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Dear Friend of the Arnold Arboretum,

Walking through the Arnold Arboretum evokes a strong sense of community and connection. Our urban oasis is a space that draws millions of people who connect with our collection of trees as well as with each other. Every day, visitors of all ages and backgrounds use our landscape for exercise, learning, and relaxation.

Whether they participate in a program, admire our viewsheds designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, or take the time to catch up with friends under the canopy of our trees, the people who support our community are linked together by their common love of beauty, nature, and trees.

As a donor to the Arboretum, you might be aware that our impact expands nationally as well as globally, with many Arboretum supporters in other states and researchers from around the world. **You, and others like you, make a tangible difference to the Arnold Arboretum and the success of our work.** Every gift makes a difference, and your financial support is crucial to sustaining the pillars of our mission:

- Promoting equity in the landscape as a resource for all, free and open every day;
- Conducting research to protect and conserve biodiversity in our changing climate;
- Maintaining the highest horticultural excellence for our ‘museum of trees’;
- Nurturing, learning, and understanding through educational initiatives for visitors of all ages—including Boston Public School students and beyond.

**One of the values binding our community together is a shared belief that connecting to our environment and to each other matters.** I’m writing to you to thank you for your giving, which along with memberships and other donations underwrites an important part of our operational budget. You might be aware that the Arnold Arboretum receives no operational funding from Harvard University or the City of Boston. So, your support matters.

All donations help to sustain our work. **Would you consider making an unrestricted gift to support the Arboretum this year?** We rely on and value gifts from donors, like you, who belong to our special community that cherishes our landscape. Any donation of \$65 or more will qualify you for a complimentary membership. With your additional support, we can continue our promise of being a tree museum open to everyone.

Warmest wishes,



Darcy Foster  
Individual Giving Associate

*P.S. See the insert for the impact your gift can make.*

