

A Message from the President

As we approach the close of another remarkable year, I'm reaching out with a simple request: Let's work together to protect and uplift a place that's cherished by so many—our beloved Garden of the Gods Park.

For the past 29 years, the Garden of the Gods Foundation has been dedicated to preserving the park's beauty and ensuring it remains accessible and welcoming for all who come to experience its magic. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of people like you, we've been able to contribute over \$6.8 million toward caring for this National Natural Landmark. Each gift has helped us make progress on a mission that's bigger than any one of us—safeguarding this extraordinary place so that families, friends, and travelers from around the world can find peace, inspiration, and joy here.

This past year, we celebrated the completion of a major construction project that has made a significant impact. We expanded parking at the Visitor & Nature Center by 44 spaces, creating safer and easier access for our guests. We also built a dedicated area for adventure tour practice, providing a place for excitement and learning within the park.

Now, as we look ahead, we're thrilled to launch Phase 2 of our Visitor Center construction plan. We're expanding our restroom facilities to meet the needs of our over 1.2 million visitors each year. The women's restroom will more than triple in size, going up to a total of 19 toilets, and the men's restroom will increase by 33%. These improvements mean more comfort, efficiency, and accessibility for everyone who steps through our doors!

To continue to ensure that the park remains a pristine and welcoming place for all who come to experience its natural splendor, we need your support now more than ever. Preserving the Garden of the Gods Park, maintaining its trails, restoring habitats, and ensuring top-notch facilities—it all takes a village. This work is an investment in our shared future and a legacy we leave for the generations that come after us.

I'd like to invite you to consider joining the **Gateway Guardians**, a special group of people committed to supporting the park year after year.

Gateway Guardians enjoy exclusive perks, including:

- **Belonging to a Community:** Join others who are passionate about the park's history, culture, and recreation.
- **Special Access:** Receive invitations to exclusive VIP events, behind-the-scenes tours, talks, and hikes throughout the year.
- **Discounts:** Enjoy 25% off at the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center Gift Store and Gateway Café.
- **Recognition:** Your name will appear in our Annual Report of Gifts, acknowledging your generosity.
- **Regular Updates:** Stay connected with news about how your support is making a difference for the park's future.

With your support, we can keep the Garden of the Gods a place of wonder and serenity, a place where people can come to find beauty, inspiration, and connection with nature. Every gift makes a difference.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us, let's keep our park thriving for years to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jan Martin

President, Garden of the Gods Foundation

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As we approach the conclusion of another bountiful year for the Garden of the Gods Park, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and generous contributions that have propelled us to reach remarkable milestones. It is with great pleasure that I share some exciting news and updates from the Garden of the Gods Foundation.

Since our inception in 1994, the Garden of the Gods Foundation has remained resolute in its commitment to safeguarding the natural beauty and rich cultural heritage of this awe-inspiring National Natural Landmark. Through the ceaseless dedication of our board and the remarkable generosity of donors like yourself, we have been able to contribute over \$6 million dollars to the city for initiatives aimed at preserving and enhancing this national treasure! I am delighted to announce a significant advancement within the Garden of the Gods Foundation.

Christina Haywood, who has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and proficiency in her role as the Director of Operations for the Garden of the Gods Visitor & Nature Center, has been promoted to the position of Executive Director of the Foundation. Her exceptional leadership and visionary approach have played a crucial role in driving our initiatives forward, and I am confident that under her guidance, the Foundation will continue to flourish and make a lasting impact.

I am also pleased to introduce Tracy Goodwin, who recently joined the Garden of the Gods family as the Director of Operations at the Visitor & Nature Center. With her extensive operations experience and passion for outdoor recreation, we are excited to have her on board as we continue to strive to enhance and elevate the visitor experience and further enrich our educational outreach programs.

We have exciting plans for the Visitor Center, including the expansion of the parking lot and restroom facilities over the next few years. These capital projects will significantly enhance the overall experience for our local community and visitors, ensuring that you can enjoy the beauty of the Garden of the Gods in comfort and convenience.

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are faced with fresh challenges that call for our collective support and financial backing. Your continued contributions play a pivotal role in sustaining our conservation efforts and ensuring that the Garden of the Gods Park remains an unspoiled sanctuary for generations to come. Your contribution will directly impact our ability to undertake crucial conservation projects, capital improvements, educational programs, and maintenance endeavors that are essential to preserving what we consider to be the crown jewel of Colorado Springs.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for your past support and sincerely hope that you will consider making a donation to the Garden of the Gods Foundation this year. Together, we uphold the legacy of this magnificent park and ensure it remains an invaluable asset for our local community, and visitors from around the world.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to the Garden of the Gods Foundation. We look forward to your support and partnership in the upcoming year.

Warm regards,

Jan Martin President Garden of the Gods Foundation