



ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

What have we learned over the past difficult year and half? Some things we have taken for granted really do matter while other things that we thought mattered may be less important. Ultimately when the world shuts down, all we have is each other and our island home.

The disruption has helped us to realise how much we need to cherish and protect those things that make Bermuda home, that make it special: our shared heritage.

In 2020, the Bermuda National Trust quietly passed its 50th anniversary. There is no doubt that the Trust's mission remains as relevant today as it did when the organisation was formed: to conserve and promote Bermuda's natural and cultural heritage for everyone, forever.

In our care are many of the best examples of Bermuda's iconic architecture, centuries-old buildings such as Verdmont, that contain within their walls stories of the people, rich and poor, free and enslaved, who made Bermuda what it is today. We also care for hundreds of acres of beautiful green spaces, such as Spittal Pond and Paget Marsh, where wildlife such as birds, butterflies and bees can thrive, and people can enjoy time in nature that is so essential to our physical and mental well-being.

In addition to our stewardship of these special places, the Trust works hard to fulfill its mandate to advocate for our heritage and to educate the next generation so that they can understand its value and care for it as well. Every year, our education programmes connect hundreds of local children with the island's rich past, as well as its natural history.

We cannot do all of this alone. The pandemic also taught us how much we can achieve through teamwork. Despite difficult circumstances and reduced funds, our dedicated staff have pulled together to ensure that the Trust's important work has continued. But ultimately our success depends on you, the people in the community who choose to support the Trust through your membership, your volunteer time and your generous donations. Together we make a powerful team that will carry the Trust forward into the next half century, under new leadership and with renewed energy to fulfill our mission in a way that is exciting and relevant to all sections of the community.

Today we are asking you to assist the Trust financially by making a gift to our Annual Appeal. At this critical time, we need your help more than ever. Your contributions will be used responsibly and thoughtfully, 100% focused on conserving and promoting Bermuda's natural and cultural heritage and educating its stewards of the future.

If you have any questions about specific projects and programmes, we would love to hear from you. Our doors at Waterville are always open during working hours. Do come and visit, give us a call, or send us a note.

Most sincerely,

Alana Anderson
President

Karen Border
Executive Director



\$150

Cost for an endemic tree and the time to plant it



\$250

Cost per day to maintain our museums



\$500

Cost to develop and deliver a school fieldtrip



\$1000

Cost per month to maintain Verdmont Gardens