

# **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION WITH A PURPOSE**

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# EDUCATION AND PURPOSE

# **TODAY'S** *(HOPEFULLY)* **ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE**

**The story of me**

**A look at the JC  
Raulston  
Arboretum**

**The humble  
beginnings of a  
children's program**

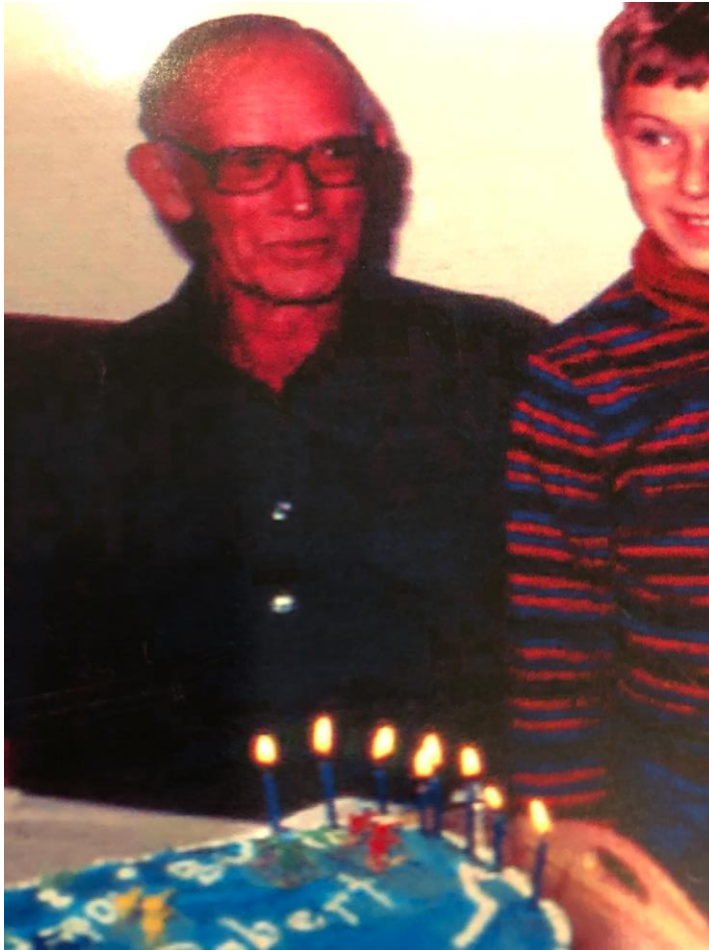
**Our future**



# MY STORY



# THE FRAME





# PUZZLE PIECES



# JC RAULSTON ARBORETUM



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# PRIOR TO 2011

466 programs

"Beyond Dwarf  
Alberta: Conifers for  
the Smaller Garden"

"Asian Adventures:  
Plant Hunting in  
China and Taiwan"

"From Genotype to  
Phenotype:  
Adventures in Plant  
Breeding"



# VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



# FIRST YEAR

11 programs

3 were program for  
school groups

1 had no enrollment



# FIRST YEAR REDONE

**25 programs**

**Combination of  
weekend and  
weekday**

**Themes of story  
times, butterflies,  
scavenger hunts,  
crafts, and walks**





**SPRING EGG HUNT**

**FREE!**

# THE GROWTH

From 2013-2015,  
about 207 programs

Ventured into scout  
programs, more  
school tours, art  
programs, and  
started a summer  
camp program

Still mainly  
preschool and  
elementary ages



# ADDING PURPOSE





# MIDDLE SCHOOL



# STRETCH AND GAIN

## Project PLANTS

Grant funded, 3 year program

Each year's cohort started with a week long summer camp and continued with meetings during the school year

Goal: show a variety of career options in horticulture and agriculture



# What did you think when you first heard about an agriculture/horticulture camp?

Student 1: I thought it was lame.

Student 2: Uh yeh I thought it was lame.

Student 3: I thought it was lame too!

Moderator: You thought it was lame?!

Student 3: I'm sorry...

Student 4: My mom forced me.

Student 3: Me too!

Student 4: My mom was like, you goin! I was like, AHhh:

Student 3: My mom said I need to get out of the house.

Student 4: That's exactly what they told me!

Student 3: I'm sorrrry.....At least I'm honest!(Laughter)

Moderator: Be as honest as possible. Okay, is camp different than you thought?

Collectively: YES

Student 2: This is actually fun.

Student 3: It's really fun.

Student 4: Anything my mom forces me to go is usually boring. 'Cept for this one. My mom did good this time.



# SHIFTING

2018, 106 programs that brought over 3900 students into the garden

2300 of those were visiting on a school tour or as part of a homeschool program



# CONNECTIONS





# **HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE SUMMER INSTITUTE**

# VISION



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