



Community Garden

Launched in June 2021



Made possible by UNI Financial Cooperation, Price Landscaping Services, Audubon Organics, Community Volunteers and Donors.

Our Goal

Our Amirault Residence located in Dieppe provided space to create a community garden giving residents from all of our residences a learning and physical activity, fresh local fruits and vegetables for meals and the opportunity to take part in a community project. A portion of our harvest was given to the food bank and the rest was divided up among our ten residences.

Preparation

Sod was removed and our plot was tilled thanks to **volunteers from our community**. Our ground is a little sandy so we need to mix in some garden soil!



Price Landscaping Services

donated and delivered 8 cubic yards of garden soil to mix with our existing soil.



12 bags of soil (1 cubic yard)
ready for raised garden beds



A perfect activity for residents
to get out in the community!

Residents and staff went on a road trip to **Audubon Organics** to bag some garden soil for our raised garden beds.
(Donated by Aududon Organics)

Planting Day - June 11

ARA's community garden was planted by **residents and employees**. All residents from all of our locations were invited to join. Residents were able to come and sign out garden tools and work in the garden on their own schedules or choose to come during designated times to work with others.



One of our raised garden beds!



We planted lots of potatoes!



Green and yellow beans too!



Chairs to take a break and a water barrel to water the garden!



Tomatoes did not last long! They were picked as soon as they were ready!

Daily Harvests

Residents enjoyed string beans, tomatoes, strawberries, cucumbers, lettuce, green peppers and herbs throughout the summer months.



Green beans for supper!

Final Harvest Day - September 22

Every participant got to take something home with them and we had enough potatoes to give to all of our **residents** and was able to take some to the **food bank**.



Potatoes were bagged and sent to all independent residences



Plenty of squash to go around!



Our pantries were stocked with potatoes!

COMMUNITY IMPACT

GARDEN SPACES	FUNDS
<p>ONE Community Garden Established</p> <p>TWO Raised Garden Beds Established</p> <p>ONE Temporary Satellite Garden</p>	<p>\$997 in kind donations <i>garden soils, water barrels, sod removal and tilling, seeds</i></p> <p>\$1125 in monetary donations <i>to purchase, gardening tools, seeds, seedlings, manure, raised garden beds, watering cans, two wooden patio chairs, and garden hose with reel cart</i></p>
ACHIEVEMENTS	PRODUCED
<p>82 Residents had access to fresh fruits and vegetables</p> <p>14 Residents and employees participated in maintaining the gardens</p> <p>MODEST Donation made to food bank</p>	<p>30 LBS Beans</p> <p>15 LBS Squash</p> <p>300 LBS Potatoes</p> <p>20 New Strawberry Plants produced</p> <p>CONSTANT Supply of Tomatoes, Carrots, Spinach, Strawberries, Green Onions, Lettuce, Green Peppers and Herbs</p>

Alternative residences is thankful to be able to provide our residents a hobby that allows them to be in nature, learn or teach gardening skills, get outside, enjoy their own fresh produce and create friendships with others. Our first year was a success and we have plans to expand next season. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all the people/businesses that helped make this project possible.



Access to Fresh Local Fruits and Vegetables