

our mission

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

- support the quality of life in our neighborhood by protecting and cultivating the parcel of urban green space entrusted to it,
- 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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GARDENS
for Charlestown



2023
Annual Appeal

a lasting contribution

Gardens for Charlestown has welcomed Members and the public to our urban oasis for over forty years. Although we are a community garden, our grounds are open from dawn to dusk 365 days a year. It is a priority that our property remains an inclusive and free green space for all to enjoy. To that end, and thanks to the contributions of people like you, we completed the first phase of our major infrastructure project in the Fall of 2022.

Last month we entered the second phase of that project to replace the deteriorating timbers on GfC's property. This second phase was made possible by grants we received from the Edward Ingersol Browne Fund and through the Community Preservation Act as well as contributions from our friends and neighbors.

contributions to our annual appeal:

- ensure that we can continue to host free & educational community events like Weatherfest! and Story Hour
- allow us to provide pollinators (including our honey bees and monarch butterflies) a safe haven
- help us maintain our beautiful border gardens and common areas



green space

Our little corner of the neighborhood is an important refuge in the city. The border gardens--as well as the common areas throughout GfC--are maintained by volunteers, who use their time and efforts to keep these spaces beautiful in every season.



community engagement

Not only does our green space function as a public park, but we host important community events such as the bi-annual Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown as well as Lobster in the Gardens and our Halloween festivities. We also look to support the efforts of other local non-profit organizations such as the Boston Waterfront Coalition, the Warren- Prescott School Parent Association, and the John Harvard Mall Initiative.



education

A key part of our mission relates to educational activities. Not only did we host two free Story Hour programs in 2023, but we saw the return of Weatherfest! We are always looking for new ways to bring nature and science together for the benefit of all ages.

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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

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