

Discover Nature!

Dear Friend of the Botanical Gardens,

Imagine a child watching a seed sprout for the very first time. A student discovering how plants help sustain our planet. A family exploring nature together and leaving inspired to care for the world around them.



These moments happen every day at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and thanks to your support, they are about to become even more meaningful.

We are on the cusp of an extraordinary new chapter. Our transformational expansion will create inspiring new classrooms, welcoming gathering spaces, and beautiful gardens that will allow us to serve our community in ways we've only dreamed of. This investment is about so much more than a building, it is about creating extraordinary experiences and educational opportunities for people of all ages to connect with plants, nature, and one another.

This is why we do what we do. Every program, every class, and every field trip has the power to spark wonder, build confidence, and create a sense of belonging. **With your support, we can ensure even more children and families have opportunities like these.**

With the addition of climate-controlled classrooms and dedicated learning spaces, we will be able to expand our educational offerings by as much as 75%. That means more summer camps, school break camps, field trips, youth classes, adult workshops, and engaging experiences for every visitor who walks through our doors. It also means reaching thousands of more students, families, and lifelong learners across Western New York each year.



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As our campus grows, so does our responsibility to ensure these programs remain engaging, accessible, and impactful. **Your gift helps provide the educators, supplies, hands-on activities, and interactive experiences that transform a visit into a lasting memory and a lesson into a lifelong passion.**



Every donation, no matter the size, helps cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards while ensuring the Botanical Gardens continues to be a place where curiosity blooms.



Last year alone, more than 8,750 youth and adults participated in our educational programs. From school field trips and youth classes to hands-on workshops for adults, every program sparks curiosity, encourages discovery, and nurtures a lifelong appreciation for the natural world. **Will you make a gift today to help grow educational opportunities for our community?**

Together, we are building more than new spaces. We are creating a place where children discover their love of science and nature, where families learn together, and where our community grows a deeper appreciation for the plants that sustain life on Earth.

Thank you for believing in the power of education, the beauty of nature, and the future of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. We are grateful to have you growing alongside us.



With gratitude,

Erin Grajek
President & CEO

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