

An Invitation to become a Corporate Sponsor Carbone's Prime Oktoberfest

September 19, 2024



WHO WE ARE

Laura's Garden Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to honor the life and legacy of Laura Kirsche Hart through the construction & maintenance of a memorial garden in Old Wethersfield, Connecticut. Laura's Garden will provide an inviting, community garden space. In addition to the physical garden, our organization seeks to promote accessible educational experiences through project-based learning. As a designated Pollinator Pathway, Laura's Garden is a corridor of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds.

Where the sun shines, love grows.

Laura's Garden will be a quiet, contemplative space with flowering plants and trees, lots of sunshine and fluttering butterflies. It will be a place for parents to gather for a quiet moment while their children play, for community members to enjoy a reflective moment and for children to wonder at the joys of color, nature and butterflies. The garden will be built in the shape of a nautilus shell - a symbol of perfection and beauty, strength, spiritual growth, creation and movement. These symbols personify Laura.

Laura and her family loved spending their time together at the playground at Mikey's Place in Standish Park in Old Wethersfield. The park holds a special place in their hearts as a place for the family to gather, socialize and rejuvenate. It will be a space that Laura would have been proud to have named in her honor.







MISSION STATEMENT

Laura's Garden, Inc. was established to promote neighborhood beautification and environmental education around biodiversity. The garden, in memory of local teacher Laura Kirsche Hart, is a community gathering space inspired by her work as educator, her appreciation for the natural world, and her commitment to bringing people together. Nestled on the northeast corner of Standish Park in Wethersfield, CT, Laura's Garden is a corridor for pollinating insects and birds on the Pollinator Pathway. The hardscape is designed after the nautilus shell, a symbol of strength, balance, and beauty and will be surrounded by native plants, a peaceful water feature, and granite bench. The foundation's community outreach provides accessible and equitable experiences for students in grades k-12, including disbursement of butterfly growing kits for elementary classrooms. The Laura's Garden Foundation also supports other causes that align with our mission of providing inclusive, and accessible educational experiences while "leaving the world better than we found it."



MARCH 29th, 1987 - JULY 13th, 2021

LAURA KIRSCHE HART

Laura was a beloved Wethersfield wife, mother, daughter, sister, teacher and friend. She was loved by anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her resounding spirit touched the lives of all who knew her. Regardless of what was bringing Laura down, she always had a smile for anyone she came into contact with. To say Laura was an angel on earth would be an understatement. Having her in our lives was a true blessing that will surround us with love forever.

Laura was a graduate of Wethersfield High School, where she was a star in track and basketball. She obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Connecticut. She spent nearly a decade teaching in Glastonbury Public Schools, her final position as a fourth-grade teacher at Naubuc Elementary School.

Laura was a cancer survivor whose health remained a concern even after she seemingly overcame her battle. Laura was unexpectedly taken from us on July 13, 2021, after a very brief illness. Laura left behind her loving and devoted husband Patrick, and her three little angels Milly (4), Josie (2) and baby William (7 months).

Throughout her life, Laura was a teacher both in and out of the classroom. In her final lesson, she taught those closest to her the meaning of courage and grace. Laura and her family loved spending their time together at the playground at Mikey's Place in Standish Park in Old Wethersfield. The park holds a special place in their hearts as a place for the family to gather, socialize and rejuvenate. Laura had a wonderful way of turning everything into a celebration... together, lets celebrate the beauty of this community and its historic surroundings.

HOW TO GIVE

Companies and other organizations are invited to become Strategic Partners of Laura's Garden Foundation and receive:

Sunflower

- Recognition as a Sunflower sponsor on Laura's Garden website
- Recognition as Sunflower sponsor with logo on display signage at Laura's Garden events
- 8 complimentary tickets to Laura's
 Garden 2024 events & VIP auction preview

Bee Balm

- Recognition as a Bee Balm sponsor on Laura's Garden website
- Recognition as Bee Balm sponsor with logo on display signage at Laura's Garden events
- 4 complimentary tickets to Laura's
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\$10,000

\$5,000

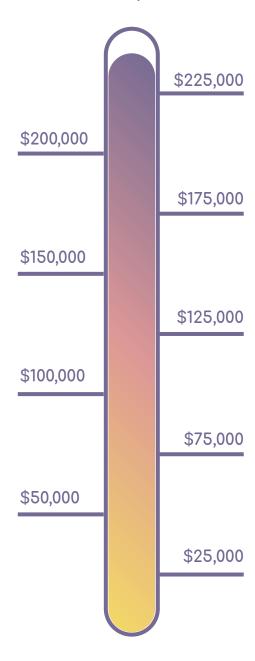
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OUR GOAL

Laura's Garden Foundation is pleased to announce the launch the 2023 Capital Campaign Project with the goal of building & securing the future of Laura's Garden for families to enjoy for generations to come.

Now that the garden has been built and is being enjoyed by many, we are turning to fulfill the second part of our mission: to provide equitable, accessible experiences for students through project-based learning. Additionally, your support will help maintain the garden as well as make improvements such as an educational panel that teaches visitors about pollinator pathways and the importance of biodiversity.



THE GARDEN





As a stop on Pollinator Pathway, Laura's Garden is a pesticide-free corridor of native plants that provide nutrition and habitat for pollinating insects and birds.





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