



**Greater Des Moines  
Botanical Garden**

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**GREATER DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN RAISES \$9.6 MILLION  
TO MEET GROWING COMMUNITY NEEDS**

Des Moines, Iowa – The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is proud to announce that it has raised \$9,647,700 as part of the Welcome, Gather, Grow capital campaign, exceeding the goal of \$9 million.

Launched to meet the evolving needs of the community, the campaign supports a series of transformational updates and improvements that will enhance visitor experiences and accommodate the Botanical Garden’s significant growth in recent years.

Renovations to the Gardeners Show House and the Evergreen Gallery event spaces will be unveiled this month. Additional enhancements slated to take place over the next two years include:

- An expanded lobby with a dedicated admissions area and Garden Shop
- New garden spaces, including free access gardens
- Improved wayfinding and educational signage

The campaign received support from more than 130 donors, including five leadership gifts of \$1 million each from the Tom & Linda Koehn Foundation, Ed & Sue Kenny, the Meredith Family Foundation, Larry & Susan Moore, and the Ruan Family. The campaign was chaired by Christine Hensley and Linda & Tom Koehn.

“Welcome, Gather, Grow is a powerful testament to our community’s belief in the Botanical Garden and its future,” said Kim Perez, President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. “We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors and the passion of our visitors. Their support is helping us create spaces that are more welcoming, accessible, and inspiring than ever before — places where people of all ages can connect with nature, spark curiosity, and build meaningful memories for generations to come.”

For more information about the Welcome, Gather, Grow campaign or the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, visit <https://dmbotanicalgarden.com/capital-campaign/>



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**About the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden**

The Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden is a vibrant, 12-acre public garden in the heart of downtown Des Moines. Guided by a mission of exploring, explaining, and celebrating the world of plants, the Botanical Garden is more than a dome, is the connection point between plants, people and the natural world. It's a place where you can be who you are, do the things you love and spend time with the people who matter most. A place where anyone can explore, create, connect and find their true nature. The Botanical Garden is a 501(c)(3) privately governed, not-for-profit institution.