

“Wild Architecture” is where art and science come together to nurture the child-nature connection at MBG!

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Dear Friend,

The Batchelor Foundation has challenged The Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden (MBG) and we are challenging you! The Foundation, which has historically funded MBG’s youth education programs will match, dollar-for-dollar, funding raised for our newly launched youth program, **Wild Architecture**.

Wild Architecture is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) initiative providing art and science enrichment to thousands of local Title 1 school students. These students often lack opportunities to learn in safe, outdoor settings, yet they are the most in need. **Wild Architecture’s** objective is to nurture the child-nature connection, create “wow” moments and instill a sense of wonder through discovery tours and activities exploring MBG’s award-winning gardens and exhibits.

The program includes **Windows on the Floating World: Blume Tropical Wetland Garden, Cutting Corners: A Stickwork Exhibit, the Children’s Maze, and Moai in the Tropical Forest** (coming later this year). Transportation, art and science supplies, snacks, visiting artists and scientists to work directly with the children are included at no cost.

Last year, an estimated 5,000 students experienced the Garden for FREE thanks to grant support, and we need your help to keep our programs flourishing!

Children who are engaged in creative learning activities highlighting the power of art and science within natural settings can develop a life-changing appreciation for nature and the environment. **You can help us create that positive impact!**

Our goal is to raise **\$45,000 by September 2019**. Please help us reach our goal! Your gift will go toward providing local community children with this unique educational opportunity. **Thank you!**

Respectfully,



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Curator-Director



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