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READING CIRCLE NOW OPEN IN PIEDMONT PARK NEAR 12TH STREET ENTRANCE

ATLANTA, GA, November 10, 2016 - The Piedmont Park Conservancy has just finished the installation of the park's new *Reading Circle* which was funded by the Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club. The reading circle offers book lovers and families a quaint space containing 27 bench-like stones surrounding a Red Oak tree. The position next to the 12th street entrance allows for easy access for local residents as well as small children who might not be able to trek the entire park.

"The Midtown Rotary Club has partnered with the Conservancy for smaller projects like planting trees and shrubs. Yet, we wanted a legacy project through the Conservancy. We fell in love with the idea of a place for children to engage in free play and where people could read to them," said Sophie Mason, Past President and Raffle Co-Chair for the legacy project. "Really, it is a place for everyone to enjoy."

Appreciation is extended to the Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club for their generous donation and vision that ultimately allowed for this installation to come to life. *The Reading Circle* is now open for public use.

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The Piedmont Park Conservancy is a member and donor funded nonprofit working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to maintain and enhance historic Piedmont Park. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy has raised and invested more than \$66 million in private funds for Park improvements and today manages over 90% of the overall maintenance and security of Piedmont Park.

