

Mid-Year Report

Grantee: Barclay Friends

People present: Lee Ann Sullivan, Cheryl Bjonson (horticulturist)

Date: 9.15.21

Project:

What problem was being addressed? Expand gardening program so more opportunities to engage residents in meaningful and calming activity. Also provide space for employees to garden.

What actions have been implemented? Built several new beds in various parts of community. Engaged residents in gardening. 450# donated to foodbank

What went right? Attractive gardens to visit, growing interest from residents and families. Many family visits needed to be outside—provided great environment.

What went wrong? Covid prevented volunteers, intergenerational, family engagement.

What surprises did you encounter/what was serendipitous? Discovered calming effect on memory care residents.

How are you measuring effectiveness? Testimonials, stories, # involved in activities.

What changes will you make in the remainder of the year? Moving to indoor activities: flower arranging, planning, houseplants, games, education Engage nursing students in horticulture.

Are there other ways FFA can support your efforts? Gardens will need to be refurbished, some are 20 years old. Want a new bus for field trips.

Notes: It seemed like everywhere I turned, there were raised beds, planters and hanging plants. Cheryl is enthusiastic about how she uses horticulture for both indoor and outdoor activities, including calming memory care residents, keeping green things in people's rooms, etc.

Top: gardens on right are the garden club, on left are staff.

Bottom: Cheryl at the gardens

