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Volunteers Create the City's Third Community Garden at Northern Pines

North Bay, ON: Many volunteers came together Thursday, (June 29), to create a community garden in North Bay, this one at Northern Pines on Chippewa Street. Clean Green Beautiful North Bay led the collaboration, to help “raise the bar of kindness for plants and people in our community”, and it was the community that provided donations of plants, seeds, gardening tools, planter boxes, and much more.

Residents at Northern Pines and volunteers from the community worked tirelessly together to create multiple gardens, including annuals, perennials and vegetables. This will greatly enhance seeds that have already been planted by Northern Pines residents.

Harriet Madigan of Clean, Green Beautiful North Bay, says that this project keeps growing. Products and services totaling nearly \$27,000 was donated for this project.

Madigan adds that this project is truly what a community working together can look like, “It is wonderful and inspiring to experience the unfolding of this great project. It’s hard to describe the palpable level of joy for all of us, volunteers, staff, residents. Everyone there was giving back to community with an open heart,”

“It was such a great day. The residents who could not participate in planting made us an amazing lunch, and the added bonus is that we all got to know each other better, residents included,” says Sue Rinneard, Executive Director of Crisis Centre North Bay and operator of Northern Pines.

DNSSAB Chair, Mark King thanks everyone who worked to make this happen, “It was so great to see volunteers with Clean Green Beautiful North Bay, the Crisis Centre and Northern Pines working alongside residents to install vegetable and flower gardens for a common goal of wellness and a beautiful environment. DNSSAB appreciates how the community has come together and their hard work that has made this facility more welcoming and home-like.”

DNSSAB would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who came together in the spirit of community wellness:

Clean Green Beautiful	\$1,000	Trees and skidsteer work by Hal
Health Unit	\$1,000	Tools, planters and chairs
Crisis Centre	\$2,600	1 Gazebo and Rain Barrels
Unnamed	\$2,075	Topsoil
Canadore College	\$3,000	Raised Beds - 7 raised planters
Unnamed	\$5,000	Site prep, gazebo base, garden shed

Eagle Tree/Hal	\$1,000	Mulch
City of North Bay Landfill	\$1,000	Compost for flowers only
Home Hardware	\$1,000	Gardening Supplies and tools
Rona	\$2,000	Paving stones for entrance sitting area
Home Hardware on Seymour	\$1,000	Patio furniture
Public at Large	\$500	Tools
Community Garden Coalition	\$500	Seed Kits and Supplies and plants
North Bay Seed Exchange	\$100	Seeds
TOTAL	\$26,775	

This is the third community garden in North Bay. The others are the Gathering Place Community Garden and the Nipissing University Student Union Community Garden.

Community gardens practice cohesive sustainable communities by promoting health and well-being and more beautiful physical environments for residents. The Northern Pines Campus and community partners have displayed the value and spirit of community today.

