

Barclay Friends

Report to Friends Foundation for the Aging

“I moved to Barclay Friends right before the pandemic. I have always enjoyed gardening as I had gardens all my life. I am a social person and like to stay busy. I am grateful for the accommodating staff at Barclay Friends during this time, especially Cheryl the Horticulturalist. Life is what you make of it even during a pandemic. I could do nothing or keep busy. I really enjoy being able to participate in the one-on-one flower arranging sessions.”

- Grateful Resident

1. What problem were you addressing?

Barclay Friends requested support of our horticulture program for residents in our recently opened personal care and memory care building called Preston - named for Ann Preston, 19th Century Chester County Quaker physician and abolitionist. When the previous building was destroyed by the fire, the gardens and raised garden beds were also lost. We were seeking funding partners to successfully prepare the new garden areas for the horticultural therapy program. Friends Foundation for the Aging generously provided funds five raised beds in the new garden areas (four for personal care and one for memory care).

2. What change did you expect to create? What were the desired objectives, outcomes and outputs of the program and progress made toward each during the reporting period?

We successfully completed construction of five raised garden beds, with one in Bartram Way and four in the personal care garden. We are thankful to the Foundation for helping with this investment to ensure our success.

When we submitted the application, we had hoped that we would also accomplish many more programmatic outputs and outcomes with residents. Those outcomes were delayed due to infection control protocols and delays in admissions all due to COVID-19.

3. How did you measure success--both quantitative and qualitative? A chart of objectives, actions, and results is helpful. Include numbers and demographics of people touched by the work. Explain your organization's efforts toward diversity, equity and inclusion.

- *Complete construction of five raised garden beds, with one in Bartram Way and four in the personal care garden*
 - We completed construction of the garden beds by the time construction on the new building was complete in July 2020. The new building was opened by August 2020.
- *Harvest and donation of at least 300 pounds of fresh produce to local food bank*
 - Raising fresh produce for donation to the local food bank continued through the growing season in 2020 with over 540 pounds of fresh produce being donated.

Barclay Friends has engaged in conversations to address what we need to do to address diversity, equity and inclusion within our organization. We are drafting a statement from leadership staff that will be shared eventually with all staff. An excerpt from the draft statement includes this statement “All of us know the “E” in the Quaker SPICES stands for “Equality”, but we recognize

that as an organization and as individuals, we sometimes fall short of living up to this value. We are each on our own journey to find out what the value of Equality means for each of us and for Barclay Friends, to promote racial justice in our work life and in our world.” As we conclude wording for the full statement, we have also reached out to FSA for assistance with a facilitator to help us with uncomfortable but very important discussions that need to occur.

4. Please note any collaborations that supported your work and/or ways that you leveraged resources. How did this project engage and empower staff from all levels of your organization?

While we were not able to engage with our intergenerational school partner during the grant period, our friends still wrote letters as “pen pals” to residents. The recreation staff worked within the limitations they encountered to offer one on one floral arranging and activities to keep residents’ spirits up.

We are also thankful to leverage the support you provided to help us reach our capital campaign goal of raising \$1.5 million in support of Preston. We were very thankful to donors for their help in supporting our efforts to offset a portion of the costs to build Preston.

5. Please share any unanticipated outcomes or barriers encountered. Indicate any changes in the program’s goals, strategies, personnel or timelines and the reasons behind the changes.

The installation of the garden beds moved forward smoothly and quickly despite the challenges presented with COVID-19. The main barrier encountered pertains to the usage and enjoyment of the raised beds by new personal care and memory care residents due to the pandemic.

6. How do you plan to share and replicate your results?

We would be happy to report on our results in an e-blast and facebook post that also gives thanks to Friends Foundation for the Aging for their support that made it possible to have the garden beds for residents.

7. Include a project financial statement (budget and actual) for the reporting period. Please explain significant variances from the original budget and reasons for the variances (with corrective measures if overages), as well as plans for future sustainability.

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8. Feedback on your interaction with FFA would be helpful. How have we helped? Made it harder? What else can we do to facilitate your work?

Barclay Friends appreciates the friendly and engaging interactions with the staff at the Foundation. We found our interaction to be very accessible and helpful to submitting a successful grant application. We appreciated the phone call check in to see how things were going, especially as we were in the midst of the most difficult and challenging times of the pandemic shortly after receiving the grant funds.

Budget	Budget	Actual
<u>Total project/activity budget:</u>	\$75,000	\$63,795
Personnel:	\$37,000	37,000
Expenses:		
Raised Garden Beds (5)	\$20,000	15,600
Pad for Garden Beds to sit on	\$2,000	2,000
Gardening Structures (Pergola/bed)	\$5,000	5,935
Gardening Supplies: (Potting Table, Soil, Plants, Misc. Gardening Tools, Plants and Planters)	\$11,000	3,260

Sources of other funding for project/activity (pending and received with dates):

Friends Foundation for the Aging received	\$25,000
Willistown Meeting Trust (received)	\$ 3,000
Chester County Community Foundation	\$ 9,000
Kendal Charitable Funds	\$ 5,000
2020 Secret Gardens Tour of West Chester	\$10,000
(50% of net proceeds raised, walking tour of gardens event to be held in September 12, 2020)	
In-kind Donation of seeds (Received)	
In-kind Donation of Pergola/Garden Bed donation (received)	\$5,935
Horticultural Therapy Appeal (individual donors)	\$16,260
	\$63,260