

HOW DOES A GARDEN GROW: GARDEN BOXES AT SAINT CATHERINE ACADEMY

Saint Catherine Academy, Fairfield

2023-2024
PROJECT UPDATE



Grant Amount: \$1,242
Project Cost: \$1,278



17 Students Impacted

PURPOSE: To utilize project-based learning, such as gardening, as a hands-on experience that helps special need students become more independent. Gardening provides opportunities for problem solving, planning, critical thinking, decision making, responsibility, creativity, communicating effectively, and working in a team.

IMPACT: The ability to grow your own food and follow the growing cycle from seed germination to planting, cultivating, and harvesting has been an amazing learning experience and its impact on students was immense. They created a shopping list, shopped for the supplies, assembled the planter, created the bedding with soil, planted the seeds, watered the plants, monitored the growth, and observed the progress. The students gained the interactive aspect to eat something that they helped create. Students learned gardening skills and caring for plants and more importantly, that patience and hard work leads to success.

FUTURE PLANS: This project will surely continue. We will secure funding through future grant proposals to local foundations and organizations and fundraising events such as our annual gala.

