

# The Year End Is Coming!

As 2021 comes to an end, VISTA thanks you, our members, for all your support this year. Many of you have donated money and goods to help us initiate and complete projects in many areas of our garden.

For example, without your donations, we wouldn't have been able to build new-and-improved compost bins, add a pollinator garden to our Native Plant Landscape, install a pergola at the entrance to the Monarch Waystation Garden, start VISTA's new Flower Garden, nor acquire the many tools and equipment that all of us use every time we are working in the garden.

Now, as we approach the joyous celebrations of December and the New Year, we urge you to come forward and support VISTA Gardens with a gift of money or a donation of items on our Wish List. From the smallest donation to the largest gift, all funds and in-kind gifts will help VISTA Gardens continue to thrive and flourish.

Looking for other ideas to give a gift with impact? Or, maybe you are looking for a unique gift for the person "who has everything," or for the folks who say, "Don't give me anything." A donation to VISTA in honor of that person can be the ideal way to give a meaningful gift.

Better yet, treat those special people in your life to a VISTA membership, which brings with it a year of exploration, discovery, fun, and memory-making while supporting VISTA's mission to protect and sustain our natural environment.



If you're writing checks to your favorite charities (VISTA is a 501(c) (3) not for profit!), and especially if you've had a high-income year, there may be opportunities that you haven't yet taken full advantage of to reduce your taxable income. Check with your financial advisor on how a financial gift to VISTA can work for you.

For those of you with a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), we hope you will donate to VISTA Gardens as part of this year's RMD from your IRA. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity like VISTA Gardens. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your RMDs for the year. Check with your financial advisor about this convenient and tax-saving method of giving.

### **For All Mailed Donations**

Be sure to send the funds to our Treasurer:
VISTA Gardens
c/o 4104 Water Oaks Lane
Tampa FL 33618

(VISTA does not accept mail at the garden's location.)

#### **For All Hand-Delivered Donations**

Kindly place your check in the black mailbox in the shed.

## For Credit Card and PayPal

You can use the DONATION button in the yellow box on VISTA's website home page: https://www.vistagardentampa.org/

# If you wish to purchase items on the Wish List below

Please contact Jennifer Grebenschikoff **jengreb@gmail.com** to arrange.



# VISTA Gardens 2022 WISH LIST

- Garden gloves for our volunteers (\$15 for six pairs)
- Child-size wheel barrow (\$35)
- Paper goods for potluck events (\$50)
- Self-guided, reusable walking tour maps of VISTA for our visitors (\$50)
- Weather proof box to hold the walking tour maps (\$75)
- Barley for reducing algae in VISTA's pond (\$100)
- Child-size wagon (\$100)
- Durable hand pruners (\$100 for 3-4)
- Durable (non-rusting) garden scissors (\$100 for 6)
- Children's books focused on gardening and nature (\$100)
- Fish food for VISTA's pond (\$100)
- Valves and irrigation parts (\$200)
- Littoral shelf plants for VISTA's pond (\$200)
- Oxygen meter for VISTA's pond (\$210)
- Informational/educational signage to inform members and visitors about value and uses for cut, edible, and wildflowers (\$250)
- Rocks for VISTA's pond (\$280)
- Upgraded video equipment for VISTA's education activities (\$300)
- Compost canopy replacement (\$300)
- Three-tier "potting bench" to expand work area for volunteers when seeding and up-planting. This will double as space to harden off seedlings as they transition to living outdoors. (\$350)
- Arbor/Pergola (structurally sound for Central FL) to protect herbs that benefit from indirect sunlight (\$500)
- Replacement of wood for the beds (\$1,000)



- Replacement batteries for the solar system (\$1,000)
- Solar-powered electric gate system (\$3,000)
- Replacement well pump (\$3,500)

#### LEAVES LEAVES!!!

Please bring your bagged leaves to the Compost Canopy.

We have a very short window to collect enough leaves to last an entire year.

Tell your neighbors and friends.

Thank you

Thank you for any support you are able to give, because of incredible donors like you VISTA Gardens continues to grow.

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