

Growing Possibilities, All Summer Long!

Although it may seem like the world's been in slow motion these past 6 months, we've been moving right along.

In early March our horticulture class started this year's crops from seed in our classroom. By mid-May tomato, pepper and herb plants were ready to sell along with the geraniums at our spring flower sale. Thanks to the wonderful people who supported that sale!



The remaining vegetables were planted in our garden. Last year we added a grape



arbor and are looking forward to seeing some grapes this season!

And, speaking of our tomato plants, about 80 of our plants are being used by Purdue University Northwest to test crop-picking robots at the Digital Crossroads Data Center's new greenhouse in Hammond, Indiana. We are grateful to Mont Handley of the Purdue Northwest Commercialization and Manufacturing Excellence Center, also a member of Planting Possibilities' Board of Professional Advisors, for including us in this project.

As we head for summer, we are looking forward to having our annual golf outing –

in-person again this year. (See registration and donation information on Page 3.)

We are so very happy to be able to see our golfers again out on the golf course!

Wishing you a delightful summer,

Mary Anne Neiner

President, Planting Possibilities

P.S. Our mowing business needs more lawns to mow! If you live in Munster, Highland, Dyer, Schererville or St. John and are looking for a lawn mowing service, consider Mowing Possibilities. Contact us for a price quote.



Planting Possibilities in the Community



FALL MUM SALE: SEPTEMBER 15

Our annual mum sale, along with heirloom tomatoes and peppers grown in our garden, will be held on Saturday, September 15 at the St. Thomas More parking lot in Munster. It's time to get out of your homes and come visit with us while you choose your fall flowers! We look forward to seeing you all again.

ROCKOPELLI MUSIC FEST: AUGUST 14-15

Come out to Griffith's Central Park on August 14 -15 for the annual Rockopelli Music Fest.

Rockopelli is returning to their festival-type setting of live music, food vendors, a beer garden and unique craft vendors AND they are ramping it up to a two-day event.

Rockopelli has been a loyal supporter of Planting Possibilities since their inception

and has donated nearly \$50,000 over the last eight years. Their generosity helps to

improve the future of our clients with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Please come out to enjoy some of the food and festivities while supporting Rockopelli and Planting Possibilities.

See you there!



Thank You to Our Donors

THANK YOU STRACK & VAN TIL SHOPPERS

This past May we were chosen by Strack and Van Til Grocery Company to be a charity of the week in their Check Out Round Up Challenge. We are most grateful to Strack's

customers for their collective donation of nearly \$9500. This donation will be added to our building fund.



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

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DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM



From right to left: Daniel O'Donnell, Brian Fitzpatrick, Ray Robertson

Daniel O'Donnell

Dan was known as a leader in his community with a generous spirit and unrelenting sense of optimism. His commitment to working hard and helping others was a catalyst for the growth of the

Lincoln Park and Lakeview communities. All who knew him benefited from his wisdom and infinite capacity for faith, love, and service. His family and friends, including Marilyn Pajor, will miss his smiling Irish eyes.

Brian Fitzpatrick

Brian was the youngest of nine children. He loved a well-executed but gentle prank, be it a flip of a baseball cap, a strategically placed rubber snake or teasing his nieces and nephews - never letting on that he cheered for them every step of the way. Brian will be lovingly remembered by his eight siblings and their families, and his co-workers who

knew him to be a true friend and a dependable worker.

Ray Roberson

Ray Roberson was a U.S. Military Veteran. Despite his adult ADHD, he went on to have a successful career as an environmental physicist technician, which he enjoyed very much. His life was cut short by a heart attack at the age of 51. Ray is remembered by family and friends as a caring man who always looked for ways to help others less fortunate. His mother, Evelyn Pullen Roberson, thinks of him every day.



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July 31, 2021

Scherwood Golf Course

600 East Joliet Street, Schererville, IN



Registration: 7:00 am



Shotgun Start: 8:00 am

\$120 per golfer - Sponsorships Available

includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, beer, prizes and more!

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Learn More About:

- >> Golf Outing: July 31
- >> Rockopelli: Aug. 13-14
- >> Fall Mum Sale: Sept. 15

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

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