Welcome to The Arboretum’s 2019-20 Annual Report

First of all, thank you for continuing to support The Dawes Arboretum through such an unusual and sometimes difficult year. Our members, volunteers and donors are the best around, and we truly appreciate you.
While COVID-19 forced us to cancel events and change the way we conduct business, we continued to care for our plant collections and work toward our conservation goals. 2020 also gave us the opportunity to try new things and find new ways to connect with our community. We had been working through the pros and cons of creating an online version of the Spring Plant Sale for a while. We were able to fast track this project as we worked through ways to keep The Arboretum moving forward while keeping our visitors and staff as safe as we could. We also moved the majority of our programming online—hosting camps, Bertie’s Tea and a variety of nature craft programs virtually. These online efforts were extremely successful and are likely to stick around in a modified form after the pandemic.

We also had the opportunity to reassess our priorities especially during the weeks that The Arboretum was closed. Without an extensive spring program and event schedule, this allowed our staff the opportunity to focus on making our grounds even more beautiful. We were also able to improve some of our trails throughout the summer and fall. With the increased emphasis on outdoor activities this year, our visitors let us know how much they appreciated these efforts.

We all hope that we get back to “normal” as soon as we can. However, we plan to continue being more nimble and streamlining our priorities even in a post-pandemic world. In the meantime, we are committed to moving The Arboretum forward and providing access while we continue our commitment to visitor, volunteer and staff safety.

Luke Messigner
Executive Director
Donor Funded Projects

The Dawes Arboretum is always striving to bring new experiences to members and visitors. However, without the help of our donors, some of these projects wouldn’t be possible. In the unprecedented year of 2020, two major projects were completed at The Arboretum with the help of some amazing donors.
In 2019, thanks to two wonderful donors, a small grove of daffodils was planted along the trail heading from the Visitors Center to the Japanese Garden. While the bulbs went unnoticed in the fall and winter, when spring emerged, a beautiful display of naturalized daffodils appeared on the hillside. This year, in honor of each other’s birthdays, Paige Crane and Trish Cadwallader, donated again and nearly tripled the amount of bulbs from the first year. Now, nearly 5,000 daffodils will inhabit the hillside. Trish and Paige both enjoy this great tribute to their friendship and the way it nurtures our grounds. They look forward to adding to the dazzling display and seeing the blooms make their first appearance this spring.

Another project that was only made possible by donor funding was the planting of a Cherry Grove along the entrance to the Japanese Garden. This incredible planting of more than 100 cherry trees will enhance the walkway to the Japanese Garden and create a stunning display in the spring for many years to come. The grove was planted by staff and volunteers during spring 2020. The donor gave this gift as “A legacy to their wonderful memories at The Dawes Arboretum and a measure of their enthusiastic support.”

If you would like to know more about donor funded projects and how you can help make transformations at The Arboretum, please contact Megan Ernest, Membership and Donor Relations Manager, at development@dawesarb.org or by calling 740.323.2355.
Thank You, Volunteers!

Our volunteers made significant contributions to The Arboretum in FY 2020.

Resident Environmental Professionals
Jessie Dickson • Keely McKinley •
Mackenzie Ebel • Chris Poling •
Ashley Hansen • Christian Ramos •
Joy Hartfield • Colin Stewart •
Max Karkut •

Community Group Volunteers
C-TEC of Licking County
Matesich Distributing Company
Newark-Heath Rotary

Photo courtesy of Stephanie Anthony

● Indicates volunteers with at least 100 hours
Volunteers

Anonymous  
Stephanie Anthony  
Melissa Arch  
Stanley Augsburger  
Jeffrey Barrett  
Deborah Bennett  
Doug Berube  
Linda Bishop  
Elaine Boaz  
Margaret Bowman  
John Boyd  
Esther Boykin  
Buck Brackman  
Hildegard Brown  
Hannah Brown  
David Budd  
Kathy Budd  
Phyllis Bundy  
Chuck Bundy  
Libby Chaffee  
Carol Christopher  
Robert L. Combs  
Bill Conrad  
Jim Cooper  
Kathy Cooper  
Jobie Cooper  
Rebecca Crowell  
Nikala Curriss  
Suzy Denniston  
Grant Douglass  
Teresa Dozer  
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Dot Ehlermann  
Jim Erickson  
Sheryl Estep  
Nancy Falcon  
Amy Farmer  
John Farmer  
Mitch Finney  
Wendy Flowers  
Debby Fortkamp  
Katie Fulks  
Angie Galik  
Galen Gault  
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David Trautman  
Rick Turner  
Jane Weiland  
Catherine Williams  
Kenneth L. Williams  
Carolyn Wulfhorst  
Bob Wulfhorst  
Mary Yager

Indicates volunteers with at least 40 hours

Indicates volunteers with at least 100 hours
At A Glance Accomplishments

Our Team

3,838 member households
135 volunteers
54 permanent staff and 17 seasonal staff
Planted 130 NEW PLANTS in the Woodland Garden
More than 200 YARDS OF MULCH created from woody debris collected on grounds

4,698 Specimens of documented wild-origin plants

Propagated more than 50 SPECIES of wild collected native plants for future restoration projects

Recorded 217 EASTERN BLUEBIRDS fledged from Arboretum nest boxes

Removed 400 LBS of non-native Pachysandra in the Woodland Garden

Collected over 170 pounds of native seed valued at more than $27,000

7,604 HOURS contributed by Arboretum volunteers

80 CAMP DAWES @ Home registrations

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The Dawes Arboretum is pleased to present a snapshot of the operating revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year. The Arboretum strives to strengthen its financial foundation to ensure long-term success. Financial statements are submitted annually to an independent accounting firm for audit. To obtain a copy of the financial statement, call 800.44.DAWES.

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

#### Revenue
- **Endowment**: $3,964,176
- **Donations**: $354,486
- **Programs & Activities**: $190,006
- **Admission Fees**: $89,508
- **Memberships**: $81,422

#### Expenses
- **Mission**: $3,774,990
- **Administration**: $739,407
- **Fundraising**: $165,201
Tributes and Memorials

The Dawes Arboretum is honored by your gift, given during Fiscal Year 2020, to celebrate and remember your loved ones. Your support assists The Arboretum in fulfilling its mission of enriching lives through the conservation of trees and nature.

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In Honor of:
Dr. Amy Acton
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Robert and Wendy Kremer
Rich Larson
The staff of The Dawes Arboretum
Ben and Cathy Weaver
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