

We Are Growing!

You'll never guess what we've been doing this summer! Through the generosity of Lake Central School District and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Highland, who have both allowed us to use some of their unused property for garden space, we have been tending **600 heirloom tomato plants!** Remember those tiny heirloom tomato plants we sold at our May geranium sale? They have grown into HUGE plants that should produce about one ton of tomatoes! Some local restaurants have agreed to buy our tomatoes, and we will also have them for sale at the **Sept. 7 Mum Sale.**

On **Saturday, Sept. 14** we will be at Sherwood Golf Course for Beth Sciackitano's **Golf for Autism** event. This year, all proceeds from this event will benefit Planting Possibilities. We are deeply grateful to Beth for her generosity and her dedication to Planting Possibilities' mission. If you are a golfer, consider coming out with a friend (or three) and spending the morning with us. If you're not a golfer, consider contributing a door prize, silent auction item, or sponsoring a hole.

Along with tending our two gardens this summer, we had a blast at **Rockopelli Music Fest** on July 19 at Wicker Park. It was a huge success! I took a moment to look around at all of the activities: There was a "bags" contest in the shade next to the band tent, a water balloon game, a few young women at a picnic table hosting face painting, all while each band played great music. It was truly a festival! Thank you to the many local businesses and organizations that supported Rockopelli including McShane's Business Products and Solutions, Munster; Dedert Corp., Homewood; The Cottage on Dixie, Homewood; Merrill Lynch, Merrillville; Bank of America; Leary's Carpets and Floors, Hammond; Munster Junior Women's Club; and Pi Sigma Phi Sorority. Special thanks to each band, the many volunteers, the Ratajack family and producer Joel Ratajack! The list of supporters is long, and we are grateful for everyone's support!

Since this Spring we have grown exponentially. **Our biggest accomplishment this year** is that we are in the process of developing a partnership with a local social services provider that will allow us to not only erect and operate our first hoophouse, but will incorporate an educational program. We will tell you more about it in our Winter 2013 Newsletter and hopefully have some pictures! **This little step toward our big goal would not have been possible without your continued support.** Thank you for your generous support of our vision. I cannot express our gratitude enough. We have much planned in the upcoming months and beyond, and we hope you will join us as we continue our journey

Warmly and Sincerely,

Mary Anne Neiner

Founder, Planting Possibilities

Meet Our Growing Board of Directors and Steering Committee:

Board of Directors:

Karen Anderson	Dr. Michael Livovich
Brad Hemingway	Mark Neiner
Paul Gergets	Mary Anne Neiner
Robert J. Hanrahan III	

Steering Committee:

Marge Dytrych	Beth Sciackitano
Chris Eller- Esparza	Meagan Yothment
Faye Geiser	Ruth Yothment
Jim Hitz	

Mum & Tomato Sale: Sept 7

Saturday, Sept. 7 we will have our Mum and Heirloom Tomato Sale from 8am to 2pm at Sarkey's Florist, 8944 Erie St. Highland. As you know from last year, the mums are florist-quality and beautiful! This year we will have hanging baskets, as well as six varieties of freshly-picked heirloom tomatoes and a few varieties of peppers. We're looking forward to a sunny, beautiful day. See you there!



Join our Harvest Helpers: Volunteer at our gardens

Thank you to the fine young adults who helped us plant over 600 tomato plants this spring! Since planting them, our tomato plants have grown aggressively. We will need lots of help harvesting our crop for delivery to the local restaurants who have agreed to purchase our heirloom tomatoes as they ripen. If you have the time and ability to help us, we welcome you to join our Harvest Helpers!

To sign up, visit www.plantingpossibilities.org/harvest.



Rockopelli 2013

Rockopelli Music Fest, held on July 19 at Wicker Park, was a huge success! Joel Ratajack, the Producer of Rockopelli and a junior at IU, reached his goal of doubling the profits of last year's inaugural event and presented Planting Possibilities with a check for \$10,000! We are deeply grateful for Joel's generous heart and the hard work of his family & friends who helped him make this event a success and a very fun summer evening. Thanks again, Joel – you're the best!





Golf For Autism 2013

Golfer Registration, Sponsorship, & Donation Form

Please circle: I want to.....

Golf

Become a Sponsor

Donate

Fill out if you are interested in golfing:

ALSO fill out this portion if you are interested in becoming a sponsor:

Name: _____

Circle your level:

Company: _____

Phone: _____

Platinum

Address: _____

Email: _____

Gold

Website: _____

Names of Golfers in Foursome:

Silver

Bronze

- Please make checks payable to Golf for Autism. Send this form & payment to Beth Sciackitano, PO Box 1012 Crown Point, IN 46308 -



Golf For Autism

Saturday, September 14

Scherwood Golf Course, 600 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN

Registration & Breakfast: 7am

Shotgun Start: 8am

\$110 per golfer. Price includes 18 holes of golf w/cart, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, beer, prizes and more! There will be a silent auction during luncheon.

See above form to register.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Deadline for Golf for Autism sponsorship submission is August 23. See form above.

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$1,500

- Foursome
- Name/Logo displayed on Welcome Banner at Registration
- Name/Logo on back of T-Shirt issued to all golfers & volunteers
- Name/Logo on event website with a link to your website
- Business/Promo Items in Goodie Bags issued to all golfers
- Special Thank You Recognition during luncheon

SILVER SPONSOR/BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR: \$500

- Name/Logo will be displayed on a beverage cart that will travel the course throughout the day
- Name/Logo on event website with a link to your website
- Name/Logo on Power Point displayed during luncheon

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,000

- Name/Logo on back of T-Shirt issued to all golfers & volunteers
- Name/Logo on event website with a link to your website
- Business/Promo Items in Goodie Bags issued to all golfers
- Special Thank You Recognition during luncheon

BRONZE SPONSOR / HOLE SPONSOR: \$125

- Name/Logo on sign displayed on one of the 18 holes
- Name/Logo on event website with a link to your website

Questions? Contact Beth Sciackitano.

golf4autism@hotmail.com | (219) 488-7590 | www.golf4autism.org | www.plantingpossibilities.org/golf

Help us reach our goal: Energize Indiana & Planting Possibilities

For every home energy assessment, Energize Indiana will donate \$25 to Planting Possibilities. You get a free home energy assessment, tips on saving energy and a box of free stuff, and we get \$25!

We did it already, so we can assure you that it's easy! A representative of Energize Indiana will call you after you send in your registration form (enclosed). They will schedule a 20-30 minute visit to your home at your convenience, during which they will analyze your energy use and provide you with a comprehensive report detailing what can be done to save energy and make your home more comfortable this winter.

You'll receive these energy saving products: 9 CFL light bulbs, 2 Low-Flow shower heads, 2 bathroom sink aerators, 1 kitchen sink aerator, 1 computer power strip (if you have a computer & printer), and an insulating pipe wrap.

We've already received over \$220 from this program, and our goal is to raise \$2000. It will cost you nothing but a few minutes. Please help us reach our goal! See the enclosed form to sign up.

THANK YOU to the following local businesses & organizations!

These local businesses have been very supportive of Planting Possibilities:

ArcelorMittal Matching Gifts	Merrill Lynch, Merrillville
Bank of America	McGuire Woods, Chicago
Calumet Harley Davidson, Munster	McShane's Business Products & Solutions, Munster
Choices Brokerage, Crete	Monosol, Merrillville
Cottage on Dixie, Homewood	Plus One Audio & Video, Frankfort
Dedert Corp., Homewood	Providence Bank, Munster
El Salto, Munster and Merrillville	Respite Care Services, Highland
Five Guys, Munster	Sarkey's Florist, Highland
Gayetys, Schererville and Lansing	Snow & Ice Pros, Highland
Insulation Fabricators, Hammond	J. Watson Engineering, St. John
Kusiak Construction, Highland	WJOB, Hammond

We also thank these local organizations and clubs for their support:

Down Syndrome Association of NWI	Service League of Northwest Indiana
Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Weis Council, Munster	St. Thomas More Parish, Munster
Lake Central School District	St. Thomas More Ushers Club, Munster
Munster Junior Womens Club	Redeemer Lutheran Church, Highland
Pi Sigma Phi Sorority, Chi Chapter	



P.O. Box 1805 Highland, IN

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Planting Possibilities is a 501(c)3 nonprofit eligible for company matching programs. Your contribution is tax-deductible in accordance with applicable law.
Or donate online at www.plantingpossibilities.org

Planting Possibilities
 Gardeners Circle Levels

\$25
\$50
\$75
\$100
\$250
\$500
\$750
\$1,000



Please make checks payable to:
 Planting Possibilities

Please keep Planting Possibilities in mind as you plan your end-of-year giving.



Home Energy Assessment Application

(Please print clearly in blue or black ink.)

ORGANIZATION NAME **Planting Possibilities, Inc.**

ID# **PPIX04222013**

INDIVIDUAL

NAME *(as it appears on electric utility bill)* _____

By enrolling I understand that Energizing Indiana may periodically share my scheduling status with the nonprofit organization.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____ ALTERNATIVE PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ELECTRIC UTILITY PROVIDER _____

YOUR HOME:

1. Was your home built prior to January 1, 2010? YES NO

2. I verify that my home is: *(please check one)*

SINGLE FAMILY, DETACHED DUPLEX TRIPLEX QUADPLEX MOBILE HOME

3.. Have you had a utility sponsored Energy Assessment in the past 3 years? YES NO

*Please return this form to **your non-profit organization or Energizing Indiana.***

Fax: (219) 663-6074

Email: COE@energizingindiana.com

Address: 1451 E. Summit St., Crown Point, IN 46307





PO Box 1805
Highland, IN 46322

Fall Newsletter: Read about our first harvest, two local gardens, upcoming mum & heirloom tomato sale, golf outing and more exciting news!

Planting Possibilities is a registered 501(c)3 with the mission to provide job-skills training, employment and volunteer opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities in Lake County, IN.

Our Special Thanks to Guru Systems, Inc. of Munster for generously donating their mailing services.



Visit our website www.plantingpossibilities.org and follow us as we grow!

Help us tend our plants and take in our harvest! See page 2 for details.

Volunteer Opportunities

Energize Indiana will donate \$25 to Planting Possibilities for every home energy assessment. See enclosed form & help us reach our goal!



18 holes, breakfast & lunch buffets and silent auction
Saturday, September 14 at Scherwood Golf, Schererville IN

Golf For Autism



A variety of mums, heirloom tomatoes and peppers
Saturday, September 7 at Sarkey's Florist, Highland IN

Mum + Heirloom Tomato Sale



Planting Possibilities Fall Calendar