



“Return with us now, to those thrilling days of yesteryear...”

“Return with us now, to those thrilling days of yesteryear...” No, I’m not talking about The Lone Ranger. I’m talking about returning to our pre-Covid routines.

Working side by side in the garden, having in-person flower sales, holding our annual golf outing. Maybe not so thrilling, but it felt good to get back into those routines. It felt good to enjoy the day at the golf course in July with 100 golfers. It felt good to chat with customers at the mum sale in September. Hopefully, your lives have also regained some of the “feel good” moments that you had to delay this past year.

Although many things in our lives slowed down or completely fell off our calendars, some peoples’ need for a helping hand didn’t go away. The young adults with intellectual disabilities who attend our weekly classes still needed mentor-ship. Adults with disabilities wanting jobs still needed some help to build those skills to be able to work in the community as our world opened back up.

Those activities didn’t fall off of our calendar. Our volunteers have been in the classroom every Tuesday, planted the garden in the spring, nurtured the plants over the summer

and reaped the harvest in the fall. (See our Winter 2020 newsletter on our website to meet our volunteers.) You will read in the next few pages about our other activities this year.

As we wrap up another year, I wish everyone a 2022 filled with love, laughter, and opportunities to make your corner of the world just a little bit brighter!

Mary Anne Neiner
President, Planting Possibilities

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JACK-O'-LANTERNS FOR GOOD



In October, the students in our Tuesday class answered a request from the Munster Parks and Recreation Department to help carve jack-o'- lanterns for their Walk in the Woods illuminated pumpkin trail in Bieker Woods the weekend

before Halloween. We carved 28 of the 150 jack-o'-lanterns needed for the event. Some of our students had never had the opportunity to carve a pumpkin, so this was a very special event. They did a great job, and enjoyed the opportunity to lend a helping hand.

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SEPTEMBER MUM SALE

We were back to our in-person mum sale in September – and completely sold out! The weather was beautiful, and it was so nice to see our customers have the opportunity to

pick out their perfect plants. Thanks to all who supported this sale, and to our volunteers who helped make this possible.

We'll be back at the same place for the geranium sale next May.

MOWING POSSIBILITIES COMPLETES SECOND SEASON

Our lawn mowing business just finished our second season, mowing lawns in Munster, Highland, Dyer, Schererville, and St. John. We hope to add to our client base in 2022. Contact us if you'd like a quote.

We will also hire a mowing supervisor for 1 to 2 days per week next year. Contact us if you are interested in working as a mentor and supervisor for one or both days.



2021 GOLF FOR POSSIBILITIES



We returned to Scherwood Golf Club this past July with our annual Golf for Possibilities. The weather was perfect, the course was in beautiful shape and the golfers had a great time. Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and golfers, we

had our most successful golf outing yet. We partnered with local businessman Ryan Krejci of Griffith Windustrial, who brought along about 20 of his best friends and business associates to liven up the day! We thank Ryan for his help in bringing in a

sell-out crowd. Along with Griffith Windustrial, we offer a special thank you to event sponsors Sarah and Aaron Graddy, and Dr. George Cybulski for their continued, generous support. Thanks also to these sponsors and donors:

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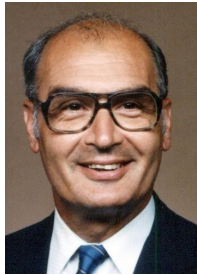
In the spirit of returning to routines and reconnecting with others, we plan to have a Spring 2022 event. At this time, we're not sure what or where it will be. So – watch social media, email and postal mail for an invitation to a Spring event.

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His gentle demeanor, ready smile and champion ping-pong skills will be missed by many, but his legacy lives on in the Catherine McCauley Clinic in Hammond, Indiana, a volunteer-based clinic for uninsured patients, on whose founding board he served and where he devoted

years of patient care and leadership, along with his thriving medical practice.

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