

LANDA GARDENS  
CONSERVANCY



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

## Dear Landa Gardens Conservancy Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I am pleased to share with you the 2021 Annual Report for Landa Gardens Conservancy, reflecting a bountiful year for the Gardens and our community of regular visitors and guests.

The year started with great promise as six new members began their service on our board. Though the February snow and freeze affected the entire region, damage to the Landa Gardens landscape and trees was not severe, requiring only the replacement of a handful of trees and cutting back of the perimeter plantings. We were left with open, uninterrupted views of our graceful Landa Library, for the first time in years.

Working with the San Antonio Public Library, the expedited rebuilding of the Landa Gardens playground was completed by early April, allowing our youngest community members and their families to return to their routines of relaxation and play—just in time for May Month, our City of San Antonio-designated month of honor and free activities. As the Community Garden blossomed with color and vegetables grew, we were thrilled to see our neighbors and friends reconvene at Landa.

Landa Nights, our annual fundraising dinner in the Gardens, was planned around an exuberant theme, Bubbles and Blooms. We surpassed our goals with élan, enabling us to further fulfill our mission of beautification and maintenance of this special space. I extend my humble thanks to all our generous supporters, and to the team of dedicated co-hosts and event committee for the success of this colorfully delicious and fun party.

These accomplishments would be impossible without the commitment of our wonderful board of directors and volunteers, who show up, create, organize and plan for the continued future of our shared community space.

Landa Gardens Conservancy exists because of the ongoing stewardship of our community, whose generous gifts and donations allow us to fulfill our mission. Your steady presence and support give the Gardens color and life. May it always remain our shared and verdant retreat.

Warmly, and in service,



**Colleen M. Casey**

LANDA GARDENS CONSERVANCY PRESIDENT, 2021

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# MAINTENANCE & MASTER PLAN

The biggest change to our 2021 Landa Gardens landscape resulted from the February freeze, and much of the year was spent replanting shrubs, pruning trees and removing dead limbs. This weather event opened up vistas that have not recently been seen. We are still in process of trying to find several replacement trees, given the slowdown in the supply chain and wanting the best quality for Landa landscaping. The playground structural rebuild was completed in early April. We added a new, improved water fountain near the playground that provides the added enhancements of a water bottle filler and pet water dispenser. We cleaned donor plaques, benches and bench slabs. A garden bench was memorialized at the request of a donor, and an open opportunity remains to memorialize the new water fountain.

— BRIAN CALLAHAN,  
MAINTENANCE & MASTER PLAN CHAIR



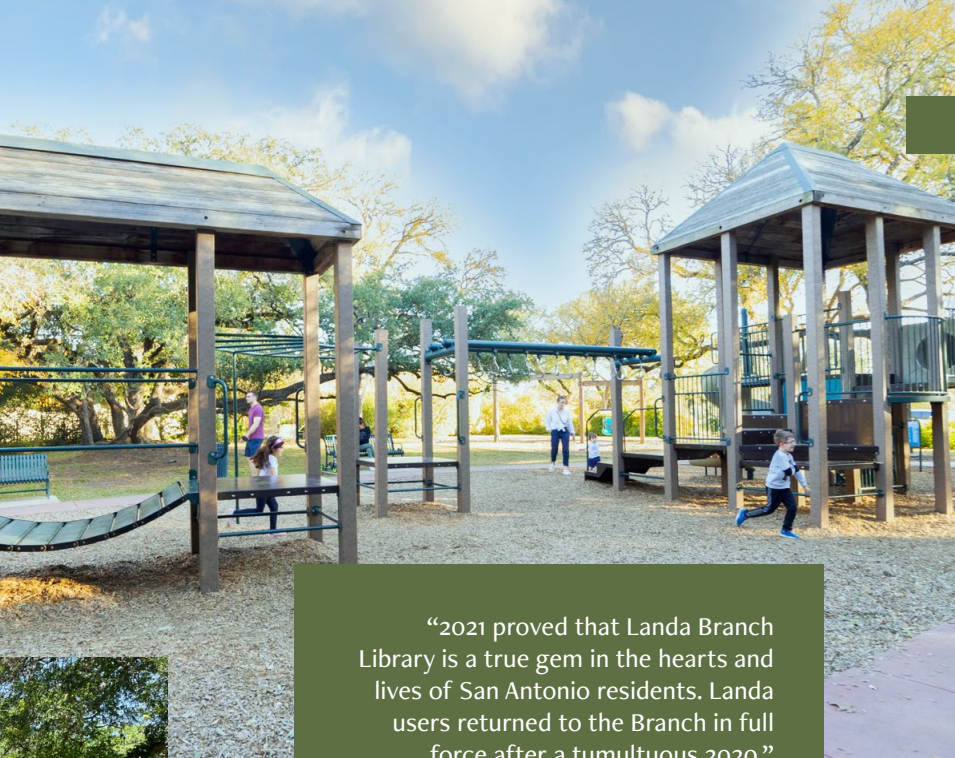
#### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

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## COMMUNITY GARDEN

After the historic freeze, as the weather warmed and we headed toward spring, it was gratifying to see our garden survive and thrive. Thank you to our exceptional volunteer expert, Joan Miller, whose advice on planting Texas native plants has made them a reliable feature of the garden. Our vegetable bed successfully yielded tomatoes and radishes, while sunflowers and zinnias added glorious color. Along with Joan, our regular crew of hard-working volunteers come out the second Thursday morning of each month to trim, weed, and plant. All are welcome!

— JUDY MOLESKY-HILL,  
COMMUNITY GARDEN CHAIR

“2021 proved that Landa Branch Library is a true gem in the hearts and lives of San Antonio residents. Landa users returned to the Branch in full force after a tumultuous 2020.”

- KIYANNA STEPHENS,  
LANDA LIBRARY BRANCH MANAGER



# MAY MONTH

After much community consternation and collaboration, May Month returned to in-person events in 2021! With safety a priority, the fierce opening day weather did not deter the amazing Kitchen Wrangler, Melissa Guerra from zooming into our homes, nor did it stop the hand-delivery of chalk kits to May Month registrants. Yoga in the Gardens with Ashley was a success; Books in Bloom Children's Story Time Tea, a joyful tea party to-go; and Archeological Little Diggers, with Dr. Kat Brown, churned up the Landa grounds with some fun finds, despite more misty weather.

—JULIE VAN ZANDT,  
MAY MONTH LEAD ORGANIZER



Thank you to our returning Presenting Sponsor, Presidio Title, and the many entertainment and event sponsors. Also, the talented board members and volunteers creating and leading each event were amazing, and live fully the philanthropic vision of Hannah and Harry Landa.

MAY MONTH COMMITTEE:  
Margaret Briscoe, Elizabeth Fry,  
Bonnie Garcia, Lynzee Hill, Ashley  
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# LANDA NIGHTS

Our unique annual fundraiser, Landa Nights: Bubbles and Blooms, was a great success! We hosted a fun drive-through celebration at Landa Gardens, where guests picked up their delicious catered three-course meals, wine, and fresh flowers, all packaged to-go. Many participants socialized and toured the grounds while enjoying live music and a glass of refreshment from our Bubbles Champagne Bar. Guests had a wonderful time reconnecting with friends in person and meeting new lovers of Landa Gardens. In total, 243 meals were prepared for Bubbles and Blooms, and the event raised over \$126,000.

— CATHARINE VEXLER,  
LANDA NIGHTS CO-CHAIR

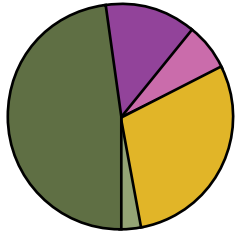


## LANDA NIGHTS COMMITTEE:

Catharine and Jeff Vexler, Co-Chairs; Shannon Braymen and Vivian Holder, Robert Brown and Dennis Karbach, Colleen Casey and Tim Maloney, Katie Kinder Debauche and Dan Debauche, Marianne and Will Hileman, Lynzee and Justin Hill, Judy Molesky-Hill and Mitch Hill, Ashley and Daniel Martinez, Marcie Treviño Ripper, Lisa Roberts



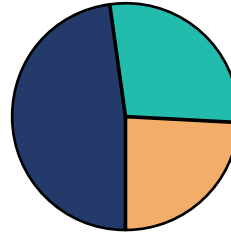
# 2021 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY



## SUPPORT & REVENUE

Special Events Net Income	\$108,794
Board Contributions	\$28,700
City of San Antonio Contribution	\$15,000
Donor Contributions	\$66,076
Grants	\$5,811

**TOTAL Support & Revenue \$224,381**

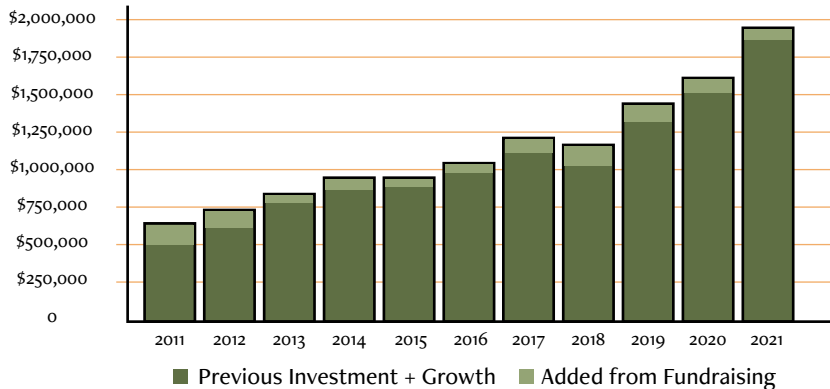


## EXPENSES

Routine Maintenance	\$48,614
Grounds Improvements	\$27,751
Administrative	\$24,748

**TOTAL Expenses \$101,113**

## ENDOWMENT GROWTH



## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Katie Kinder Debauche, Chair; Brian Callahan, Jessica Gaidusek, Marianne Hileman, Alane Honigblum, Mara Mauzé, Rebecca Nathan, Daniela Serna, Sally Sohn, Catharine Vexler, Julie Van Zandt



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“For over 75 years, the Hannah Landa Memorial Branch Library has provided invaluable service and resources to the San Antonio community. Thanks to the improvements provided by Landa Gardens Conservancy, tens of thousands of visitors per year are drawn to the library’s picturesque garden setting.”

- RAMIRO SALAZAR,  
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