

Partners in Conservation (PIC) was founded in 1991 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in response to the genocide of the people of Rwanda. Many partnerships were formed to help the people of Rwanda. The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. is one.

Seeds of Friendship



Partners In Conservation

To All of Our Garden Club Members,

It's that time again to ask for your participation in the collecting of seeds, garden gloves and money to help the people of Rwanda. We have been partners with the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium since 2007 in their ultimate goal to save the rain forest where the mountain gorillas live by respectfully helping the animals and the local population. If people don't have to use forest resources to care for their families, then the forest will stand and the animals will survive. The Spring 2020 & Winter 2021 issues of *Garden Greetings* give examples of the many ways this project has changed the rainforest, people and increased the number of mountain gorillas.

This year we ask you to again support this program. With Coronavirus still with us most of you are not having meetings where you can bring your donations. I ask the following:

1. The only vegetable seeds that the people want and grow best in Rwanda are: Bush Green Beans, Green Cabbage, Carrots, Onions, Green Peppers and Tomatoes, plus Cosmo & Zinnia flower seeds. Also, be sure the seeds are for the 2021 growing season.

2. All seeds, gloves, cash and checks can be sent or brought to my home. Mark your donations with your name phone number and your Garden Club name.

3. All checks must be into me by April 1, 2021, for recording and mailing to the GCO Treasurer. Please mark your phone # and Club name on your checks and make it payable to Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.

4. If a club member is going to the convention (04/13 to 4/15/21), please have that person bring your items. Donations cannot be accepted after noon on April 15. Look for "Seeds of Friendship" boxes near the registration area.

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