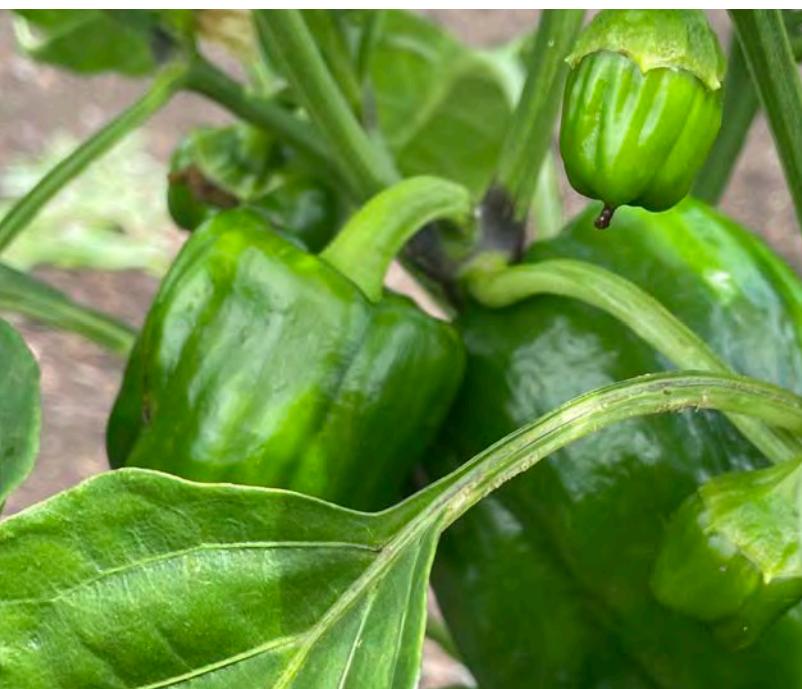




Community Garden

Expanded in June 2022 from 400 sq ft to 1200sq ft plus fruit trees!



Made possible by Department of Health NB, Price Landscaping Services, Alternative Residences, Community Donors and Volunteers.

Our Goal

Expand our Community Garden making it 3x larger (1200 sq ft) and add fruit trees 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.

In addition to successfully expanding our Community Garden, we planted four apple trees, two cherry trees, two plum trees, two pear trees, six blueberry bushes and five rhubarb plants throughout the property. A portion of our harvest was given to the food bank and the rest was divided up among our ten residences.

Preparation

More sod was removed to expand our garden and the expanded plot was tilled and prepped thanks to **volunteers from our community**.



Fruit Trees

were planted throughout the property. We will start yielding fruit from 1-3 years depending on the tree!

Planting Day - June 10

ARA's community garden and fruit trees were planted by **residents, employees and volunteers**. All residents from all of our locations were invited to join. We ended the day with a BBQ. Residents were able to return and sign out garden tools throughout the summer to help maintain the garden.



Daily Harvests

Residents enjoyed string beans, peas, beets, turnip, zucchini, squash, tomatoes, strawberries, blueberries, peppers and herbs throughout the summer months.



Final Harvest Day - September 16

Every participant got to take a goodie bag home with them and we had enough vegetables to deliver a goodie bag to **residents** that were not present based on a questionnaire that was distributed. A small donation was given to the **food bank**. We ended the day with a BBQ!



COMMUNITY IMPACT

GARDEN SPACES	FUNDS
EXPANDED Community Garden (now 1200sq ft!)	\$1368 in kind donations <i>raised garden beds, water barrels, sod removal and tilling, plants, delivery of soil and BBQ items. (Does not include community volunteer time)</i>
FIVE Raised Garden Beds	\$5000 in monetary donations <i>to purchase, garden soil, gardening tools, seeds, seedlings, fruit trees, manure, raised garden beds, wheel barrel, watering cans, four wooden patio chairs, fertilizer, and more!</i>
SIXTEEN Fruit Trees Planted Throughout Amirault Property	
ACHIEVEMENTS	PRODUCED
76 Residents had access to fresh fruits and vegetables	30 LBS Beans
30 Residents and employees participated in maintaining the gardens	72 LBS Squash
MODEST Donation made to food bank	240 LBS Potatoes
	84 LBS Tomatoes
	CONSTANT Supply of Carrots, Strawberries, Blueberries, Green Peppers, Beets, String Beans, Peas, Peppers, Turnips, Celery, Corn, Parsnips, Radish, and Herbs.

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 second year was a success and we have plans to continue this project for many years to come as part of our programming. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all the volunteers/businesses that helped make this project possible.



Please contact us at 854-7229 if you would like to donate or volunteer in support of our Community Garden Program.

Access to Fresh Local Fruits and Vegetables