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# Goals

- To create an environment conducive to social interaction and increased life satisfaction.
- To foster a beneficial relationship between the participants and the community
  - Leading to a better understanding of social/cultural and leisure needs of any particular group.



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- To provide the opportunity for engaging in a new or previously acquired hobby or interest adapted to the limitations of the participant.
- To maintain or improve the physical health of the participants.



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- To encourage social interaction through participation.
- To provide opportunities that allow for individual self expression.

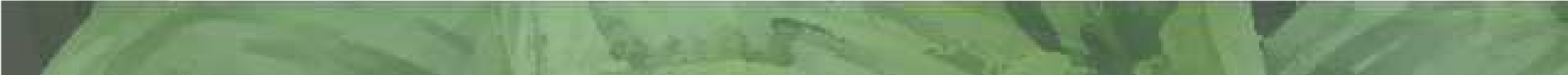
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# Benefits

- Exercises the eyes through visual scanning, seeing near & far, and improves seeing spatial relationships
- Provides practice in eye hand coordination





# Benefits

- Learn to see differences in size, color, shapes & textures
  - Exercises hands, fingers, arms, and upper body
  - Fosters involvement in physical activity when nothing else will
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# Benefits

- Pleasure is derived from our senses
    - seeing smelling, feeling and tasting
  - Motivates us to use adaptive equipment as it is needed
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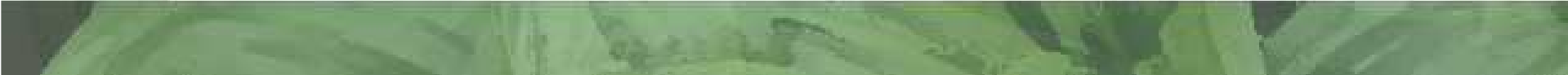


# Benefits

- Provides pleasurable physical activity to those with physical disabilities or sensory impairments who may wish to enjoy gardening
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# Intellectual Benefits

- Teaches new skills & techniques in horticulture
    - Increases interest
  - Stimulates understanding of abstract concepts
    - Time, growth, change & death
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# Intellectual Benefits

- Increases awareness of the living world
  - Exercises our minds in terms of memory & logic
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# Intellectual Benefits

- Gives us practice in following directions
  - Improves attention span
  - Learn about needs for life:
    - Requirements, interdependence, energy,
    - Diversity, population, species
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# Affective Benefits

- Increases self esteem and self-confidence
  - Satisfies our need to be nurturing and caring
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# Affective Benefits

- Opportunities to be creative and self expressive
- Develops a sense of responsibility and accomplishment



# Intellectual Benefits

- Promotes a “can-do” attitude
  - Leads toward anticipation of future events
  - Lifts the spirit of those who have lost a sense of purpose or hope and provides an element of control
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# Social Benefits

- Improves social skills, self esteem, and confidence
- Promotes interaction by developing a common interest that presents challenges that can be shared





# Social Benefits

- Provides endless topics for discussion where opinions can be freely expressed
    - on an equal level, as one gardener to another
  - Motivates cooperation among groups
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# Social Benefits

- Promotes healthy interdependence
  - Increases leadership possibilities
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# Financial Benefits

- Employment possibility
- Learn skills for full/part-time work in business or sheltered workshop
- Development of skills in sales and finances

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# Financial Benefits

- Increased time management skills
- Opportunities for clients to meet the public
- Budget & planning

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# Financial Benefits

- Low cost food/decorations/gifts
- Can be a partially self supporting program