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## 2017 Annual Fund Drive for Operating Support

Dear Quad City Botanical Center Friends,

December 4, 2017

Please consider a gift to the Quad City Botanical Center during this season of giving. With your help and generous support, our non-profit center will continue to educate, to partner, to inspire, and to improve lives by bringing people and plants together in fun and meaningful ways!

Here are some of the ways your generosity helped us “plant our mission forward” over the past twelve months:

- **Provided stunning garden exhibits, exciting special events and general guest services for 36,778 individuals and 750 Botanical Center Member families**
- **Provided curriculum-based, hands-on, educational adventures and outreach for 10,205 students from hundreds of schools**
- **Guided fifteen youth through internship programs, providing practical experience for real world application**
- **Worked side by side with over 200 volunteers serving our gardens and grounds, our guest services, and our educational department**
- **Participated in over fifteen community events, from Bald Eagle Days to Boo at the Zoo**
- **And partnered with several other non-profit organizations to advance our missions together**

Some examples of those partnerships include: providing memberships for *Big Brothers, Big Sisters*, providing experiences in gardening for *HDC* and *Hand In Hand*, collaborating with *River Music Experience* on Art in the Garden, working with the *Rock Island Library* for special reading programs, presenting “Butterfly Salad Bar” for the *Putnam Museum* at its Pollinator Palooza, working with local high schools to provide a venue to satisfy community service learning hours, and partnering with *Family Resources* on a community garden for its youth residents.

Your gift to our annual fund drive can keep these good works moving forward. Gifts in any amount are valued, appreciated, and make a difference in mission fulfillment. A gift of \$50 can help purchase plant material for community gardens. A \$100 donation can underwrite the expense of hosting a student intern. A \$250 donation can subsidize forty students. A \$500 gift can underwrite a visit to a school where field trips are no longer provided. A gift of \$1,000 can help maintain the necessary climate for our tropical collections to thrive or avert mechanical failures in our Sun Garden.

As you reflect on the many amenities that make our community a great place to live, work and raise a family, please consider the impact the Quad City Botanical Center has had on the quality of life of thousands of people and perhaps even your own family! We need to keep our gardens growing, thriving and inspiring people, generation after generation. We can only achieve success with your help.

With kindest regards,

Ami Jenkins, Executive Director  
 Quad City Botanical Center

William Nelson, Board Chair  
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