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Dear <Salutation>,

The Trail Conference is fortunate to have dedicated benefactors supporting its mission, including many who have chosen to secure its future through planned gifts. To express our appreciation for this committed group of donors who have remembered the Trail Conference in their estate plan, we established the Trail Angel Society. Members of this special group share the common bond of generosity and vision to ensure that the trails and natural areas we share are sustainable and accessible for all to enjoy for generations to come.

Trail Conference Life Member, current Board member, and environmental activist Sue Barbuto reflects on why she has chosen to become a Trail Angel:



"My parents raised us to believe in contributing, in many ways, to our communities and the institutions that benefit us all. They believed that the generations before us invested and planned for what we use and enjoy today—be that libraries, hospitals, or parks.

The Trail Conference represents that kind of 'institution' and 'infrastructure' to me. More than 100 years ago, foresighted hikers and nature lovers started to preserve and maintain land and trails so that I and others could enjoy their dream of access to the outdoors today. We are certainly at a crossroads—pun intended—in our area when support for trails and everyone's access to them has been heightened, thanks to the pandemic.

Becoming a Trail Angel is my effort to continue long-term financial support to an organization that has been preserving and maintaining the beautiful nature and local trails that I have enjoyed and hiked over many years. My commitment will ensure that future generations have the same great trail experiences that I have had throughout my lifetime."

We invite you to join with others who share your passion by becoming a founding member of the Trail Angel Society. To become a Trail Angel, submit the enclosed non-binding form or submit the online form at nynjtc.org/trail_angel.

Sincerely,

Joshua Howard
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**A PLEDGE FOR THE
FUTURE OF TRAILS**

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P.S. If you've included the Trail Conference in your estate plan or plan to do so, use the confidential Trail Angel pledge form to let us know. Even if you've told us previously, if you haven't yet joined the Trail Angel Society, there is extra incentive to submit the form today: One of our generous donors will give the Trail Conference \$500 for every intention we receive. Just fill out the form and take advantage of this exciting opportunity to benefit trails and parks both now and in the future.

