

## **Memorial Bench Program**

The Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance offers a very special opportunity for individuals or groups to honor a special person through its commemorative bench program. This initiative helps provide high quality and attractive seating for the Conservatory, while honoring someone who may have had a special connection to the Garfield Park Conservatory.

### **Choosing a Bench**

Teak benches are located primarily in the collections and some outdoor gardens. Long-lasting and sturdy, teak benches do not need to be covered, coddled, or stored every time it rains or snows. Left outdoors, they will weather to a soft dove gray as they settle into the garden. However, for security reasons, we move any outdoor teak benches into the Conservatory during the winter. Teakwood has a long life expectancy due to its natural rubber content that naturally resists moisture. We can't guarantee how long it will last here because of visitor traffic, but we expect many years of use at the Conservatory.

Metal benches, which are located outside the Conservatory in the lobby area and several other locations, are more durable. These handsome black, solid steel benches are coated in a durable epoxy-based paint. The life expectancy of these benches exceeds 25 years.

We can dedicate a memorial teak wood bench for \$2,500 or a black metal bench for \$5,000

### **Installation Time Frame**

The estimated time from payment to installation is 2-3 months, including the manufacturing and delivery of the bench and the fabrication of the custom brass, commemorative plaque.

### **Guarantee**

If for any reason the bench is broken or within 5 years of the dedication, the Alliance will assume responsibility for replacement of the bench and commemorative plaque. Beyond the guarantee period, it will remain in dedication for its entire useful lifespan. At the end of that time, you may take possession of the bench, or you may decide to dedicate a new bench, or both. If it becomes necessary to move a bench, outside the terms of the agreement letter, the Alliance will notify the donor. With regards to teak benches, the bench will be allowed to weather as it naturally would to a dove gray color, without any maintenance work done to its cover coat.

## The Dedication Plaque

For the teak benches, the commemorative plaque measures 2" x 7" and is made of solid brass. For the metal benches, the plaque measures 6" round custom metal with black background with bronze lettering. It can hold up to three lines of text with 25 characters per lines. The first line of text usually starts with...

In Loving Memory of...

In Honor of...

In Dedication to...

For more information or to place an order, contact Marie Stringer, Development Coordinator, at [mstringer@garfieldpark.org](mailto:mstringer@garfieldpark.org) or call (773) 638-1766 x22.

## Sample pictures of benches

