



## THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION

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### **THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS TALLING \$3 MILLION FOR THE GREENING OF LOWER MANHATTAN**

New York, NY (June 19, 2007) – The Tiffany & Co. Foundation today announced grants to three environmental organizations – The Battery Conservancy, National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy, and Friends of the High Line – each of whom will receive a \$1 million grant to fulfill their missions in revitalizing the waterfront and parks in Lower Manhattan.

“The Tiffany & Co. Foundation has partnered with groups around the world dedicated to the preservation of our natural and cultural heritage, but the partnerships we announce today have special meaning,” said Michael Kowalski, a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “Our corporate donor, Tiffany, was founded on Lower Broadway. In supporting organizations committed to protecting the area’s natural beauty and celebrated monuments, we help to create a green space in an urban environment that will serve all who live and work in Lower Manhattan and the millions of tourists who annually visit this historic area.”

The three recipients will use the Foundation grants to further specific goals, as follows:

**The Battery Conservancy** will create the Tiffany Woodland Garden that will contribute to the sustainability of the park’s landscape and reflect the imaginative nature of “*SeaGlass*, Carousel at the Battery.” Designed to commemorate Castle Clinton as the site of New York’s first public aquarium (from 1896 to 1941), the innovative ride will feature sea creatures that dive, twist and glide beneath a nautilus-shaped pavilion. Founded in 1994, the Conservancy works to rebuild and preserve the natural environment of the Battery, one of the oldest public open spaces in continuous use in New York City. “The Battery Conservancy is thrilled to be working with the Tiffany & Co. Foundation, which shares our goals for excellence in design and revitalization through conservation and inspired horticulture,” said William C. Rudin, chairman, The Battery Conservancy board of trustees.

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In partnership with the National Park Service, the City of New York and the region, the **National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy's** grant will fund the “*Campaign for New York Harbor*,” to provide seamless access to our waterfront parks, historic and cultural destinations and enliven unheralded national park sites that call the harbor home. The chair and founder of the Harbor Conservancy, Marian S. Heiskell, said: “The grant will, for the first time, place the iconic National Park Service Rangers -- the tour guides who wear the distinctive hat -- on the harbor, making these knowledgeable environmentalists as recognizable as they are on the trails of Yosemite.”

**Friends of the High Line**, a nonprofit organization founded in 1999, is dedicated to the preservation and reuse of the High Line, a 1.5-mile-long elevated railway that runs along the West Side of Manhattan. The grant will support the construction of the Chelsea Grasslands, a planting feature created by Dutch designer Piet Oudolf. Inspired by the self-seeded landscape that grew on the out-of-use elevated rail tracks, the Chelsea Grasslands will be located on the High Line from 18th to 20th Streets. “The Tiffany & Co. Foundation will be helping to build a garden in the sky -- a meadow of grasses and perennials floating 30 feet above the streets that will be an extraordinary public place for future generations to enjoy,” said Robert Hammond, Co-Founder, Friends of the High Line.

Established in 2000, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to the education and preservation of the arts and environmental conservation. The Foundation awards grants to institutions that preserve traditional artisanship. Support is also given to cultural institutions that foster the decorative arts. In addition, the Foundation assists organizations dedicated to conservation of natural resources from which the company draws the materials and inspiration that are at the heart of Tiffany design. For more information on The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, please visit [www.tiffanyandcofoundation.org](http://www.tiffanyandcofoundation.org).

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