

Green Angels Thanks to you, Royal Botanical

Gardens can provide the helping hands that guide disadvantaged, special needs and new Canadian children to a special place where they can let their imagination grow in a safe environment — the natural world of RBG.



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The Green Angels Subsidy Program provides admission passes, annual membership, school and children's programming and school transportation costs to those in need.

New in 2020 and in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Green Angels Program also helped fund virtual learning through our new RBG at Home platform and through virtual school field trips. These programs include technology-based digital programming that can improve social connections to the outside world.

Last year, RBG was fortunate to receive donations from over 100 individuals, just like you, that resulted in more than \$50,000 raised to directly support subsidized programs at RBG. In 2021, Green Angels supported:

80 new Canadians participating in RBG garden tours **498** virtual field trips with **11,487** students

24 campers at RBG's summer day camp

307 students participating in in-person school programs **38** family memberships

92 family admission passes

193 youth
participating in
in-person
programs at RBG
and in schoolyards

"For 60 years, Good Shepherd has provided critical supports for our community's most vulnerable people. The gift of admission passes and family memberships to RBG this past holiday season helped bring joy into the lives of so many when they really needed it. On behalf of the families and youth impacted through this contribution, thank you to everyone who supports RBG's Green Angels program."

Montana Hunter

Community Fundraising Coordinator Good Shepherd Centres, Hamilton

"Establishing a healthy relationship with nature is such an important part of a child's growth and development.

Since 2013 we have partnered with RBG through their Green Angels

Subsidy Program which has allowed us to connect so many children with nature. These are children who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to have a memorable and educational experience in nature.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Green Angels at RBG."

Brenda Visser CityKidz





In 2021, RBG was proud to introduce two new fundraising initiatives in support of Green Angels.

Movie Night in Hendrie Park

In August, RBG introduced their first Movie Night in Hendrie Park, raising funds and awareness for Green Angels. The event was generously underwritten by Green Angels' founding member Patricia Isbister, and over 200 tickets were sold to Disneynature's Earth. Prior to the movie, guests had the opportunity to participate in guided tours of the Rose Garden. Attendees enjoyed snacks and refreshments from Truck 44 and Green Machine Food Truck and complimentary popcorn was included with every ticket purchase. This inaugural night raised more than \$6,000 in support of RBG's Green Angels Program!

Winter Wonders

Our 2021 Winter Wonders event offered a unique interactive activity that was offered to guests to give them an opportunity to learn about Green Angels and show their support through the purchase of holiday ornaments. The ornaments were then displayed on one of RBG's Christmas trees, featured in the Rose Garden Tent. These ornaments allowed guests to leave a note inside about what they were thankful for this holiday season. Using RBG's new Tip Tap donation machines, guests purchased 1 ornament for \$2, or 3 for \$5. With over 560 ornaments purchased and displayed, \$3,850 was raised in support of Green Angels.

The Rotary Club of Burlington Central is proud to have shared the gift of nature through RBG's youth programming since 1995. We are delighted to know that our recent gift of \$1,200 to Green Angels will allow greater access to children from across our community to both virtual and in-person experiences. Thank you for your vital work in helping young minds to foster a deep appreciation for the natural world. Your work aligns beautifully with Rotary International's commitment to education and the environment."

René Papin

President Rotary Club of Burlington Central





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