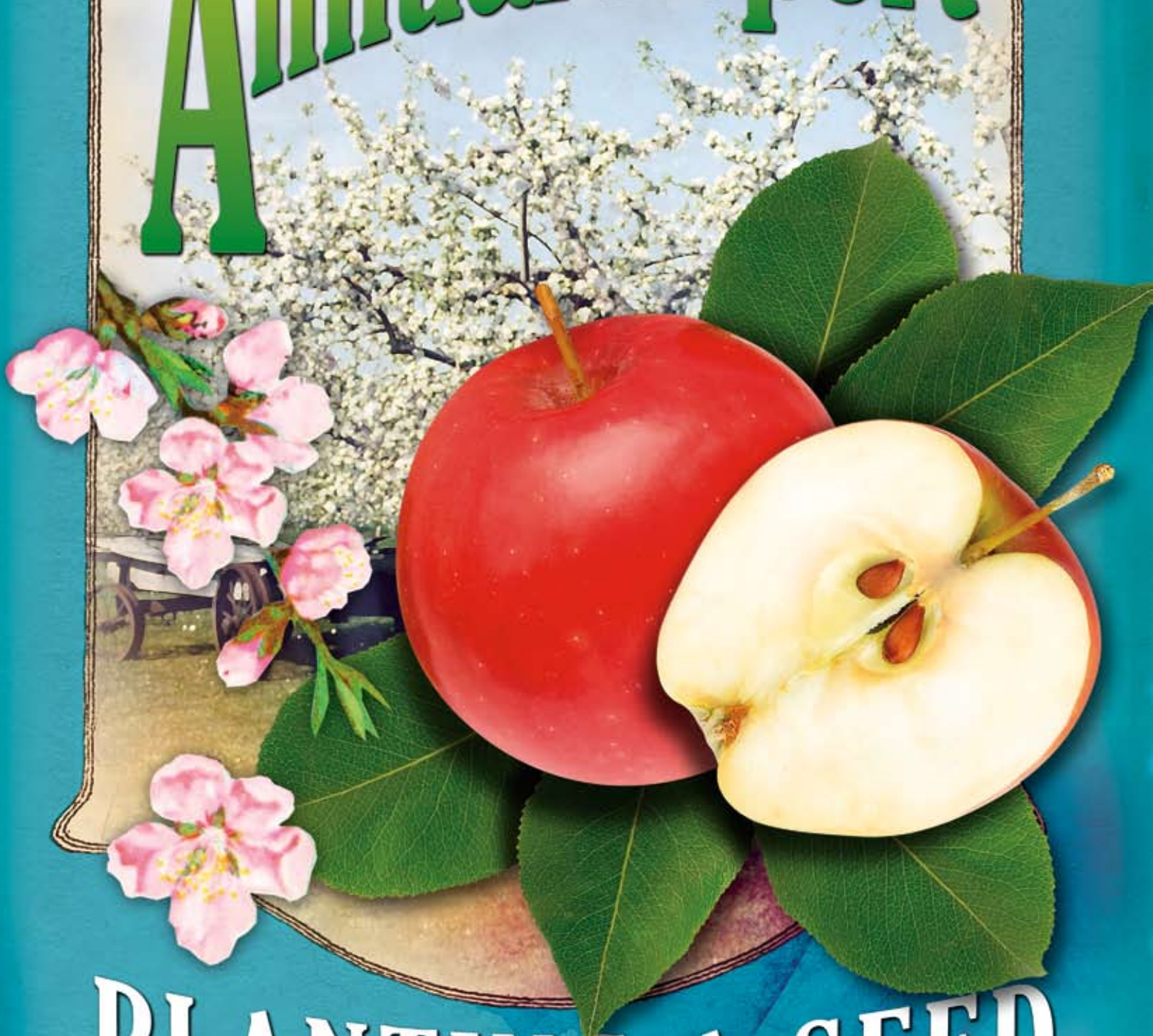


TEE G 2009

# Annual Report



PLANTING A SEED

**A** seed is planted. Roots take hold.  
A sapling grows. Leaves sprout.  
Branches spread. Buds form.  
Blossoms flower into fruit.

**A harvest is gathered.**

In 2009, as TEEG concludes our 22nd year of service to the Northeast Community, we want to acknowledge the bountiful harvest that we have gathered over the past year. The last 12 months have been the most demanding we have ever experienced. Our agency has grown to meet the increasing needs of our own community while branching out to meet the needs of our neighbors. As we extend ourselves farther to serve more of our greater community, we are fortunate to add the yield of each new branch to our harvest, a harvest that is abundant enough to meet the need.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The TEEG 2009 Annual Report is yet another example of just how much juice we can squeeze from one apple! Working once again with the creative team of MAD Communications, Angell House Designs and Express Photo, TEEG is able to produce a report that we take great pride in sharing with the community. These professionals donated their time and talents as their gifts to our community. Their collective contribution is their way of giving back and sharing the harvest. Because of their generosity, TEEG is able to stretch limited resources farther by printing and distributing this report to more residents of the Quiet Corner.

There are two businesses to whom we are especially grateful for providing us with the backdrops to tell our story in this year's report. To Andrew and Jackie Silverstein of Lord Thompson Manor, we appreciate the use of your kitchen facilities to photograph the TEEG Board of Directors. We are also grateful to John and Patty Wolchesky of Lapsley's Orchard in Pomfret for letting us use the setting of their fruit-laden orchard.



Laura Moorehead, Angell House Designs  
Mary Ann Dostaler, MAD Communications

# Tending to the Yield

At TEEG we plant seeds every day. Seeds of prevention. Seeds of promotion. Seeds of independence and self-sufficiency. Our tools are not hoes and shovels. Instead we plant our seeds with kindness and compassion, education and information.

TEEG's mission is to empower individuals, strengthen families and engage the community. In 2009 we have touched the lives of 2,313 residents of Northeast Connecticut in 33,603 ways as we worked to help our neighbors and friends find their way to living lives that bear fruit.

## LIVES TOUCHED BY PLANTING A SEED

2008-2009 Programs

Times Lives Were Touched

### Early Childhood

Parent/Child Playgroup .....	1,537
Parents as Teachers.....	119
Parent Outreach .....	1,031

### Youth Services

IAM Adolescent Therapeutic Support Services.....	2,086
All Star Adventure Program (A.S.A.P.).....	162
Back to School.....	186
Summer Enrichment and Campership Program.....	105

### Community Support and Education

Anger Aside.....	116
Gamblers Anonymous .....	312

### Community Service

Emergent Food Distribution.....	582
Holiday Giving.....	2,155
Information and Referral Consultation .....	6,347
Case Management .....	3,596
Monthly Commodity Distribution (Food).....	5,825
Operation Fuel.....	568
Salvation Army.....	103
Summer Lunch .....	4,016
Volunteer Opportunities.....	436

### Senior Outreach

Monthly On-site Distribution (Food).....	1,401
Senior Case Management .....	705
Senior Recreation and Events .....	501
Senior Assistance and Outreach.....	1,714
Total times lives were touched fiscal year 08-09 .....	33,603*

*\*Total represents service delivered to 2,313 unduplicated individuals and 942 families.*

*With support from the community, TEEG provided comfort, outreach, support and information more than 33,000 times... almost a third more services delivered over last year!*



# Cultivating Potential

Planting and grafting, pruning and trimming. The crop we sow at TEEG is potential. Each member of the TEEG team plays a part in developing the potential of the people we serve.

- ◆ The potential of a single mother who wants the best for her baby but needs a little parenting advice.
- ◆ The potential of the 13-year-old who suffers with a mental health problem, but longs to be accepted and understood.
- ◆ The potential of a father who works two jobs but still struggles to make ends meet.
- ◆ The potential of an elderly neighbor who has so much to offer but just needs a little help to maintain her independence.

All TEEG staff, whether they work in Early Childhood, Adolescent Mentoring, Young Adult Services, Food Security, Fuel Assistance or Senior Case Management have one goal in mind... to meet people where they are and help them reach their greatest potential.

## TEEG Board of Directors

*Standing Left to Right:*

Delpha Very  
(Policy Committee Chair)

Barbara Goloski

Angela Miller

Alex Mahendran,  
Barbara Pickett

Fran Roy (Secretary)

Ada Temple

Jane Austin

Barbara Mulligan

Mary Ann Fountaine  
(Vice President)

Lynne Bergeron

Barbara McGarry

Dushy Mahendran (President).

*Seated front to back:*

Donna Rawson

Laura Prouty

Linda Piezarka

Mercedes Robbins (Treasurer)

*Missing from photo:*

Jane Hale

## TEEG Staff

*Seated Left to Right:*

Robert Monahan, Food Security  
Coordinator

Megan McBroom, TSS

Macy Harny, Front Office  
Coordinator

Donna Grant, Executive Director

Will Child, TSS

*Kneeling:*

Renee Downer, TSS

Diane Farquharson, Early  
Childhood Coordinator,  
IAM Support

Brandy Ritchotte, Case Manager

Gina Mills, TSS

*Standing:*

Jon Thomas, TSS

Dr. Andre Bessette, Clinical  
Consultant

Glen Kolat, SS

Jean Paul Pellitier, TSS

Jenni Fountain,  
Fiscal Administrator

Lori Britto, Director of Personnel  
and Clinical Programming

*Ladder:*

Stacy Johnson, Community  
Services Manager

Kelly Piper, Family Services  
Manager

*Missing from photo:*

Phanindra Chakraborty, Book  
Keeper; Michelle Vincent,  
Outreach Program Assistant;  
Theresa Moylan, Nick Connell  
and Kaylyn Hewey, TSS





# All the Right Ingredients

*Message from Dushy Mahendran, TEEG President*

The 2008-09 year has been an exciting time at TEEG. The economic downturn demanded far more than has ever been expected of us before. I am pleased to say that with the generosity of our community, we have been able to meet the challenge. TEEG was able to respond to 70% more calls to the agency, provide 75% more mentoring hours to teenagers, and distribute 40% more bags of food. Volunteers contributed 80% more hours.

These are just some of the highlights of the tremendous growth experienced during the last fiscal year. Our accomplishments are a testament to the commitment of our community volunteers, community donors, the municipal leadership in the towns of Thompson, Woodstock and Pomfret, our State legislators, and the dedicated TEEG staff.

Our Board is mindful of continuing to meet the growing needs of the times while remaining true to our roots... remaining a small community agency dedicated to empowering individuals to reach their highest potential.

We have

worked to develop a strategic plan to be better positioned organizationally to handle yet another year in growth while ensuring that we stay true to our mission.

All of us at TEEG are greatly appreciative of the efforts underway to create a better space for our agency to operate. We are grateful to the dedication of the volunteer members of the building committee, and their determination to build this new structure "the TEEG way" – using only grant dollars, volunteer time, donated materials and community commitment. While we recognize this project is a Town project, we appreciate the voice that we have been given in the planning. We are striving to construct a building that is "green" from the outside in... using the most efficient building techniques and materials to save on operational costs down the road... and humble from the inside out by taking the time necessary to create a structure that reflects the community's commitment to the process. We are eager to relocate our work into a new facility that will accommodate not only TEEG's needs but also provide room for the Recreation Department and common space for many town programs.

During this time of financial recession, we are depending on your continued support to give a hand up to those who are hit the hardest. Your continued contributions will ensure that children and parents are empowered to reach toward their own independence and that seniors, the most vulnerable individuals in this community, will receive the assistance they need to maintain their independence and dignity.



# Macs, Granny Smiths, Crispens and Golden Delicious

Our resources come in many shapes and sizes. Time, effort, goods and services, all given so generously.

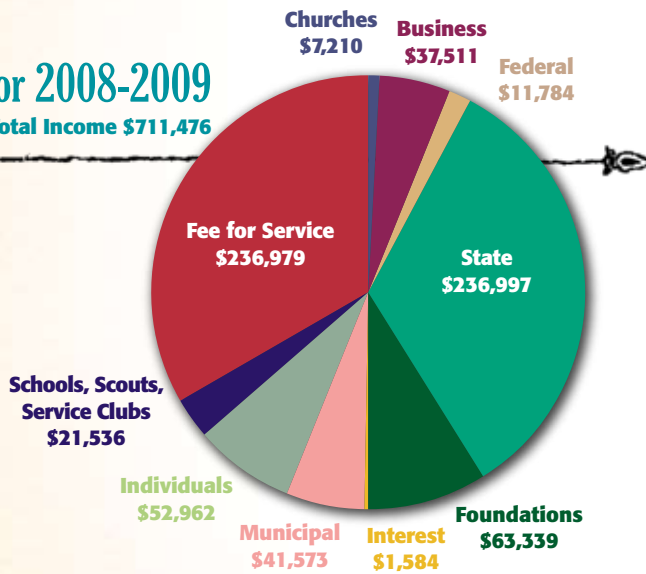
- ◆ The time invested by the board of directors
- ◆ The effort made by so many resident volunteers
- ◆ The donations offered as Christmas gifts, canned goods, or school supplies
- ◆ The services given by an amazing number of talented professionals and generous businesses

When TEEG combines these resources together with the limited funding that we're able to procure and the commitment of our dedicated staff, the recipe yields a pie nourishing enough to make a lasting difference.



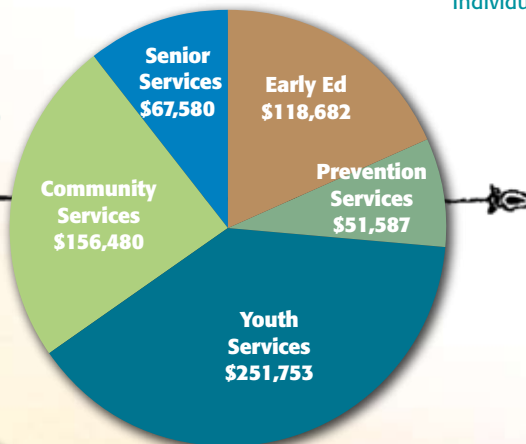
## Income for 2008-2009

Total Income \$711,476



## Expenses for 2008-2009

Total Expenses \$646,081



### Sources of Funding 2008 – 2009

#### FEDERAL

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging

#### FOUNDATIONS

End Hunger Connecticut  
The Bishop's Fund for Children  
William Caspar Graustein Memorial Foundation

#### MUNICIPAL

Thompson Department of Education  
Town of Pomfret  
Town of Woodstock  
Town of Thompson

#### PUBLIC/PRIVATE

Operation Fuel

#### STATE

Department of Children and Families  
Department of Education  
Department of Social Services  
Office of Policy and Management

#### COMMUNITY

Individuals, Businesses and Services Clubs





# Branching Out

What it means to “meet the needs of community” differs from neighborhood to neighborhood, town to town. As TEEG continues its third decade of providing service for “local” needs, “local” has grown. Surrounding communities have recognized the benefit of collaborating with TEEG to serve more neighbors with need. There are economies that can be achieved when we work to collaborate, rather than duplicate.

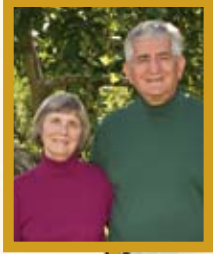
For these reasons TEEG has become the provider for the social service needs of Pomfret and Woodstock, in addition to continuing to take care of the residents of Thompson. By serving more of our neighbors, TEEG has garnered the regional standing to bring more resources to the Quiet Corner.

As we have branched out and met many new families who have called upon us for help, we have been blessed with many more supporters. This year, TEEG would like to thank three very special couples and honor them as our 2009 Angel Campaign Chair People. Your longstanding support and belief in us have strengthened our roots and allowed our branches to flower into full bloom.



### JIM AND ANNA NAUM

Chairing the campaign efforts for the town of Thompson, Jim and Anna have been long time supporters of TEEG. Both Jim and Anna have served as members of the TEEG Board of Directors, with Jim serving for many years as our Vice President. *“Thompson could never afford to do what TEEG does...and the people need the help. Our community is so fortunate to have an organization like TEEG. They really make a difference. The whole community is better off because of the help that TEEG provides.”*



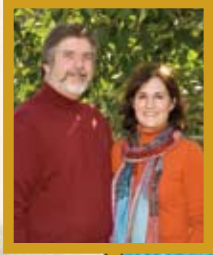
### GEORGE AND SANDY GROOM

George and Sandy Groom have long supported the work of TEEG and helped to promote our service to Pomfret residents with needs. As a 30-year veteran of the Mary R. Fisher Elementary School, Sandy has seen first hand the difference TEEG has made in the lives of local children. *“It’s wonderful to know that the good work TEEG does is available to people in Pomfret now. TEEG offers opportunities to children who need them. They offer hope to families. They give people the means to reach for more. It’s amazing.”*



### JOE AND DAWN ADILETTA:

Promoting TEEG’s work to their friends and neighbors in Woodstock, Joe and Dawn Adiletta are TEEG supporters because they believe TEEG uses its resources wisely. *“We are glad that TEEG services are available to Woodstock residents. It is difficult in our rural part of the state to find effective ways to meet the social needs in our community. We have personally supported TEEG for many years because we believe in the work that they do. We know that a dollar donated to TEEG will be put to good use.”*





# An Apple a Day Makes

While TEEG works with many different residents in the Quiet Corner, all of whom have different needs, our mission remains the same. For every child, adult, senior or family we serve, our goal is to promote greater independence, self-sufficiency and personal health.

## **Intensive Adolescent Mentoring (IAM)**

Advocating for adolescents who need support and guidance to have a better future

*TEEG has given me a real chance at life. My mentor stuck by me through foster homes and shelters. He really believed in me. The whole team at TEEG fought for me, and it made me want to fight for myself. Now, I'm going to college! I don't know where I'd be without them.*

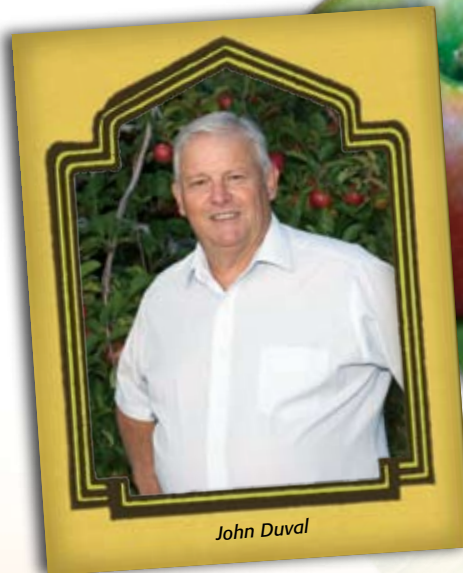


Treavor Phillips

## **Community Services**

Providing opportunities to be of service as well as a way to be served

*Over the years, TEEG has always been there for me and my wife. We do the best we can, but we still need a little help. I don't believe in charity. I think if you're able, you should work for what you get, and TEEG helps me with that. I can volunteer in the Food Pantry and help them. In exchange, I can take food home and that helps me. I like knowing that I have earned my way.*



John Duval



# for a Healthy Community



Lucille McKay



Elaine, Olivia & Evan Antonson



Matthew Fenton

## Senior Outreach

Supporting our elderly residents to help them understand the myriad forms and confusing paperwork required for simply growing older

*TEEG helps me keep it all together. At my age, it's hard to remember all the details with things like Medicare forms and my prescriptions. I'd be lost without them.*

## Early Childhood

Providing programs and opportunities to promote positive parenting and supportive relationships for everyone in our community who is responsible for raising our next generation

*I started coming to the TEEG Playgroup because it was something to do while I was babysitting my granddaughter. I thought it would be a good thing for her. Six years later I realize it's a good thing for **me**.*

## Young Adult Services

Teaching local people the essential life skills necessary to live more independently

*I am really glad that my school let me go to the TEEG program to finish my last year of high school and get my real diploma. My TEEG team taught me things I need to know in the places that I needed to learn them, like the grocery store and the laundromat.*

# Field Hands

TEEG is fortunate to have an abundance of volunteers who are all too willing to help us work in the fields of our community and spread the wealth of our collective harvest. Thanks to their efforts, we're able to distribute more food, prepare more holiday meals, fill more back-to-school backpacks, heat more homes, help more seniors and reach more adolescents. To all of you who have shown up, ready to mow, prune, pick or press ... Thank you!

## INDIVIDUALS

Toree Adams  
William Anderson  
Christine Armstrong  
John Armstrong  
Brenda Balcunas  
Rita Barthelet  
Keith Bayer  
Jen Beams  
Nicholas Beams  
Cindy Beaudreau  
Lorenzo Beauregard  
Kristen Benoit  
Dorothy Bergeron  
David A. Bernier  
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Brittany Blanchard  
Jadon Blouin  
Ed Bouche  
Ron Brissette  
Yvette Brissette  
Paul Brodeur, Jr.  
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Zachary Burnett  
Mary Ann Champrey  
Beverly Chauvin  
Edward Chrabaszc  
Ryan Colwell  
Shelby Colwell  
Kevin Delauriers  
Erica Demers  
Robert DeRonck  
Jane Desrosiers  
Adam Durand

Matt Durand  
John Duval  
Leona Eckard  
Thomas Fitzgerald  
Sam Fontaine  
Joseph Fountain  
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Kayla Gould  
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Sharon Johnson  
Timothy Johnson  
Rachel Johnston  
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Marsha Kripps  
Jessica Laparle  
Ben Larson  
Sagan Leidener  
Geetha Mahendran  
Praveen Mahendran  
Cassie McCrory  
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Nate Miller  
Timothy Miller  
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Cecile Monahan  
Jessica Monahan  
Joel Monahan  
Kayleigh Monahan  
Kiara Monahan  
Melita Monahan  
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Patrick Monahan, Jr.  
Sean Monahan  
Tristan Monahan  
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Mary Morin  
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Melissa Racine  
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Amanda Rice  
Dustin Ritchotte  
Brian Rodecap  
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Cody Semmelrock  
John Sherman  
Anthony Silva  
Nancy Sturtevant  
Tom Sullivan  
Heather Sweeney  
Raylene Tetreault  
Kathy Theriault  
William Trombley  
Alicia Tucker  
John White  
Pamela Wolfram  
Amy Wood  
Justin Wood  
Barbara Yuill  
Israel Zorola  
Sara Rose Zorola

## GROUPS

Members of The Mom's  
Club of Woodstock/  
Thompson  
Students of St. Joseph  
School  
Students of Susan B.  
Wayne Center  
Members of Christ  
Church J2A  
Residents of Hawkins  
House



# PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Think small.

Planting tiny seeds in the small space given you  
Can change the whole world or,  
At the very least, your view of it.

– Linus Mundy

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Flowers and fruit are only the beginning.  
In the seed lies the life and the future.

– Marion Zimmer Bradley

Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed,  
and nothing ever changes without a dream.

– Debby Boone

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