

# CEREBORADORS 2024 IMPACT REPORT

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE GREEN ANGELS SUBSIDY PROGRAM!

With the help of generous donors like you, Royal Botanical Gardens can enrich the lives of children, adults, seniors and families who are experiencing financial hardships in our community.

### **GREEN ANGELS SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

The Green Angels Subsidy Program covers the cost of admission passes, school programming and school transportation costs, nature-based programs, and event experiences for those experiencing financial hardships, so they too can fall in love with the natural world around them at RBG.

#### This support is only possible because of your generous donations.

At RBG, our experiences are deeply rooted in nature. Whether it's a guided tour through the Rock Garden, an evening in Hendrie Park enjoying live music, a class field trip to our Arboretum, or a week-long camp exploring Hendrie Valley, nature is at the heart of everything we do.

Thanks to generous donor support, more than 4,421 subsidies were provided last year, making these experiences accessible to many. Research shows that connecting with nature improves physical and mental well-being while fostering stronger social and community bonds. For children, early exposure to nature enhances social skills, supports cognitive development, and nurtures future environmental stewards.

These opportunities wouldn't be possible without the support of our donors. Your contributions ensure that those facing financial hardships can experience the many benefits of connecting with nature at RBG.

#### IN 2024 YOU HELPED US PROVIDE:



#### IMPACTS OF YOUR GIVING

I'd like to thank RBG supporters for supplying passes to the Winter Wonders Exhibit. The passes were distributed to a number of families and youth we support who enjoyed an experience that they may not typically be able to do or afford. They provided an opportunity to enjoy a wonderful festive activity and also a realization that there are people who truly care about their well-being. We are so grateful to members of the community who recognize that there are young people and vulnerable families who need our support. A visit to the RBG is always such a lovely thing to do, we are so grateful to you for providing this opportunity.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful gardens with our service recipients.

Children's Aid Foundation of Halton

## **2024 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES**

Last year, more than 130 donors came together to support RBG's Green Angels Subsidy Program. These were private donations from individuals, community and family foundations, corporations, and bequests from estates. Realizing the importance of this community access program, these donors helped us raise more than \$200,000 that will directly support subsidized programs at RBG!



#### **Movie Night in Hendrie Park**

RBG hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Green Angels Movie Night fundraiser on Friday, September 6th. With the weather forecast promising rain, the event was moved indoors to the Auditorium. Guests were treated to a pre-movie Wild Ontario bird show presented by the University of Guelph. Over 300 guests attended to watch the movie Migration on the big screen. Thank you to our presenting sponsor Leggat Auto Group for making the event possible, and special recognition goes to our Movie and Popcorn sponsors; Patricia Isbister and Giannetti Electric. Thanks to everyone's support and generosity we raised nearly \$14,000 to support subsidies through the Green Angels program.



#### **RBG Staff Fundraising**

Green Angels continues to be at the heart of the staff of Royal Botanical Gardens. Knowing the impact that nature can have on one's life, the team at RBG continued their annual fundraising efforts to support those experiencing financial hardships. In 2024 RBG staff raised funds through payroll deduction donations, pizza day sales, and weekly 50/50 raffles. Staff raised an amazing \$13,326 to help those in need!

The Catholic Children's Aid Society is grateful to receive passes to the RBG to allow the children, youth and families the experience of the natural beauty of your surroundings. Clients wouldn't have the opportunity to bring their children or youth to have a positive unforgettable experience. Thank you for bringing joy and smiles to their lives.

Grateful Clients of the CCASH



I would like to share that our community has a great time at RBG. They love Winter Wonders, for some of them was the first time seeing the snow, so it was a great gift for them, they love the decorations and the Christmas vibes. Thank you so much!

Krista Rao, Community Program Coordinator



## **Green Angels**

Royal Botanical Gardens thanks our past and current supporters of this Program. Without you, we would not be able to offer these invaluable experiences to children, families, individuals and seniors in need.

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