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THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

The Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance (GPCA) celebrated 26 years strong in 2024. Founded in 1995 out of a grassroots effort to save the Garfield Park Conservatory, the largest cultural institution on the West Side, which had fallen into disrepair and was in danger of being closed. A founding principle of the Alliance was that a revitalized Conservatory should use its resources to positively impact the quality of life for residents of Garfield Park.

GPCA remains dedicated to providing educational, cultural and enriching experiences for Garfield Park, Chicagoans and all who visit. We have engaged with children, families, and visitors of all ages and abilities with relevant programming highlighting the unique and extraordinary relationships between plants and people in a place like no other in the world.

In 2024, we welcomed 323,260 visitors to the Conservatory & Gardens. This positions the Conservatory & Gardens as one of the top 10 most visited Chicago cultural institutions. This 24% increase over pre-pandemic visitor traffic shows us that the demand is high for connecting with nature across our 12 acres of indoor and outdoor gardens in Garfield Park.

We hope you enjoy this recap of the 2024 activities and programs. As we look ahead, we are thrilled to move forward with major capital improvements including the reopening of the new \$10M Elizabeth Morse Genius Children's Garden in the fall of 2025, completion of the grant funded renovations to the Conservatory's lobby and completion of the outdoor Child Wild Garden in 2026. Bringing these investments to the gardens helps enhance the wellness of the Garfield Park community and makes Chicago a more equitable and sustainable city.

Together, we can shine as a sparkling jewel on the West Side and become the most inclusive campus for nature education in the nation. Thank you for being part of our future and celebrating the power of nature here under glass and in the ten acres of outdoor gardens. We are beyond grateful for our community. Thank you to all our supporters, partners, volunteers, and visitors for helping us grow and embracing a new chapter here in the gardens.

With sincere gratitude,

Jennifer Van Valkenburg

President & CEO, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance

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2024-2026 Strategic Plan Goals



Guiding the strategic vision of the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance's mission to change lives through the power of nature.

1

No Longer a Hidden Gem

Successfully complete construction of 3 major projects (EMG Children's Garden; Child Wild Exploration Garden; Lobby Refresh) and ensure operations, staff, programs, fundraising, and marketing support growth of annual attendance from 325,000 to 500,000 by 2028.

2

The Most Inclusive Campus for Nature Education

Be the nation's most inclusive campus for nature education through the accessibility and inclusivity of public engagement and nature education programs to ensure everyone feels welcome and has an equitable experience.

3

Commitment to Community

Implement the recommendations of our Community Engagement Logic Model by establishing a Community Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Council, Web Community Corner and Complimentary Community Membership.

4

Build the Alliance

Invest in staff, board members and volunteers, leaning into the organization's culture of creativity, inclusivity, accountability and efficacy.

5

Build a Long Range Master Plan

With input from all stakeholders, review existing Campus Framework Plan and establish new master plan to support continued growth in visitation and programming as well as advance investment in East Garfield Park.

2024 Milestones

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

EMG CHILDREN'S GARDEN

Construction is underway on the indoor EMG Children's Garden and we expect to re-open in the fall of 2025! Thank you for your patience over the last few years as we have worked to bring this \$10M project to fruition. The outpouring of trust and generous support has been inspiring. The new incredible, accessible EMG Children's Garden will bring vital resources to the community including:

- Year-round, indoor state-of-the-art nature play space
- ADA accessible spiral ramp
- Dedicated space for those with sensory processing disorders plus low-sensory visiting hours
- Community hours for West Side families, Member hours
- A new slide and epic climber, specifically designed for us, plus a new toddler area and Art & Nature Gallery
- Free nature education programming
- A new family restroom
- A welcoming, engaging environment that inspires curiosity and fosters the next generation of nature champions - and so much more!







CHILD WILD EXPLORATION GARDEN

Construction for the upcoming Child Wild Garden is underway, slated to open in 2026! Designed for children ages 0-16 and caregivers, complementing the indoor EMG Children's Garden and the outdoor Play & Grow Garden. Together, these three intentional spaces will help us become the most inclusive campus for nature education in the US.

COMMUNITY AT THE CONSERVATORY

ACCESSIBILITY

Our commitment to inclusivity shines brighter each year and we are thrilled to be KultureCity Sensory Inclusive Certified! Now, our trained staff can provide sensory bags which are available to borrow during your visit. KultureCity is a leading nonprofit dedicated to making spaces more accessible for individuals with sensory needs. Together, we're enhancing experiences to be more welcoming for all.



URBAN AGRICULTURE RESOURCES

The **Train the Trainer** workshop series, piloted in 2023, helps 10 local gardeners (8 participants plus 2 mentors) share knowledge and support community gardens across the city. 100% of participants shared they increased their content knowledge and confidence in leading others in: garden planning, growing seedlings, building raised beds, amending soil, direct sowing, and transplanting seedlings.





We grew, harvested and donated 1,713 pounds of produce - 21% more than 2023! Donation partners include the Garfield Park Community Council's Neighborhood Market, Breakthrough Fresh Market and West Humboldt Farmers Market. We also propagate and donate seedlings to help other community-based organizations jumpstart their seasonal growing operations.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

We welcomed a new cohort of our Community Advisory Board (CAB). CAB launched in June of 2022 and is comprised of 10 dedicated individuals who live, work or own businesses on the West Side of Chicago. They work in tandem with GPCA's Community Engagement Manager to ensure community input is infused with all our work.



URBAN ROOTS TEEN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM





[Urban Roots] made me realize that I'm capable of doing things that I thought I wasn't capable of before, like leadership. This program really helped bring that side of me out.

- a student who joined the program in summer 2024

IN 2024:

18

students enrolled per session

7

students completed additional internships (5 greenhouse and 2 beekeeping interns) 7

served on the first Youth
Advisory Council to develop
more teen-focused opportunities
at the Conservatory

- 100% reported opportunities for leadership development
- 93% reported strong and positive relationships with adults at the Conservatory
- 80% reported increased their knowledge of plant and environmental science
- 87% reported greater awareness of the benefits of nature to their physical health & fitness, mental health, and emotional well-being
- 80% reported a stronger connection to nature and environmental justice issues
- 80% reported an increase of knowledge and skills to pursue green/environmental career paths
- 80% reported an increase in social capital

URBAN ROOTS TEEN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Urban Roots Environmental Justice Program for West Side Teens engages local high school students in paid job skills training at the Conservatory, STEAM education centered on plants and conservation, social emotional learning, and leadership development. Throughout the program we focus on building resilient young people through positive and lasting relationships with nature and work to broaden their awareness of environmental justice issues and how to advocate for change.

The West Side has one of the city's highest jobless rates for youth ages 16-24 (54.5%), underscoring the need to provide young people with practical experience and skills needed to enter and succeed in the workplace.

Urban Roots is offered in 3 sessions throughout the year: a six-week summer intensive (120 hours of programming) in which students gain significant hands-on urban agriculture training in our outdoor gardens, and fall and spring after-school programs (42 hours of programming each) that immerse students in a STEAM curriculum that prepares them to provide tours and interpretation of the Conservatory to the visiting public, while exploring a range of topics. Urban Roots creates a safe, supportive environment for young people to build community and engage in social-emotional development and impactful learning opportunities.





2024 ATTENDANCE

323,260

Total 2024 Visitors to the Garfield Park Conservatory & Gardens

24% Increase from 2019 (pre-pandemic)



40%

Chicago Visitors

6 %
West Side Visitors



OUR IMPACT - BY THE NUMBERS

16,208
participated in free family programs

18
Urban Roots
Environmental
Justice Teens
employed

12,597 School children served on field trips 8%
increase in overall engagement of youth & families from 2023 to 2024

1,441
People served at Community
Outreach
Events

6,459Total volunteer hours served by 205 volunteers

4,330
Adults served with nature education programs, workshops and events

12%
increase in adult
program
participation from
2023 to 2024

1,713
Ibs of produce donated; 21% more than 2023's harvest

10,000+
Tulip bulbs given to the community and members

2,500
Daffodils planted in Garfield Park

Annual Flower Shows (Spring, Summer, Winter) with educational interpretation





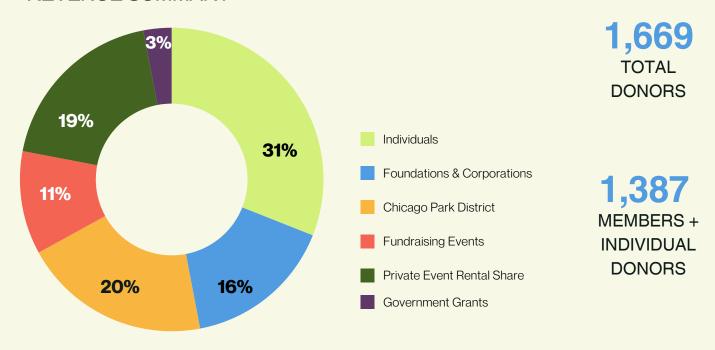




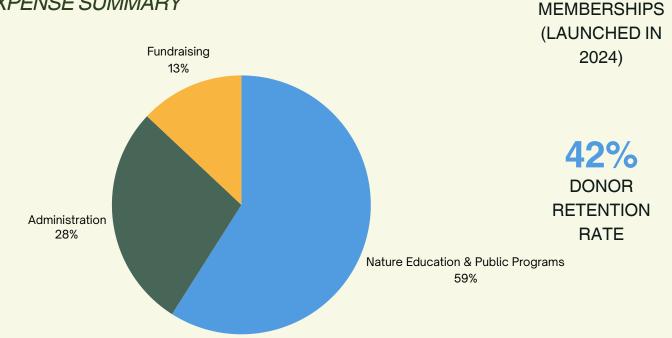


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EXPENSE SUMMARY



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