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Emerald Gardens will provide a place where people from at-risk groups can be helped to reshape their lives through community and holistic approaches. It is our mission to provide a place where people can make memories that will inspire them and others to want to make changes for the better through stewardship and in turn create a better tomorrow for not only themselves but for others and their children.

Emerald Gardens is founded on the principle of healing, whether it be mental, physical, emotional, relational, or spiritual. Emerald Gardens intends to be a comprehensive and multi faceted approach to rehabilitation. A diverse environment will offer many levels of recovery and reformation; activities that help the mind, body and soul. Synergies between programs will encourage cooperation between individuals and entities, enhance diversity, and build relationships. The ultimate goal of every program is to create and sustain endurance, change, and hope, in all areas of life and lifestyle, and ultimately foster restoration of each individual.

Emerald Gardens will provide a place where all of the challenges to the human condition will be examined, such as jobs, parenting, abuse, and addiction; and also the more basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, clean water, pollution; any of the problems that are currently seen in our culture.

Emerald Gardens seeks to break the mold of traditional places of healing, in a unique and peaceful Eco Friendly atmosphere. Harmony between humans and the earth will be the centerpiece of every program, with a diverse area of green spaces for working areas, education, meditation, and natural restoration. Multiple levels of programs central to the focus of Emerald Gardens revolve around renewal of the earth, recycling, efficient green power, and to function beyond the traditional view of being environmentally responsible.

Emerald Gardens will provide basic shelter in the form of eco responsible housing and the most important human element, love in the form of emotional support and acceptance. Multi generational sharing, from youth leadership to working with the elderly and veterans, from boy scouts to elder care, people are the focus. Program examples include "Gardens of Generosity", providing the basic needs of all people; through "food rescue", efficient food production and "Sharing Basket" in the form of farming, community gardens, canning, storage, and bulk food preparation at the foodservice level. Additional programs in the Community Network include "Creative Up-cycle", "Coat Of Many Colors", "Trash to Treasure" and "More Than Honey". The goals are holistic stewardship and synergy between programs.

Emerald Gardens intends to be more than a place of work, but a place of lifestyle choices, where those wishing to live off grid, the disadvantaged and those seeking a second chance, can all cooperate and coexist to create synergy through teaching and sharing their gifts. A community of believers in similar concepts and ideals, all wishing to make a better future for themselves, those under their care, and make the world a better place. Emerald Gardens seeks to focus on bridging the gap between hopelessness and a new life.

The Founder and Board Of Directors are seeking public and private support in the form of all types of capital, including, but not limited to, financial, material, and volunteer. The desire and hope is to build the project to a critical mass of growth that will ultimately encompass multiple generations of care. Emerald Gardens is Set on 18 acres in beautiful Christian County Illinois.



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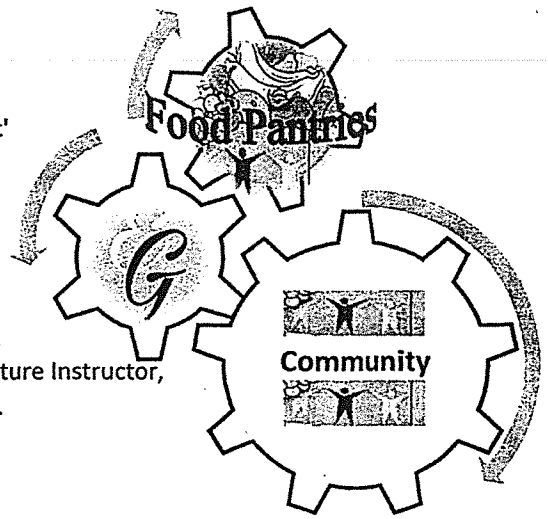
Emerald Gardens Horticulture Food Production Program: 'The Sharing Basket'

Goal: Horticulture Volunteers Growing Food for the Community

Coordinator/Contact: Emerald Gardens Founder, Miss Miranda Smith

Program Timeline: Established in 2022 and growth in 2023

Who will be involved in this program? : Miss Smith, Emerald Gardens Horticulture Instructor, is currently networking with *Churches, Food Pantries, and other organizations.*



What is the goal of the program? : Our goal will be to provide participants with Horticulture knowledge as they grow food for the community recipients. The participants will grow produce (vegetables and fruits) for food pantries and homeless shelters. Donations of materials that will be used to grow the food at Emerald Gardens: i.e. rotten produce for the seeds, live plants, and other materials as the program expands. A network will be set up so that the food pantry will receive fresh produce. Emerald Gardens will be offering zero-waste programs for food scraps to be processed, removing seeds and properly storing for the following years crop. The remaining parts of the plant will be utilized in the compost system for soil. The bounty will multiply ten-fold in just a short time allowing the program to reach more participants and recipients.

How will the program work? : In order to make this program possible, we will be working with many volunteers that are willing to grow, collect, sort, and process produce. Those interested in participating will receive education and training. Emerald Gardens would be interested in offering our programs to supplement what the Food Pantry offers, hoping to unite other organizations with the "Sharing Basket" program. With the food pantry's support Emerald Gardens volunteers can establish a network that will continue to help the community for years to come. Any of the produce that starts to rot will be collected, sorted, deseeded to grow more food, and then what remains will be composted making soil amendments.

Why is this important? : Miss Smith believes in the education of not only learning about plants, but how growing food will improve the lives of individuals and impact the community. This is a valuable skill that can change lives and allow participants to become heroes and see the important role they can play in our community. The 'Community Network' with Emerald Gardens, the food pantries, grocery stores, restaurants, will encourage education on food; where it comes from, who grows it, how to use, and waste-management. This full circle approach between Emerald Gardens and the community will provide rehabilitation through food production.

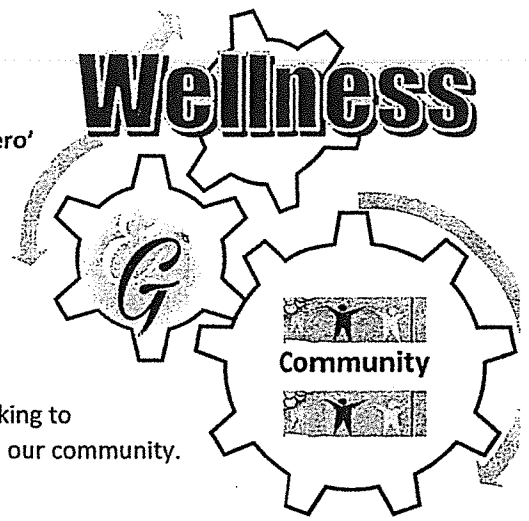
When will the program be implemented? : We have the foundation in place for this program and are currently working on installing production gardens. Emerald Gardens will receive live plants, seeds and other materials to start the 'Gardens of Generosity' plant production which will grow food to be donated. The drop-off and pick-up of items could be daily in the spring planting and fall harvest seasons. Emerald Gardens coordinator will communicate updates each day as to the quantity of produce to be donated to the food pantry. This will allow the volunteers with both organizations to schedule donations and deliveries. They will pick-up or drop-off items during the approved shift hours with the food pantry.

Where will the resources come from? : Emerald Gardens would like to coordinate the many programs it will offer with each of the participating organizations. We are requesting support in donations for basic materials and seeds until additional funds, grants and sponsorship are consistent. 'The Community Network': Emerald Gardens, food pantries, shelters, restaurant, and other volunteers will save rotten produce to bring to Emerald Gardens so we can harvest seeds and then process what remains into soil. The establishment of compost bins on site would be preferred for best results. All locations will have systems in place to ensure the program becomes sustainable and that nothing is wasted, by reusing materials that would otherwise be discarded.

We can encourage change in our community with food education while participants' impact lives through their hard work.

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Wellness



Emerald Gardens Educational Rehabilitation Programs: 'The Seven Apples' 'Ten To Zero' 'The Sober Stamped', 'Step This Way', and 'Stretch n Flex'

Goal: Providing health and wellness programs that impact lives in the community

Coordinator/Contact: Emerald Gardens Founder, Miss Miranda Smith

Program Timeline: To be Established in 2022 and growth in 2023

Who will be involved in this program? : Miss Smith, Emerald Gardens, is currently looking to network with organizations that want to have a strong health and wellness presence in our community.

What is the goal of the program? : Our goal will be to provide participants with knowledge of how health and wellness impacts their lives. Emerald Gardens will not provide exercising equipment; any equipment used for these programs will be provided by and the direct responsibility of the owners/participants who are involved with any health and wellness programs. Emerald Gardens will be networking with volunteers offering events such as dancing with 'Step This Way', and, yoga, with 'Stretch n Flex'. Emerald Gardens will offer space to host these events, expanding each year. The events will be utilized to educate through fun activities. Health and wellness programs will multiply allowing more participants to enjoy group accountability.

How will the program work? : In order to make these programs possible, we will be working with many volunteers that are willing to donate time to provide group activities. Those interested in participating will receive education and training from both Emerald Gardens and program instructors. Emerald Gardens would be interested in offering our programs to network and supplement what the school system and local businesses offer, hoping to unite other organizations with the many programs. With the support of the community, Emerald Gardens partnership with Health Advocates will establish a network that will impact everyone for years to come.

Why is this important? : Miss Smith, Founder of Emerald Gardens, believes in the education of everything that impacts health and wellness, to improve the lives of those in the community. This is a valuable skill that can change lives and allow participants to become heroes and see the important role they can play in our community through group accountability. Emerald Gardens programs will encourage residents to be more aware of the choices that impact their lives. Learning how health impacts moods, helps people become aware of influences they allow in their life. This full circle approach between Emerald Gardens and the community will provide rehabilitation through multiple health and wellness programs.

When will the program be implemented? : Once have the funding in place to move forward, Emerald Gardens will seek support from local health advocates. Emerald Gardens and the coordinators will communicate updates each month as to the scheduling of volunteers for health and wellness events, group meetings, and active learning.

How will these programs impact you? : Emerald Gardens would like to coordinate the many programs it will offer with each of the participating organizations. We are requesting support in volunteers for meaningful interactive learning. 'The Community Network': Emerald Gardens and other volunteers will make a difference together. For best results, the establishment of these programs will provide not only physical health wellness, but also increased emotional intelligence. All programs will have educational inner-webbing of information to assist in the reinforcement of how important the ties between each program truly are for holistic sustainable rehabilitation.

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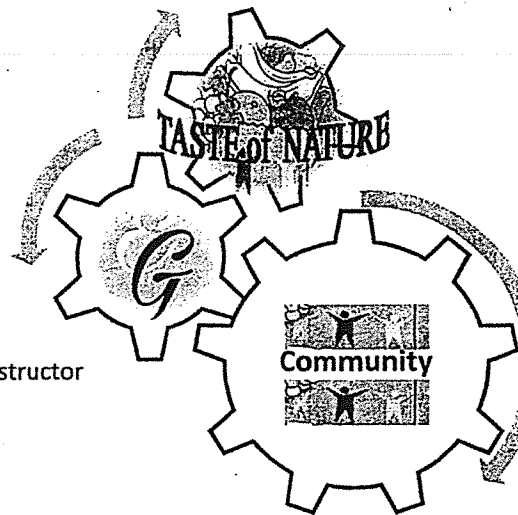
Emerald Gardens Horticulture Food Production Program: 'TASTE of NATURE'

Goal: Horticulture Volunteers Sharing Love of Healthy Food with the Community

Coordinator/Contact: Emerald Gardens Founder, Miss Miranda Smith

Program Timeline: To be Established in 2022 and growth in 2023

Who will be involved in this program? : Volunteers and Miss Smith, EG Horticulture Instructor



What is the goal of the program? : Our goal will be to provide participants with healthy food while learning about the impact food has on the body. The participants will eat fresh and raw produce (vegetables and fruits). Donations of materials that will be used to grow the food at Emerald Garden and in the community as the program expands. A network will be set up so that the guests will receive fresh produce. Emerald Gardens will be offering zero-waste programs for food by sharing it with others building a food family for years to come. The bounty will multiply ten-fold in just a short time allowing the program to reach more participants and recipients.

How will the program work? : In order to make this program possible, we will be working with many volunteers that are willing to grow, collect, sort, and present produce for guests to enjoy. Those interested in participating will receive education and training from Emerald Gardens. Emerald Gardens would be interested in offering our programs to supplement what the Food Pantry offers, hoping to unite other organizations with the "Sharing Basket" and "Taste of Nature" programs. With the food pantry's support Emerald Gardens volunteers can establish a network that will continue to help the community for years to come. Emeralds Gardens family atmosphere and sharing food will offer an additional support system for everyone to have and enjoy healthy food.

Why is this important? : Miss Smith believes in the education of not only learning about plants, but how growing food will improve the lives of those in the community. Through eating healthier, we will reduce illness in our community. Teaching the participants how to grow and enjoy healthy food will also impact rehabilitation in our community. This is a valuable skill that can change lives and allow participants to become heroes and see the important role they can play in our community. The 'Community Network' with Emerald Gardens, the food pantries, grocery stores, and restaurants will encourage education on food; where it comes from, is it truly healthy, who grows it, how to use, and waste-management. This full circle approach between Emerald Gardens and the community will provide rehabilitation with food production.

When will the program be implemented? : Once we have funding in place, Emerald Gardens will purchase live plants, seeds and other materials to start the 'Gardens of Generosity' plant production which will grow food to be donated to 'The Sharing Basket' program as well as the 'Taste of Nature' program. The drop-off and pick-up of items could be daily in the spring planting and during fall harvest. Emerald Gardens and the participants coordinator will communicate updates each day as to the quantity of produce to available. This will allow the volunteers with both organizations to schedule donations and deliveries. They will pick-up or drop-off items during the approved hours.

Where will the resources come from? : Emerald Gardens would like to coordinate the many programs it will offer with each of the participating organizations. We are requesting support in donations for basic materials and seeds until additional funds, grants and sponsorship are consistent. 'The Community Network' consisting of Emerald Gardens, food pantries, shelters, restaurants and other volunteers will save produce from going to waste by bringing it to our location so we may sort the produce into categories. Good produce is eaten fresh, Ugly is processed, and Bad we harvest seeds and then compost what remains into soil. The establishment of sorting bins on site would be preferred for best results. All locations will have systems in place to ensure the program becomes sustainable and that nothing is wasted, by reusing materials that would otherwise be discarded.

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Emerald Gardens Programs: 'The Community Network' and 'The Creative Up-Cycle'

Goal: To provide a network that increases up-cycling within local businesses

Coordinator/Contact: Emerald Gardens Founder, Miss Miranda Smith

Program Timeline: To be Established in 2023 and growth in 2024

Who will be involved in this program? : Miss Smith, Emerald Gardens, is currently networking with Local up-cycling businesses, craft retailers, and other organizations who believe in building community networks that will impact waste-management in our community.

What is the goal of the program? : Our goal will be to provide partnerships and resources that will increase up-cycling in the community. Recipients will benefit from the network through obtaining unique items that are salvaged and turned into one-of-a-kind products. These networks will scale each business by providing a synergy with 'The Community Network'. Partnering with Emerald Gardens and local suppliers your business will have access to vintage, artesian products made from up-cycled materials. Emerald Gardens will provide a wide range of sourcing opportunities so our community will have a stronger local presence that will aid in the growth of your business.

How will the program work? : Emerald Gardens recycling will receive donations of materials from residents. As each connection is established, local businesses will receive free materials to produce creative products they can sell to retailers such as yourself, instead of items going to the trash. Emerald Gardens will be offering zero-waste recycling programs 'The Creative Up-Cycle', 'The Coat of Many Colors', 'Trash to Treasure' and more will aid local up-cycling businesses. By having access to free materials their businesses will expand, providing more products to the community. The benefits will multiply ten-fold in just a short time allowing the program to reach more participants and recipients.

In order to make this program possible, we will be working with many volunteers that are willing to save, collect, donate, sort, and process materials. Those interested in participating will receive education/ training from the partnerships on what items are best for up-cycling to find 'Diamonds in the Rough'. Emerald Gardens would be interested in offering our programs to encourage connections to supplement the focus of each local business. It is our hope to unite each business with a program that best suits their business model. We request a list of items you are willing to purchase from local businesses for your retail location. With the support of your organization, Emerald Gardens and volunteers can establish a network that will continue to help the community for years to come. Let us unite to encourage citizens to salvage materials used by those in 'The Community Network' partnership. Any items claimed will increase business growth due to reduction in procurement costs.

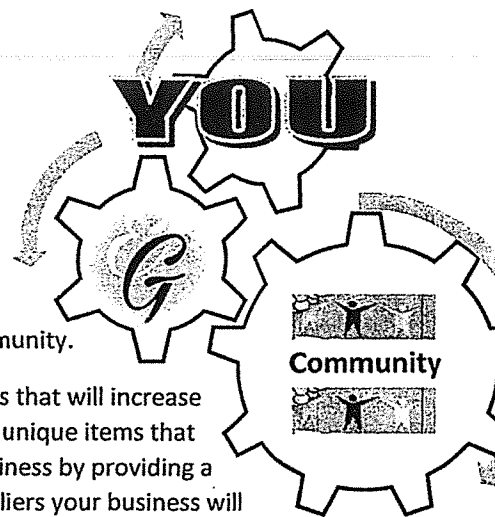
Why is this important? : Miss Smith; Founder of Emerald Gardens, believes in the education of not only learning about the environmental impact of waste but also ways that will increase stewardship of materials and improve waste-management through up-cycling. Furthermore, teaching the participants how their saving items from going into the landfill can be a positive impact on local businesses. This is a valuable service that can change lives and allow participants to become heroes and see the important role they can play in our community. The 'Community Network' with Emerald Gardens and local businesses will encourage education on why it is important to up-cycle and repurpose items through creativity and an appreciation of where it comes from, who makes it, and how it impacts change through preventing waste. This full circle approach between Emerald Gardens and the community will provide rehabilitation through creative production.

When will the program be implemented? : Once we have funding in place, we will implement a collection and storage system to move forward with each programs. Emerald Gardens coordinator will communicate with businesses and schools that wish to participate in programs such as 'The Creative Up-Cycle', 'The Coat of Many Colors', 'Trash to Fash'. We will host a week-long event for community awareness showcasing the products made through these programs.

Where will the resources come from? : Emerald Gardens would like to coordinate the many programs it will offer with each of the participating organizations. We are requesting support from your organization to help build 'The Community Network'. By aligning with Emerald Gardens and others willing to save materials to impact waste-management, we can create artisan products from what most would toss in the trash. Emerald Gardens will market your business as one of many in the community. Together, we will improve the local business presence with the establishment of recycling systems to ensure the programs become sustainable and that nothing is wasted.

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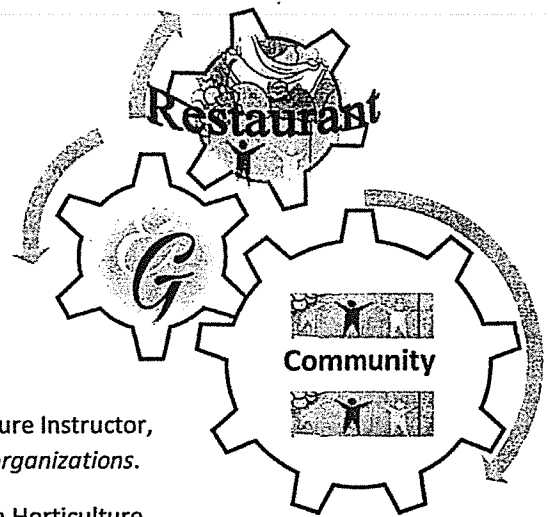


Emerald Gardens Horticulture Food Production Program: 'Food Rescue'

Goal: Volunteers impacting zero-food waste

Coordinator/Contact: Emerald Gardens Founder, Miss Miranda Smith

Program Timeline: To be Established in 2022 and growth in 2023



Who will be involved in this program? : Miss Smith, Emerald Gardens Horticulture Instructor, is currently networking with *Restaurants, Churches, Food Pantries, and other organizations.*

What is the goal of the program? : Our goal will be to provide participants with Horticulture knowledge as they grow food for the community, recipients will benefit from saved seeds grown into food. The participants will grow produce (vegetables and fruits) for food pantries, homeless shelters, and the excess will be shared with donors, such as participating restaurants. Donations of materials will be used to grow food at Emerald Gardens. Produce that is rotten will be processed for seeds, sprouting plants such as onions/potatoes and other materials will be grown as the program expands. A network will be set-up where the food pantry will receive fresh produce from Emerald Gardens. We will be offering zero-waste programs for processed food scraps. 'The Food Rescue' program will remove seeds and properly store for future production. The remaining parts of the plant will be utilized for compost. The bounty will multiply ten-fold in just a short time allowing the program to reach more participants and recipients.

How will the program work? : In order to make this program possible, we will be working with many volunteers that are willing to donate, sort, and process food scraps. Those interested in participating will receive education and training from Emerald Gardens. We are interested in offering 'The Sharing Basket' and 'Food Rescue' to restaurants, with their support we can impact the community for years to come. Restaurants will provide produce that starts to rot which will be collected, sorted, and deseeded before being composted into soil amendments.

Why is this important? : Miss Smith; Founder of Emerald Gardens, believes in the education of not only learning about plants, but how growing food will improve the lives of those in the community. Furthermore, teaching the participants how their saving food from going into the landfill can be a positive impact on the community. This is a valuable skill that can change lives and allow participants to become heroes and see the important role they can play in our community. 'The Community Network' with Emerald Gardens, the food pantries, grocery stores, and restaurants will encourage education on food; where it comes from, who grows it, how to use, how to prevent food-waste. This full circle approach between Emerald Gardens and the community will provide rehabilitation through food production.

When will the program be implemented? : Once we have funding we will establish the procedures to move forward. Emerald Gardens will receive food scraps, seeds and other materials to start the 'Gardens of Generosity' plant production programs, which will grow food to be shared. Emerald Gardens and the restaurant coordinator will communicate updates each day as to the quantity of produce to be donated to 'Food Rescue'. This will allow the volunteers with both organizations to schedule pick-up of donated items during the approved hours with the restaurant.

Where will the resources come from? : Emerald Gardens would like to coordinate the many programs it will offer with each of the participating organizations. We are requesting support through donations of basic food scraps and seeds. 'The Community Network' will save rotten produce for Emerald Gardens. The establishment of food scrap recycling bins would be preferred for best results. All locations will have systems in place to ensure the program becomes sustainable and that nothing is wasted, by reusing materials that would otherwise be discarded.

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