



Charity of the week

Seeking to provide sites of beauty, solace, inspiration, and revitalization to communities across the country, **The Garden Conservancy** (gardenconservancy.org) works to preserve and open the magnificent gardens of America. In partnership with horticulturists, garden designers, and historians, the charity saves, rehabilitates, and helps private gardens transition to public status. In addition, the group organizes visiting days and educational tours at private gardens; last year, 300 private gardens invited visitors to view their landscapes and unique plant species through the conservancy's "Open Days" program. Since 1989, the Garden Conservancy has helped restore more than 80 gardens across the U.S., including many that are historic landmarks or on the National Register of Historic Places.



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