We Need Your Help!

Why? & What?
While we were able to purchase two historic rides with funding assistance from the NHT and the Friends of Midway State Park, seizing this rare opportunity to secure these perfect pieces for Midway; we do not currently have enough funds to refurbish the rides and install the needed ancillary infrastructure to make the rides operational in their new home. Our fundraising goal is $115,000 which will cover the refurbishment and installation of both historic rides and secure their place at Midway for the enjoyment of all for many years to come.

How?
Become a sponsor. There are many levels of giving opportunities.

Champion Sponsors ($2,500+)
There are 12 Ferris Wheel Cars and 8 Twister Cars that can be labeled with sponsor information for Champion Sponsors.

Medal Sponsors
There will be a donor board indicating the names of the Medal sponsors at the corresponding levels:

- Gold ($1,000-$2,499)
- Silver ($500-$999)
- Bronze ($250-$499)

Contributor (up to $249)
Contributors will receive acknowledgement of their donation.
"They should get more rides"

As a historic park with a publicly vetted master plan, Midway State Park must carefully choose the rides and attractions it adds to its grounds. Acquiring period rides or rides that are representative of those previously existing in the park is very challenging, and often requires partnerships to navigate through the financial and procedural challenges that such acquisitions are subject to.

In 2015 Midway State Park partnered with the Friends of Midway State Park and other outstanding community partners to build the new mini-golf course that opened in 2017. Through this highly successful partnership, proceeds from evening play have been earmarked for maintenance of the course and acquisition of rides—which provided the catalyst for this current endeavor.

**Ride Acquisitions from Lakemont Park**

Through a partnership with the Friends of Midway State Park and the Natural Heritage Trust, Midway State Park has purchased two rides: a **Ferris Wheel** and a **Twister**. The rides are wonderful period pieces that came from Lakemont Park in Altoona, PA; a park which is just two years older than Midway. Lakemont is modernizing and transforming into a Family Entertainment Center; selling many older historic rides, and providing a great opportunity for Midway State Park.

**Ferris Wheel**

Midway Park did have a Ferris Wheel in the early 1970s. Not much is known about the exact years it was here or why it was removed. The model obtained from Lakemont may be slightly newer, a 1973 Eli wheel, but it appears to be the same model.

**Twister**

Although Midway never had a Twister, Midway does have an extensive collection of Allen Herschell rides nearly all from the 1950s. This Herschell ride is a 1959 model year and one of just a small handful left in the county.

**The Future**

Lakemont Park has several other rides that would be wonderful additions to Midway State Park; including other rides historically present at the park such as Swings or missing pieces from our Herschell period collection such as Pony Carts. We hope to continue to realize revenue through evening mini-golf play, paired with continued fundraising efforts to purchase more rides in the near future.

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**Yes! I want to help Transform History into New Memories!**

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- **Silver** $500-$999
- **Bronze** $250-$499
- **Contributor** Up to $249

Please make checks out to: "Natural Heritage Trust"

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Donations can be also made online at: https://parks.ny.gov/natural-heritage-trust/support-state-parks.aspx

Please be sure to designate Midway State Park Rides Project if you donate online.

All donations are tax-deductible.