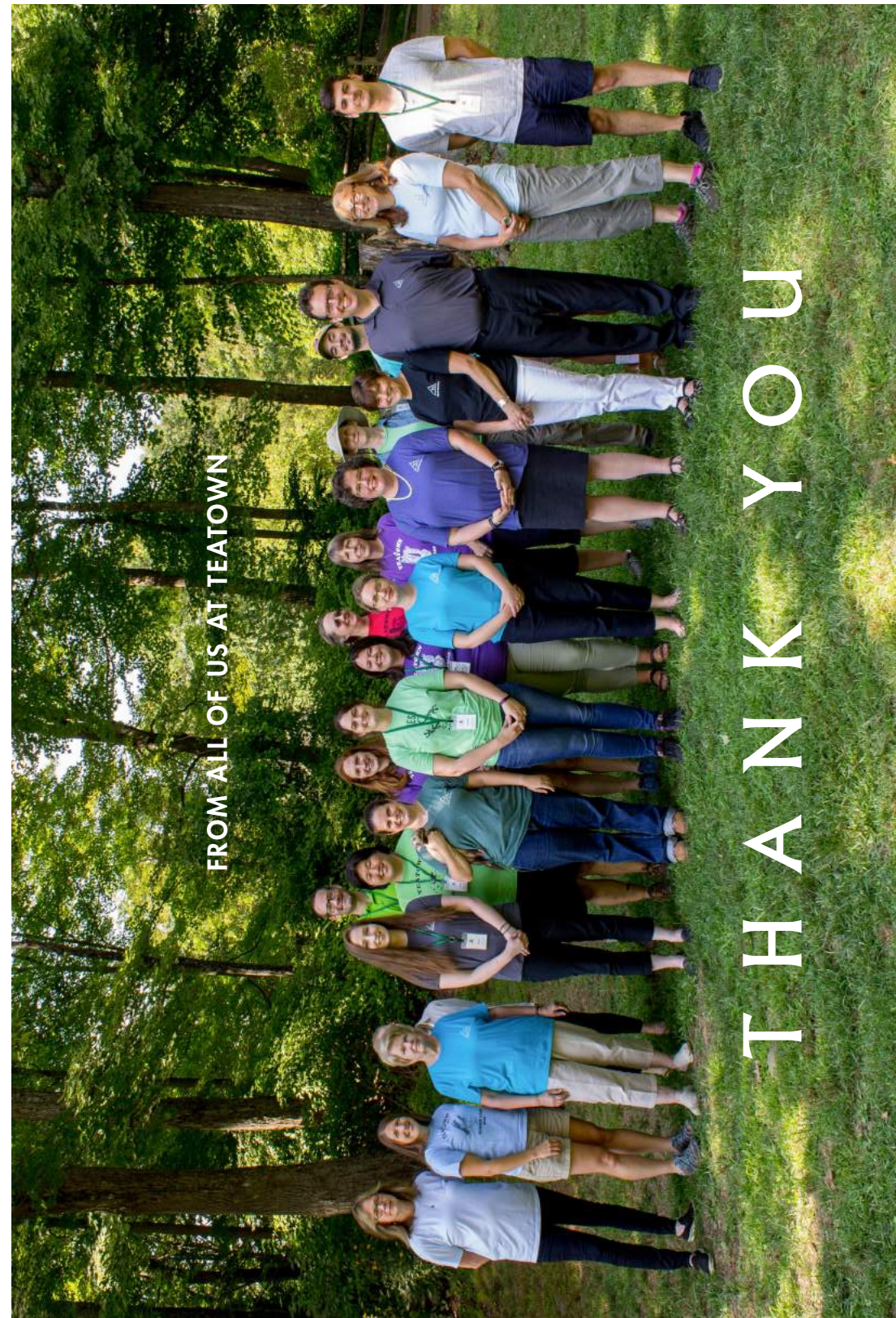
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