

Green Angels Subsidy Program



2022 Impact Report

Green Angels

Thanks to you, Royal Botanical Gardens can provide children, adults, and families who are experiencing financial hardships with the opportunity to visit and engage with nature.



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The Green Angels Subsidy Fund provides admission passes, school programming, coverage of school transportation costs, and child, adult and family programming. The program also helps fund virtual learning through our online RBG at Home series and virtual school programming. These programs include technology-based digital programming that can improve social connections to the outside world.

New in 2022 and triggered by the rising of costs of goods and inflation, RBG approved the expansion of the Green Angel Subsidy Program guidelines to include supporting adults and seniors who are also experiencing financial hardships.

In 2022, thanks to donor support, we were able to subsidize:

178

admission passes

60

new Canadians
participating in
garden tours

105

virtual field trip
opportunities to

2,868

students

6

summer day campers

184

youths in
on-site program
experiences

1,318

students
participating in
on-site school
programs

“I hosted a lovely Ukrainian family, a mother and her two daughters, this summer. I brought them to RBG, thanks to the Green Angels program. They really enjoyed their visit in July. We toured RBG Centre, and they loved Hendrie Park and the Mediterranean Garden. I thought that they’d be tired out after that, but they were keen to see the Rock Garden, so we went there next. The mother in particular loves gardens and natural walking trails — both her daughters emphasized this! — and it was a big treat for her to spend the day touring the Gardens. The daughters took many photos that they later texted to friends around the world. Thanks again – it was a real treat for this family, and a welcome break from the daily stresses.”

Monique Deveaux



“At the Afro Canadian Caribbean Association (ACCA), we strive to uplift the black community through a variety of different programming. As part of our youth educational program, we have recently had the opportunity to partner with RBG through the Green Angels Subsidy Program. This program has given our youth brand new experiences with nature and learning opportunities that they may have never had the chance to participate in otherwise. We look forward to the continued growth of our youth as

they attend RBG, allowing them to discover new interests while learning more about themselves in the process. This is made possible through the Green Angels Subsidy Program, and we are very grateful to its contributors for this opportunity. Thank you from ACCA!”

Tamera Ekpoh

Youth Programming Coordinator,
Afro Canadian Caribbean Association

2022 Fundraising Initiatives

Movie Night in Hendrie Park

In August, RBG held our second annual Green Angels movie night fundraiser in Hendrie Park. We welcomed over 300 guests to watch Disney's *Encanto* and those who arrived prior to the movie were able to participate in our *Seeing the Invisible: An Augmented Reality Art Exhibit* featured throughout Hendrie Park. A special thank you to our sponsors that evening: Queenston Auto Group, presenting sponsor; Patricia Isbister, movie sponsor; and Gianetti Electric, popcorn sponsor. Thanks to their support, and the support from ticket purchasers, more than \$14,000 was raised for the Green Angels Subsidy Program!



Winter Wonders

Visitors who came to our Winter Wonders event were given the opportunity to learn about Green Angels. With every donation, visitors were provided with an ornament where they could write what they were thankful for this past holiday season and place this note inside their ornament. These ornaments were then hung on trees inside the Rose Garden tent and displayed throughout the course of Winter Wonders. Over 1,573 ornaments were purchased, raising \$2,860 for Green Angels.



AMANDA WELDON

I work with newcomer seniors aged fifty-five and older. I support these individuals and bring them to RBG. My clients have always had a very good time at the Gardens and have only good things to say about it. They are always asking me to go back. They enjoyed seeing the different wildlife and walking through the beautiful gardens. They really enjoyed being able to tell the time from their shadow. Thank you again for having our clients over to enjoy their day!

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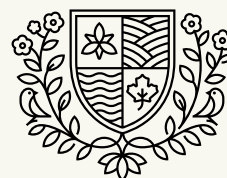
Seniors Outreach Worker, Wesley

Royal Botanical Gardens thanks our past and current supporters of the Green Angels Subsidy 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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