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Thanks to you, our garden is growing and thriving

Renovation and renewal

The therapy garden at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center is a showpiece that blesses our patients, residents, visiting families and employees.

In early 2019, this well-loved space received a major renovation, thanks to funds provided by our generous donors. The garden had become overgrown and required some much-needed TLC. In addition, poor drainage led to standing puddles that blocked access after rains, and the irrigation system needed attention.

We added new plants and flowers, painted the exterior of the building that fronts the garden, cleared drains, repaired the irrigation system, removed overgrown vegetation, pruned tree limbs to let in more light and added dry creeks made of river rock.

Gardens require constant upkeep, improvements and structural maintenance. Thanks to your support, our therapy garden is now in good shape, and everyone can enjoy the healing beauty and experience a sense of renewal. ■





Spring arrives in the garden

We definitely can feel spring bursting to life as the weather warms up, the sun peeks out, and our garden begins to shine. We were blessed with some early signs of spring as far back as January when new daffodil shoots pushed their way up from the earth. Soon the entire garden began waking up from winter, with buds bursting on every tree limb and fresh greenery cropping up everywhere. Flowers bloomed in a dozen different colors and sizes. ■



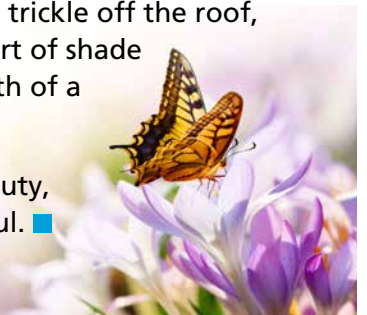


A place of peace and healing

The garden is full of life – providing a much-needed sanctuary where our patients, residents, visitors and employees can get away to rest and find healing in a quiet, rejuvenating space. It's a place where water burbling in the central fountain is accompanied by the chirping of songbirds. Squirrels run and search for the pin oak acorns they hid last fall. In every direction the space is soaked in luscious greenery and the beauty of blooming flowers.

When it rains or if the sun is too warm, visitors can relax at tables and benches in a covered area. Sitting in this refuge, visitors can experience the sound of rain and watch it trickle off the roof, or they can feel the comfort of shade while bathed in the warmth of a quiet summer day.

Your gifts created this beauty, and we are forever grateful. ■



Patio gardens provide an oasis

To offer additional places where people can enjoy the calm, natural beauty, we offer smaller “pocket” gardens that surround the patios throughout our campus. In these spaces, patients and anyone on our campus can sit quietly and find renewal amid the beauty and life of nature.

We're also working on the small Harmony Lane garden. We've already painted the railings around the perimeter and added a new irrigation system, fountain, more plants and flowers. We plan to add a shaded shelter and seating area to make this a comfortable, welcoming space. ■



Looking ahead ... with your help

To keep patients and residents safe during this time of COVID-19, our dedicated volunteers have not been able to maintain the gardens. This means we've had the additional expense of paying an outside company to provide necessary garden maintenance.

With your generous support, our Garden Endowment Fund has grown to \$129,000 – over halfway to our goal of \$250,000! Earnings from the endowment are paying for garden upkeep and plant purchases. The Garden Committee has determined we need to reach the full \$250,000 goal so that endowment earnings can fully support the yearly garden maintenance expenses.



Will you please support the Garden Endowment Fund?

We are immensely grateful to all who support us. Because of you and other donors, the therapy garden at Providence Benedictine will continue to provide rest, reflection and healing for all who enter. **Your gift will help ensure that the garden remains a healing space for our campus and the community.**

If you would like to talk about Providence Benedictine, our services, our gardens or how you can support the work we do in this community, please contact me. I would welcome the chance to visit with you. ■

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Our Mission

As expressions of God's healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

Values

Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, Integrity

Inspiring Generosity ♥

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