Thank you!

Our Garden continues to grow because of you!
As we wrap up a summer full of concerts, classes, and special events, we remain grateful to have such incredible community support.

From our sold-out summer concerts, to out-of-this-world fairy house submissions, to more Garden members than ever before, it’s because of supporters like you that we continue to connect people, plants, and nature.

Your encouragement and commitment to the Garden allows us to offer low-cost admissions, educational opportunities, and meaningful horticulture programming for people in the Treasure Valley and beyond. This year, we’ve provided the community more high-quality education opportunities with the exciting launch of our first-ever STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) Camps, and access to our beautiful grounds with free after-hours summer admission. We’ve formed new partnerships, too, including working with City of Good to address food insecurity within our community.

The Garden provides a place for all members of our community to grow together. We were so pleased with how our new outreach program came together this spring and summer with the International Rescue Committee’s Youth Service Team to offer after-school, STEAM-focused programs for newly arrived children in the Treasure Valley.

Hunter Levy, Youth Services Supervisor at the International Rescue Committee, provided heartfelt feedback on the program.

“The kids have adored these sessions. The Garden’s approach is a wonderful combination of academic acquisition and social-emotional learning. It is engaging, thoughtful, and fun. Our kids come back from the Garden with big smiles on their faces, asking us when they can go back.
“Being able to offer this type of programming to youth immediately upon their arrival in the United States improves the youth’s chances of becoming successful, socially, and academically. Without partners like the Garden and their STEAM programs, our youth would have much less access to learning opportunities vital to their development.”

It is because of supporters like you that we can continue to establish community partnerships and make a positive impact in the Treasure Valley and beyond.

You make this all happen for our community.

As we move into cooler weather and shorter days, we look forward to Fall Harvest Days, Scarecrow Stroll, and of course, Winter Garden aGlow! These signature Garden events bring me joy, and, like many of us, I look forward to them year after year. Whether it is the many individuals, schools, and businesses submitting creative scarecrows for guests to discover, or witnessing a life celebration when a couple becomes engaged amongst the Garden’s lights and snow, I am so grateful we are a piece of what makes this community so special.

Please continue reading to learn more about how your support has made a difference this year! A glimpse at our financials for the fiscal year ending in March 2023 can be found at the end. I’d love to answer any questions you may have and thank you for your support next time you’re in the Garden!

Gratefully,

Erin Anderson,
Executive Director
Cultivate

Last year the new Master Plan was introduced to our supporters. The plan includes expansion of the Garden, new education and event facilities, and a partnership with the Boise Farmers Market, all to help us better serve our growing community’s needs. Our intention is to make our plans a reality sooner rather than later. In fact, we are in the beginning stages of a campaign to expand ten acres of our garden!

While we are just getting started, we are meeting with supporters during this major donor phase of our campaign. To learn more about our campaign, and to meet with our team, you can schedule a vision tour with Jennifer Parks, Development Director at jennifer@idahobotanicalgarden.org.

This Year

We introduced our Fall Harvest Box Subscription!
Members subscribed to receive fresh produce grown right here in the Garden.
Funds raised support the Garden’s partnership with City of Good and Boise State University to address food insecurity within the Treasure Valley.

1,796 lbs of produce donated
We joined forces with local botanists and the City of Boise to help preserve the Boise sand-verbena, a local flower with a declining population. Dozens of seedlings were rescued from a nearby roadside and we plan to grow more to be planted back into the wild as part of our native flora.

9,000+ Volunteer hours dedicated to the Garden

690 Number of active volunteers

130 Events staffed with volunteers

5,000 Members strong!

09 Participating libraries and 32 active passports!

Our Library Passport Program grew in popularity. This program offers free general admission to passport holders and supports our mission to connect people, plants, and nature. Participating libraries offer the Garden Passport for checkout to patrons to use for Garden visitation. It’s been a joy to offer this access to more members of our community!
Educate

This season was especially exciting for our education initiatives!

Over 30 facilitated K-6 field trips with new curriculum and topics tied to school science standards were offered. Nearly 1,900 learners experienced a Garden field trip this past spring!

With support from an Idaho Out of School Network, “Summer of Innovation” grant, the Garden, in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee, piloted a 10-day STEAM program to refugee youth served within the IRC program. Over 100 youth participated!

In our living museum, we offered four STEAM Camps for children ages 5-12 and an additional two partnership camps with the Discovery Center of Idaho and Zoo Boise. 150 curious learners attended our STEAM Camps this summer!
Nearly 300 community members grew their knowledge this year through our spring and summer classes and workshops!

Bug Day returned to ignite curiosity about the importance of our creepy crawly friends. This popular family event involves partners from throughout the community!

22nd Annual Bug Day!

“They had a great time and learned so much! They loved sharing what they learned everyday. The staff was great and so friendly. Expertise of the staff is impressive — my child was so happy to learn from ‘real scientists’ Thank you!” - STEAM Camp Parent
New Ways to Enjoy the Garden

Our 4p-7p extended hours and free admission began May 31st and continues select nights, bringing more folks in our community closer to nature.

We began hosting the Boise Farmers Market Mobile Market onsite weekly — yay to fresh local food for all!

Improving your Garden experience, our Information Station provides more local snacks, beverages, and curated gifts for members and guests.

“Idaho Botanical Garden is a place of healing for me. Being able to walk in the gardens and learn about plants along the pathways continues to enrich my life.” - Garden Member
Celebrate

Over Earth Day weekend, we saw the success of our second annual Shade City Brewfest, a sustainability-driven festival in partnership with Lost Grove Brewing with a focus on bringing people together to share local, sustainable business practices! With over 2,000 tickets sold, we introduced an after-party at the Old Penitentiary, much to the delight of attendees.

Our annual Fairy and Gnome House Exhibit is one of our favorite events! We welcomed nearly 1,400 visitors on opening day, and nearly 9,000 people enjoyed the Garden during the one-month exhibit.

We kicked off this summer with a sold-out Outlaw Field Show and the return of our signature Great Garden Escape concerts. We are blown away by the talented musical acts that pass through our Garden gates and the new faces introduced to the Garden through attending these popular performances!

Events like these ensure we can maintain beautiful and restorative Garden spaces for people near and far to relax, recuperate, and raise the roof! Community engagement through admissions, membership, and donations supports our expanding education programming, garden enhancements, plant collaborations, and events to celebrate with loved ones.
Public Support & Revenue

Contributions from Individuals & Corporations $456,646
Grant Contributions $420,433
In-kind Donations $10,078
Education Program Fees $50,570
Membership $487,336
Site Rental $72,786
Garden Admission $1,249,889
Other Income: i.e. Store Sales, Plant Sale $41,539
Investment Income $(109,549)
Special Events - Fundraising $35,450
Total Revenue and Support $2,715,178

Expenses

Program Services
Education $168,003
Horticulture $658,186
Visitor Services $1,038,835
General Operating $709,063
Total Expenses $2,574,087
Net Income $141,091

Operating Budget $2,437,267

March 2023
## Statement of Financial Position

### Current Assets
- Cash & Cash Equivalents: $1,528,824
- Investments: $658,285
- Accounts Receivable: $45,596
- Inventory: $6,573
- Prepaid Expenses: $55,235
- **Total Current Assets**: $2,294,513

### Noncurrent Assets
- Property & Equipment, net: $1,057,928
- Other Assets (operating lease): $229,569
- Endowment: $514,262
- **Total Assets**: $4,096,272

## Liabilities & Net Assets

### Current Liabilities
- Accounts Payable: $68,415
- Accrued Salaries & Payroll Taxes: $87,341
- Deferred Revenue: $112,314
- Accrued Liabilities - Other: $141
- Operation Lease Liability: $39,852
- **Total Current Liabilities**: $308,063

### Other Liabilities
- **Total Liabilities & Net Assets**: $193,623

### Net Assets
- Unrestricted Net Assets: $2,803,789
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: $790,797
- **Total Net Assets**: $3,594,586
- **Total Liabilities & Net Assets**: $4,096,272
Gift a Membership

(208) 343-8649

Access to presale tickets to events like Winter Garden aGlow
FREE daily admission to the Garden
FREE admission each weekend to this year’s Fall Harvest
Discounts on all classes and events at the Garden
Reciprocal admission to more than 300 gardens across the nation

They will love it!

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