our mission

Established in 1978 to provide a place to garden for residents of Boston's Charlestown neighborhood, Gardens for Charlestown's threefold mission is to:

- support the quality of life in our neighborhood by protecting and cultivating the parcel of urban green space entrusted to
- engage members of the community in activities that are uplifting and enjoyable in a beautiful and welcoming environment, and
- educate children and adults alike on the wonders of nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

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a lasting contribution

Gardens for Charlestown is celebrating over 40 years of welcoming members and the public to our urban oasis. Although we are a community garden, our grounds are open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year and it is a priority that our space remain a welcoming and free green space for all to enjoy. To that end, and thanks to the contributions of people like you, we completed Phase 1 of our major infrastructure project this Fall. The result is a beautiful, new border that will be a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy.

In 2023, we will not only be focused on the next phase of our project to replace deteriorating timbers on GfC's property, but we will work to further the community-engagement and educational components of our mission. Your contribution enables us to make that happen!

what does GfC mean to you?

- Have you ever taken an early morning stroll through Gardens for Charlestown?
- Have you seen endangered monarch butterflies flutter about our space?
- Have you attended one of our community events?
- Has your child explored our new Discovery Trail?
- Have you witnessed our honey bees at work?



green space

Your donation to the Annual Appeal is a contribution toward completion of our critical infrastructure project. The new stone borders--which can withstand both time and mother nature--will highlight our varied, open garden beds and provide a safe and elegant boundary for public pathways.



community engagement

Not only does our green space function as a public park, but we host important community events such as Lobster in the Gardens and our perennial Halloween event. This past year, we also invited the youngest members of the community to enjoy a book reading on the patio and held an evening for adults to enjoy watercolor painting. In 2023, GfC again will be holding our bi-annual Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown, one of our largest and most anticipated community events!



education

In September, we installed our new Discovery Trail, which includes informational plaques throughout GfC and corresponding webpages in both English and Spanish. Help us find new ways to educate our community on nature and the importance of sustainability.

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your donation matters

If Gardens for Charlestown has made you feel welcome, given you a moment of peace in the outdoors, or just put a smile on your face, please donate. Your tax-deductible donation is an investment in the preservation of our green space and our community.

Visit

www.gardensforcharlestown.org/donate to make your gift to our Annual Appeal today!



Or mail your check to Gardens for Charlestown P.O. Box 290044 Charlestown, MA 02129

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