



*When you
experience
something
beautiful, it
changes
you.*

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Dear Friend of the Arnold Arboretum,

Do you remember a time that you experienced wonder?

The feeling of awe can be transcendent—whether you experience this in the Arnold Arboretum’s landscape, through a particularly stunning story in Arnoldia, or in your own experience of the natural world. As Boston’s urban oasis, the Arboretum aspires to be a center of awe that offers knowledge, joy, and peace to anyone who engages with us.

Our members and donors make it possible for us to remain an educational and inspiring wonderland for all.

For example, each year, ~4,500 Boston Public School students experience magic, wonder, and learning in our landscape. Led for the past 40 years by expert and passionate volunteers, our Field Study Experiences (FSE) programs bring new energy and pathways for learning about life sciences to children in preschool through grade 6. Students, including those who might not thrive in a typical classroom setting, are able to connect with nature and science through hands-on activities and explorations that build critical thinking skills and make learning enjoyable. FSE programs and bus transportation for students are free of charge for Boston Public School classes.

Through your dedication, you can help us fulfill our historical commitment to leverage our collections for public education and to uphold our founding promise of equity in the landscape of the Arboretum.

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“
The beauty of a
park lies ... in its
ability to inspire
and uplift the
human spirit.”

—Frederick Law Olmsted

The Arnold Arboretum's budget is fully supported by past and present philanthropy. So, donations help to underwrite FSE programming, along with our efforts to conserve biodiversity, care for our living collections, and conduct research to address global change. Much like public broadcasting, we are free for anyone to enjoy, and yet, we rely on you and our special community of donors to sustain our work today and into the future.

Would you consider making a gift to support the outdoor classroom of the Arnold Arboretum? Gifts of any amount help us uphold our mission, and for any donation of \$65 or more we will extend you a complimentary membership.

See the graphic here to understand the impact you can have!

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darcy Foster".

Darcy Foster
Individual Giving Associate

P.S. The Arnold Arboretum relies on unrestricted support, like yours, to bring nature alive for Boston Public School students and to create a sense of awe for all of us.



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