

Mid-Year Report

Grantee: Lutheran Social Ministries- Mt Olive NJ

People present: Robin, Jennifer, Alison + 2 residents

Date: 8-6-21

Project:

What problem was being addressed? Residents need social opportunities, good nutrition and purpose.

What actions have been implemented? Built 15+ raised bed garden boxes -total over 30, adding to some lower beds built last year. At Mt Olive low-income senior housing building.

What went right? Gardeners very proud of their efforts, more socializing, giving away produce or starting a farm stand.

What went wrong? One person said a neighbor had taken over her garden, but she didn't complain, attributed to culture/language.

What surprises did you encounter/what was serendipitous? Went so well, replicated in another building and want to do next year in another.

How are you measuring effectiveness? Number of beds used (all), people engaged.

What changes will you make in the remainder of the year? Harvest celebration.

Are there other ways FFA can support your efforts? Funding for another project next year.

Notes: I enjoyed this site visit. The residents and staff were so proud.

