

Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) supports and promotes the U.S. National Arboretum through our partnerships and programs. In 2021, we provided critical support for the present and future success of the Arboretum. We also connected more people than ever to food, the land, and each other through our education programs, recreation programs, and events.



POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Friends of the National Arboretum is the primary private non-profit partner of the U.S. National Arboretum. In 2021, we supported the National Arboretum by:



ENSURING ACCESS TO GREENSPACE

Supported the Arboretum's COVID-19 management strategy to ensure the grounds were open and safe for over 700,000 visitors to connect with nature.



INVESTING IN EDUCATION

Laid the groundwork for a treetop canopy trail to compliment our environmental education efforts.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborated with 52 partners to expand our offerings and more effectively achieve our goals.



POWER OF PROGRAMS

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

We adapted our education programs to fit our community's needs and celebrate Washington Youth Garden's 50th anniversary.



5,745 pounds of produce harvested and donated to local families.



2,111 Grow@Home kits distributed to DC students to learn garden science at home.



102 educators from 50 schools and organizations engaged through the School Garden Support Program's professional development opportunities, garden events, and garden science lessons.



17 Green Ambassadors developed garden and interpersonal skills, explored career opportunities, and addressed food insecurity in their communities.



RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS

We provided more opportunities for people to connect with nature by expanding the types of programs we offer and making them more accessible.



4,800 guests attended outdoor weddings and corporate events.



627 people explored the Arboretum during our 5K run, forest bathing walks, and yoga classes.



410 film fans enjoyed outdoor movies in the Ellipse Meadow.

