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Sherman Library & Gardens Prepares to Elevate Offering, Creating Opportunities for Generations of Families

Mother and son, Janet and Jonathan Curci, proudly serve on the Grow The Gardens campaign committee, driving awareness and support for the improvements and program expansions planned for Newport Beach’s cherished non-profit and public asset

**Corona del Mar, CA:** Sherman Library & Gardens is beloved by generations. Established in 1966, Sherman Library & Gardens is a vital gateway to the community’s natural beauty and rich history that must be shared with visitors at all stages of life. The gardens are showing their age and are urgently in need of major revitalization so Sherman Library & Gardens can continue to be the beautiful, accessible, and impactful space the community cherishes. When Janet Curci and her son Jonathan Curci heard about the Grow The Gardens campaign, a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform this hidden community asset of unique botanical displays, and collections of rich history into educational and artistic program experiences, a seed was planted for their family to get involved. Longtime residents of Orange County and supporters of Sherman Library & Gardens, both mother and son were compelled to join the campaign committee, representing generations of love and support for the community non-profit. The curated and impactful immersive experiences that will be offered as Sherman Library & Gardens evolves will ensure the iconic cultural hub will be able to serve more patrons each year for the generations of today and into the future. Janet Curci shared, “Sherman Library & Gardens is such a unique spot in Newport Beach. It’s a venue where people can come to reflect, explore and immerse themselves in the gardens right in the heart of the city.” When Jonathan Curci was asked why he chose to become involved in the Grow The Gardens campaign, he shared, “I got involved with the Grow The Gardens campaign because it is such a special place. I’d love to see it continue to grow and proser, becoming more of a household name.”

Sherman Library & Gardens is the vital link that connects our community to health organizations, schools, businesses, artists, and families as the premier world-class hub. With annual attendance increasing over 50% in the last few years, the outdated facilities and current campus configuration do not meet the growing needs for Sherman Library & Gardens’ vibrant education and artistic experiences. The Grow The Gardens campaign is fundamental to expanding the critical programs offered to meet the growing community needs and collaboration potential. Jonathan Curci shared, “I believe other people should get involved with the Grow The Gardens Campaign because Sherman Library & Gardens is such a cultural hub for our city. It’s a huge asset that provides entertainment, knowledge and experiences for many generations.” The time is now for individuals and families to get involved and help Sherman Library & Gardens blossom into the future. Please join the Curci family and support the Grow The Gardens capital campaign. To date, over $10 million dollars has been raised, however, the nonprofit is seeking to reach $17 million dollars in order to break ground in early 2026. More information on how to support the Grow The Gardens campaign can be found [HERE](https://experience.thesherman.org/don-gtg/grow-the-gardens?_gl=1*1xr5egu*_ga*MTQ4MDUzMzg2MC4xNjg3ODA1NzA1*_ga_51750WXFLC*czE3NDY0ODc4MzgkbzI4NCRnMSR0MTc0NjQ4Nzg0NiRqMCRsMCRoMA..), while the complete interview with Janet and Jonathan Curci can be viewed [HERE](https://thesherman.org/impact-story/janet-jonathan-curci/).

**About Sherman Library & Gardens**

Sherman Library & Gardens is a non-profit organization that has been deeply rooted in Orange County, California for over half of a century, serving the community as a sanctuary and educational beacon for history and beauty. Founded in 1966 by Arnold Haskell and named for his friend and mentor, Moses Hazeltine Sherman, this iconic institution serves as a guardian of regional history and artifacts, a living library of plants both native and exotic, and a conservator of artistic works influenced by and produced in the Pacific Southwest. Sherman Library & Gardens provides inspiration, education and appreciation of regional history, horticulture, and the arts for all. It endeavors to be the premier resource for horticultural and historical collections of the Pacific Southwest and strives to enrich peoples’ lives through education and artistic experiences. It is a vital gateway to the community’s natural beauty and rich history that must be shared further with the community. Sherman Library & Gardens was recently recognized by the Newport Beach City Council with a proclamation, naming Sherman Library & Gardens as the “Cultural Hub” of Corona del Mar. Sherman Library & Gardens is located at 2647 E. Coast Hwy., Corona del Mar, CA 92625.

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