

## Moving Ahead

This year we hit another milestone! We have served 150 young adults with disabilities.

That's 150 people who have either been through our horticulture program, who have been trained through our lawn mowing micro-business, or who have found jobs through our Vocational Rehabilitation program. The majority of that number include residents with autism and other developmental disabilities that live (temporarily) at Campagna Academy in Schererville. 22 are clients through our Vocational Rehab program, and three are employed through our mowing business.

Every year we inch closer to reaching our goal of building our own job training center so that we can offer our services to more people.



Given the recent jump in land prices, we have temporarily suspended our land search, however, another great opportunity has presented itself to us!

I am very happy to announce that we are in the process of ironing out the details of a partnership with Crossroads YMCA.

This partnership will allow us to provide more services to more people. Crossroads has a presence across Lake County. Its flagship location is in Crown Point, with other facilities in Schererville, Griffith, Whiting, Hobart and soon to be in Hammond and Gary. This broad reach gives us the opportunity to extend our services to many more people who would benefit from our programs. More details will be available in the Spring.

We thank the YMCA leadership for their faith in us and we ask our supporters to continue sending us good vibes so we can continue to accomplish our mission more fully.

*Mary Anne Neiner*  
President, Planting Possibilities

## Planting Possibilities in the Community

### MORE THAN A PECK OF PEPPERS



This past growing season provided us with a bumper crop of tomatoes and peppers! We were able to share well over 1000 pounds of tomatoes and peppers with the good folks at the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, Saint Joseph Church Soup Kitchen (Hammond, IN), St. John Bosco Church

(Hammond, IN) parish festival, St. Thomas More Catholic Church's St. Vincent DePaul group (Munster, IN), AND still had enough to make some delicious spaghetti sauce with our Campagna Academy students and clients.

We also grew some very colorful Indian corn, tasty sweet corn and even some grapes! Our garden has been "put to bed" for the winter and will be well rested and ready to go to work again in the spring.



# Planting Possibilities in the Community

## SEPTEMBER MUM SALE



This was a record-breaking year for our mum sale in more than one way. Not only did we sell more mums than in the past, but due to a very generous grant from Enbridge Inc., we realized a much higher profit margin. Thank you, Enbridge, for becoming one of our corporate partners.

Look for our beautiful geraniums on May 19, 2023.



## 2022 GOLF FOR POSSIBILITIES



Once again we were graced with beautiful weather, good company and lots of fun at Sherwood Golf Course in Schererville, Indiana for our annual golf outing.

With support from our corporate partner, Griffith Windustrial's Ryan Krejci, we hosted 100 golfers to a round of golf, lunch and some great prizes and auction items.

Since we had to turn away approximately 20 prospective golfers, we will reserve the entire course for July 29, 2023 to accommodate 120 golfers.

We thank Paul Gergets, his family, and the golf committee for dedicating so much time and effort into planning this event, as well as the volunteers who helped that day.

The morning bloody marys were a big hit and will return next year!

We are sincerely grateful to the golfers that spent their day with us, and to continued and new sponsors and donors who have helped make this event the success that it has become.

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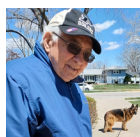
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Jim was easily loved by many because of his easy smile, kind ways and sense of humor. His dog Dakota was his constant companion after the love of his life, Judy, passed away. He was an avid outdoorsman and lifelong hunter, fisherman and gardener. Marge and Karl Dytrych will miss Jim, who was their beloved longtime neighbor.



### Larry Davidson

The Happiest Place on Earth will be a little sadder now that Larry won't be there every year. Larry LOVED Disney World and Nascar. Larry was a hardworking, devoted family man who leaves a legacy of 3 kids, 5 grandkids and a great-grandchild. His friends and extended family, including Margaret Evans, will miss Larry in their lives.

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