

Duke Gardens receives 70% of its operating budget from supporters, whose gifts to the Annual Fund enable us to create and nurture a world-class botanic garden in the heart of Duke that is free and accessible to all visitors.

As the end of the year approaches, we hope you will consider supporting the Duke Gardens Annual Fund this year and help us grow to new heights.



GROW WITH US.

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What's so  
important about  
Duke Gardens?





Consider this:  
In the Terrace Gardens,

- the beautiful Italianate-style design tells the important story of Ellen Biddle Shipman, who designed the Terrace Gardens in the 1930s. Shipman was a trailblazer in the male-dominated field of landscape architecture, establishing her own firm and only employing women at a time when women were discouraged from pursuing careers in this field.
- terrace beds become living masterpieces each season, with imaginative combinations of 65,000 bulbs and 15,000 annuals, not to mention perennials, ornamental grasses, trees and shrubs. The displays have the power delight the senses, lift the spirits and heal the souls of more than 500,000 people who visit Duke Gardens each year.
- more than 5,000 children attending school programs such as Double Exposure, a partnership between Duke Gardens and the Nasher Museum of Art, sharpen their observation skills, discover connections between nature and art and engage in hands-on discovery that inspires a lifelong appreciation of nature's beauty.
- Duke students create roots in this fertile ground for learning, inspiration and enjoyment. It's a place for big moments and "firsts," a sanctuary for mindfulness and wellness and an indispensable and lasting feature of life as a Duke student.

**All this, and more, happened in an area of Duke Gardens that is only 1 acre.**  
**Duke Gardens has 55 acres.**

Help us grow Duke Gardens and further the vital role that gardens play in our lives.  
Support the Duke Gardens Annual Fund today.

