



## 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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## 2023 IMPACT REPORT



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION

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 and families who are experiencing financial hardships in our community.




# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

The Green Angels Subsidy Program began in 2013 as an extension of our Annual Fundraising efforts as a way to assist children who could not otherwise attend RBG programs. Over the years, Green Angels has expanded to include adults, and seniors to better meet the needs of our growing community.

The Green Angels Subsidy Program covers the cost of admission passes, school programming and school transportation costs, and child, youth, and adult nature based programs to those experiencing financial hardships, so they too can fall in love with the natural world around them.








## IN 2023 YOU HELPED US PROVIDE:

 <b>55</b> Virtual field trip opportunities to <b>1,542</b> students	 <b>2,265</b> Student participation in on-site school programs	 <b>43</b> Campers at RBG Day Camps <hr/>  <b>1,023</b> Admission Passes
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## 10 YEAR IMPACT

Over the past decade, thanks to the generosity of everyone who has supported the Green Angels Program, together we have raised over \$672,000.

## TOGETHER YOU HELPED US PROVIDE:

 <b>708</b> Virtual field trip opportunities to <b>15,891</b> students	 <b>13,009</b> Youth In-person programs	 <b>329</b> Memberships <hr/>  <b>5,373</b> Admission Passes
 <b>140</b> RBG Garden Tours	 <b>312</b> Campers at RBG Day Camps <hr/>  <b>406</b> Educational programs at RBG for youth and school groups	

## 2023 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES



### MOVIE NIGHT IN HENDRIE PARK

Hendrie Park hosted the 3rd annual Green Angels Movie Night fundraiser on August 25th. We welcomed over 300 guests to watch Super Mario Bros. Movie on the big screen. The weather was a little humid, but thankfully there was no rain! Guests were invited to come early and enjoy the gardens, and a Turtle Discovery Show before the movie. Thank you to our presenting sponsor Leggat Auto Group for making the event possible, and special recognition goes to our event sponsors; Patricia Isbister and Giannetti Electric. Thanks to everyone's support and generosity we raised nearly \$13,000, providing free admission, and programming to thousands of individuals experiencing financial difficulties.



### RBG STAFF FUNDRAISING

Since 2013, RBG staff have been fundraising along with you. The first year, staff fundraised to provide spots in the Junior Gardening Club, enabling children to experience nature and inspire future generations of environmentalists. Staff efforts have progressed with each year, aiming to surpass the previous. In 2023 staff raised funds through payroll deduction donations, popsicle sales, and raffles, raising the most to-date. More than \$15,000 was secured to share the love of RBG with those who otherwise would not have the opportunity.



### FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

On 3 dates in December 2023, visitors to RBG Centre could pose for photos in Santa's sleigh. A professional photographer provided digital images to families that donated what they could. 92 families had their photos taken, raising just over \$1000 for Green Angels.

Thank you so much for this fun opportunity. It was our first time visiting RBG and we had a really great time. It was a great activity to do with the boys during the summer. Thank you! The boys and I had lots of fun.

**Julija, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada**

I am writing this on behalf of the clients to express our sincere gratitude for the generous gesture of providing free admission passes to the Royal Botanical Garden over the last few years. The impact of such a thoughtful gift has been profound, bringing joy and enrichment to our community.

**Nikita Repka, Recreation Therapist, Wesley**

Bruce T Lindley is so very grateful for your continued support through the Green Angels program. As our trips come to an end for another year, we wanted to reach out and share our gratitude. As educators, we are always amazed at the engagement of our children outdoors. They are calm and they naturally begin to notice nature, ask questions and become more connected to the outdoors. This connection starts them off on a path of environmental stewardship, beginning their love of the outdoors and their path towards a more sustainable future. We know that many of our students don't often get the experience of being immersed in nature and for this opportunity we say a huge Kindergarten Thank you.

**The Bruce T Lindley Kindergarten Team**