



silvanascommunitygardens.org

2009 Sponsorship Report

- 1. Name of Project:** Silvana's Community Gardens
- 2. Organization or individual requesting funds:** Silvana's Community Gardens, c/o The Town of Silverthorne: **TAX DEDUCTIBLE, CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS REGISTRATION NUMBER:** 84-059440; Town of Silverthorne has donated non-profit tax status as we are currently seeking pro-bono application for Garden's own 501(c) 3.
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The entire board of Silvana's Community Gardens wishes to thank you enormously for your very generous donation. We have had a very successful start and construction year, in large part because you recognized the value of this project early on and gave our effort the credibility that we needed to raise additional support throughout the community! Please find attached a sponsorship report documenting the success of our year.

Sincerely,

Linda Hrycaj Executive Director / Administrator (Co-Chair)

Marie Orlin Board (Co-Chair)

Mission Statement: Silvana’s Community Gardens invites individuals and families from all backgrounds who chose to work together. This working garden welcomes all members of the community regardless of gardening experience.”

Goals and objectives:

1. *Implement a series of public classes which encourage children and families to learn to grow their own healthy food for a lifetime.*
2. *Provide a means for children and adults to appreciate, preserve and improve the local environment.*
3. *Provide a forum for sharing ideas related to gardening, sustainable living and healthy nutrition.*
4. *Provide education and healthy alternatives for Summit County youth through summer gardening activities.*
5. *Build relationships between non-profit and for-profit organizations with a common goal of improving health, environment and quality of life in Summit County.*
6. *To overcome all language-based barriers in Summit County with the common goal of gardening.*

Who and how many people benefited from the 2009 construction of Silvana’s Community Garden:

Initially, we predicted that we would be able to fill 80% of the 25 planting beds we planned to fill. However, public interest was so strong that we wound up with a 25+ person wait list and actually ended up providing 30 beds in our first year! Many plots served several families, we just distributed our membership surveys and have not collected a full set of results yet, but we estimate at least 40 families benefitted from fresh produce from Silvana’s Community Garden. See Attachment A: Survey.



Five plots were sponsored free to the user(s)

Two families who qualified for low income sponsorship were granted free beds and materials and mentors were also assigned to these plots to assist. In addition, three other “adult and youth groups” that qualified for low income or educational grants were provided with free plots and materials including the Girl Scouts, 4H and the Hispanic “La Vida Sana” group of mothers engaged in healthy lifestyle courses through the Summit Prevention Alliance.



Over 25 Education Classes were offered!

In conjunction with High Country Conservation Center, the 4-H and several master gardeners, we were able to help organize and conduct 25 classes free to the public for children and for adults. See attached class schedule (Attachment B), Advertisement in Summit Daily News for Children’s “Starting from Seed” Series (Attachment C) in which 13 children participated in a six week course under the instruction of Phyllis Raynor and learned how to prepare a garden, plant a garden and care for it as it grows. The very first adult seminar we offered had over 70 learners in attendance.

What We Built:

The Town of Silverthorne, Neils Lunceford, United Rentals, Wagner Rents and Turner Morris Roofing assisted us early on with major excavation work including: clearing the site, grading, debris removal and material delivery. Our first volunteer work day hosted over 30 volunteers assisting with the construction and assembly of 10 raised bed built in a car bay of Vista Automotive with beautiful donated Redwood from Specialty Wood Products. With volunteer labor, the Town of Silverthorne, Patterson Electric/Ranger Plumbing, and Niels Lunceford then lead the underground installation of our irrigation lines and three spickets. At our second volunteer workday over 50 gardeners and volunteers from the public helped us leveling, combining and distributing 125 tons of top soil donated by Everist Materials and 125 tons of compost donated by the Summit County Landfill, building rock retainer walls and applying linseed oil (donated by Bighorn Materials) to the raised beds. At the third organized work day another 30 volunteers helped us lay down weed barrier, crusher fines and steak plots. Yet another volunteer work day involved 15 or so volunteers planting perennial shrubs and flowers in our perimeter beds along the street. Foxworth Galbraith Lumber Company donated 5: 4x4 pressure treated posts and then Strategic Fencing donated over 80% of the costs and labor associated with building a 4 foot fence with three gates around the entire perimeter of the garden (to keep out pests, not people).



By June 15th 90% of our gardeners had their beds planted and the growing season had began. Soon our gardeners and general public was found lingering in this beautiful space marveling at the work that

had been achieved and the growth sprouting. We added picnic tables to accommodate the outdoor classes, meetings and public wishing to eat lunch or rest in this space. One of our volunteers headed up a “Peewee Potato Patch” children from the public were invited to plant a potato and help care for it all summer long. On September 9, 2009 the kids were invited back to see what happened underground to their potatoes and as they dug them us they squealed with delight as uncovered larger round or long (depending the the variety) red, yellow and purple potatoes.



One of the greatest signs of our success would come on the weekends when as we were working on the garden we would watch families arrive so that children from our various classes could water their plants and share with their parents their success. Due to strong publicity and word of mouth we also became the “go-to” place for gardeners across the county who were struggling with something in their home gardens and were seeking advice as to how to solve particular problems. We were happy to assist and gathered many more names to add to our database for more information.



Silvana’s Community Garden was included in the Summit County July 2009 Garden Tour and through this exposure many garden enthusiasts and novices visited the site and also asked how they might get involved. In addition, several day camps and preschool programs also visited the garden over the summer.



How Much Did We Raise? Cash \$14,428.50

Grants

<i>Summit Foundation</i>	\$1000
<i>SPA/Live Well</i>	\$5000
<i>Women of the Summit</i>	\$100
<i>Optimist</i>	\$100
<i>Summit County Rotary</i>	\$500
<i>Copper/Frisco Env Fund</i>	\$2500
<i>Total Grants</i>	\$9200

Corporate

<i>First Bank – Silverthorne</i>	\$1000
<i>Alpine Gardens</i>	\$100
<i>Big Sky Builders</i>	\$50
<i>Total Corporate</i>	\$1150

Individuals

<i>53 Individuals</i>	
<i>Total Individual Donations</i>	\$3218.50

Fees

<i>Garden Plot Fees</i>	\$860
<i>50% Deposit still to be reimbursed</i>	
<i>Total Fees</i>	\$860

In Kind Donations Total: \$36,108**Town of Silverthorne**

<i>Land</i>	
<i>Water</i>	
<i>Wood Chips</i>	\$500
<i>Heavy Equipment/Operators</i>	\$1000
<i>Marketing</i>	\$500
<i>Debris Removal</i>	\$500
<i>Trucking</i>	\$300
<i>Administrative</i>	\$500
<i>Irrigation Work</i>	\$1000
<i>Countless other details</i>	<i>Priceless</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$4300

Neils Lunceford Estimated

<i>Soil</i>	\$1000
<i>Compost</i>	\$700
<i>Trucking</i>	\$1200
<i>Labor</i>	\$2000
<i>Design & Build “Emergency” Consulting</i>	\$3000
<i>Materials for Sponsored Plots</i>	\$100
<i>Materials for Classes</i>	\$120
<i>Rock Wall</i>	\$400
<i>Additional Perennials</i>	<i>Won't Tell Us</i>
<i>Weed Barrier & Clips</i>	\$1000
<i>Heavy Equipment</i>	\$700
<i>Irrigation Materials, Labor</i>	\$1200
<i>All the things they won't take credit for</i>	<i>Priceless</i>
<i>Subtotal Estimated</i>	\$10,420



**How Much Did We Raise 2008-2009 (Continued)
In Kind Donations**

Everist Materials

125 Tons Top Soil	\$3000
Crusher Fines Cost Savings over Retail	\$200
Road Base Cost Savings over Retail	\$200
Washed Rock Cost Savings over Retail	\$200
Boulders Cost Savings over Retail	\$100
Free Delivery	\$129.51
"Emergency" Consultant	Priceless
Everist Subtotal	\$3840.00

Summit County Waste Facility

75 Tons of Compost/Delivery	\$1260
Subtotal	\$1260

Strategic Fence & Wall Co

4 Foot Fence/3 Gates	
Charged materials Only	
In kind Value subtotal	\$6200

Specialty Wood Products

Redwood for raised beds	
Subtotal	\$3148.00

Foxworth Galbraith Lumber Company

59 MCQ pressure treated 6" x6" x 8'	\$1200
Free Delivery	\$100
Subtotal	\$1300

BigHorn Materials

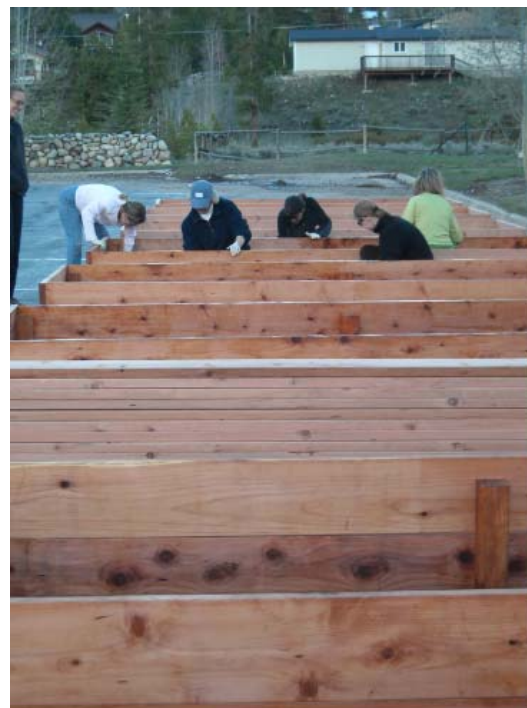
Materials, Services, Labor	
Subtotal	unknown

Turner Morris Roofing & Construction

Use of Trailer	\$400
Operator Labor 6 hours	\$150
Subtotal	\$550

Campbell Construction

Wood Donation	\$300
Subtotal	\$300





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grow together

**How Much Did We Raise 2008-2009 (Continued)
In Kind Donations**

Vista Automotive

<i>Use of Work Bay for 24 hours to Build raised beds</i>	\$300
<i>Storage of completed beds 30 Days</i>	<i>Priceless</i>
Subtotal	\$300

United Rentals

<i>Free Use Back Hoe</i>	\$500
Subtotal	\$500

Wagner Rents

<i>Free Use of Two Pieces of Heavy Equip</i>	\$1000
Subtotal	\$1000

Chipotle

<i>Lunch Burritos for 50 Volunteer Work Day</i>	
Subtotal	\$350.00

Angler Mountain Ranch

<i>Donated Large Stones For North Facing Rock Retaining Wall</i>	
Subtotal	\$300

Sanders True Value

<i>Screws</i>	\$50
Subtotal	\$50

Frisco Sign Shoppe

<i>Signage</i>	\$750
Subtotal	\$750

Wal-Mart

<i>150 Perennials \$ \$5.50 each</i>	\$825
Subtotal	\$825

Ronniger Potato Farm

<i>Donated XXX Potato Starters For Peewee Potato Patch</i>	
Subtotal	\$50



**How Much Did We Raise 2008-2009 (Continued)
In Kind Donations**

<i>Patterson Electric/Ranger Plumbing</i>	
<i>PVC 12: 15 foot Strings</i>	<i>\$300</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$300</i>
<i>Summit Daily News</i>	
<i>Five Free Ads</i>	<i>\$525.00</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$525.00</i>
<i>Office Max</i>	
<i>20 clipboards for Children's Class</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$100</i>
<i>Dave Anderson Hoses & Bibs</i>	<i>\$80.00</i>
<i>Logo Development/M. Orlin</i>	<i>\$250</i>
<i>29 Restaurants</i>	
<i>Donated over \$500 in gift certificates For us to thank our hardworking Volunteers with</i>	
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$750</i>
<i>Total In Kind Donations</i>	<i>\$36,108</i>

Volunteer Hours

Website Design/Maintenance	50
Build the Raised Beds 30 x 2	60
Stain the Beds/Dig the Ditch 15 x 3	45
Lay Irrigation pipe/Connect	8
Work Day One – Excavate 50 x 5	250
Work Day Two Weed Barrier/ Crusher Fines 30 x 3	90



Volunteer Hours (Continued)

Work Day Three Plant Perennial Exterior 15 x 3	45
Teach Children's & Adult Classes	20
Volunteer Database/Coordination	20
Water the Exterior/M Orlin 5 x 12	60
Board Meetings 8 members x 24 Meetings x 2 hours	385
Subcommittee Meetings/Projects	40
Promotion/ Marketing	20
Grant Writing	20
Budget/Administrative	30
Building Children's Beds	20
Spreading Wood Chips	10
Total	1168 Hours



Expenses/What did it Cost?

Temporary Signage	\$27.00
Web Hosting/Domain name EZ Web Time For Cake	
Subtotal	\$432.92
Everist Materials	
Crusher Fines Road Base Washed Rock	
Subtotal	\$2829.51



Balance Forward 2010 \$1,680.46

2010+ Year over Year Maintenance Expenses estimated at \$3000

Includes

Top soil replacement

Tilling

Crusher Fine Replacement

Hose Replacement

Marketing/Education

Erosion/ Repair of Winter Deterioration

Re-application of Linseed Oil to raised beds and other wood surfaces

We are proud to report that our reserves show a healthy balance of **\$1,680.46** that will help cover these on-going operation and maintenance needs in 2010.

What is Next in 2010?

Silvana's Community Gardens has confirmed a strong need in the county for gardening space instruction. In our first year, we are very proud to report that we accomplished 95% of the tasks that we requested funding for, including:

Excavation

Construction

Irrigation

landscaping

Fencing

Planting Medium (Soil and Compost)

10 Raised Beds

20 in ground beds

Two Children's Gardens

25 Adult Classes

6 Children's Classes

Marketing

And a top notch website



Not complete, but underway, is a very expensive bridge at the corner of Rainbow Drive and 6th Street. We are very pleased to working with Architect/Structural Engineer Walt Roehrs who is donating his time and skills to the project. However, funding for the labor and materials are likely to run upwards of \$5,000. We are working closely with the Town of Silverthorne to ensure that our design compliments their larger master plan vision.

Looking forward, there is a significant amount of land fenced-in as part of Silvana's Community Garden that has not yet been integrated into productive space. By design, we have taken a phased approach allowing our board to evaluate need based on the previous year's experience. Our long-term plan applies a very flexible model for this south facing space that one day could lead to a green house, but in the short term will include excavating and leveling this south-facing hill to add five additional raised beds. We have very specific ideas for these five new beds, in addition to providing more

gardening space to the public, several of them will be used for research and education intended to identify real methods that Summit County residents can apply at home. For example, we will experiment with different cold frame and solar pod materials over the course of the next few years on each of these plots in an effort produce solid research, methods and recommendations to the county. Our goal is provide realistic, affordable solutions to gardeners to implement at home. Very few residents can afford to build a greenhouse, but quite a few might be able to afford a cold frame that extends their fresh produce growing season based on the research and design recommendations we produce.

Other 2010 expenses include:

Construction of Bridge,
Weather Proof Bulletin Board
Tool Shed
Active Compost Pile

Again, Silvana’s Community Gardens is so very grateful for the assistance and guidance the Summit Foundation have provided in our first year. We are very proud of what we have accomplished, both in the physical construction and successful operation of the space. Moreover, the friendships we have made with members of the community who share a common goal of gardening, which we might not have formed otherwise. Our organization is strong. Based on the success of 2009, we have a solid membership base, plenty of new interest and a lot of momentum to implement our phased approach to growing and improving Silvana’s Community Gardens.

Note: If there is any information that we have not provided, that you require or simply if you have any questions, please contact Maggie Butler at 970 9389-0081 or mbutler@summitdaily.com.

