



Become a Story Gardener!

Story Garden brings a moment of fun and peace that everyone needs.



Story Garden in Brownsville, New York City

Story Garden in Gallup, New Mexico

ATD Fourth World Story Gardens are always held in the same outdoor location—regularly and reliably—for quality children's activities and storytelling that encourage learning, intergenerational bonding, community connections, and hope!

Donate today to cultivate Story Garden!

Story Gardens in New Mexico and New York City enrich the **soils of organic creativity**. Elders know where the **deep roots extend into traditions**. Adults plant **seeds of love**. Neighbors nurture the **seedlings of learning**. All so that children can **harvest happiness**, friendship, confidence, pride, and self-expression along with a **rooted identity** of belonging to their families and communities. Then, the children return to **sow skills**, knowledge, patience and delight among others.

What Grows

Fun

A passion for art

A love of books

Story Garden connects books with art activities, growing passions for watercolor and painting.

"Story Garden is the place where we encourage the arts and give opportunities to children for discoveries."

- A mother in Brownsville, NYC

Peace & harmony

Solidarity

Togetherness

Despite the construction happening around our activities, Story Garden continues to build harmony in the community. Parents know us and Story Garden is important to them.

Children and families at the Story Garden built "little human" figurines to give to participants of the United Nations commemoration for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Solidarity grows between people who do things together.

Self-identity

"I am so proud when I listen to children say they are artists or when they feel powerful and independent thanks to Story Garden."

- A Story Garden facilitator

Community

Connection

Friendship

Collaboration

At Story Garden, more and more people, not just children, are interacting. Children whose families keep to themselves in their own neighborhood will interact at the Story Garden with children from other places.

A mother in Brownsville said Story Garden helps her contribute to the community. She invited Story Garden facilitators to the local fair to do projects for the broader neighborhood.



in Story Garden...

Cultural & linguistic heritage

Pride

Self-expression

More and more elders are sitting in the "living room" of the Gallup Flea Market Story Garden.

A new project called "We Got Skills" will showcase what the kids do at the Flea Market Story Garden. The kids can take more ownership of the project, putting their touch on it.

Children have opportunities to put their culture in their art projects, painting any images and words that they have in their minds, for example traditional dress and local landscapes.

Patience

Happiness

A grandmother noticed:

"There's a couple of children I've seen go to Story Garden, and they're not angry anymore. They're more at ease. There's no more foul language coming out of their mouths. One girl used to be frustrated with stuff. When I went back, she sat there really good. She had patience. I think it comes from you guys being patient with them, teaching them how to be patient."

Skills

A desire to learn

Hobbies and interests

"My daughter was in special ed through last year. She's not anymore. I think it's because she's doing better with you guys."

- A Gallup Story Garden mother

"I learned that I am a better reader. I probably started at Story Garden when I was about six. Now, I'm gonna be nine. Reading the books actually helped me catch up with my reading in school."

- A Story Garden participant

After doing a project with colors of the rainbow, children are asking for more science experiments at Story Garden.

A broader community

Family time

Positive role models

"For that moment at Story Garden, they forget all their troubles and what they are going through."

- The mother of a family going through homelessness, explaining why her two children love coming to Story Garden

New Mexico



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Donate today to become a Story Gardener!



Your donation of any amount contributes:

- \$50** Shovels and wheelbarrows (Art supplies)
- \$150** Seeds (Books)
- \$500** Water (Travel expenses for the mobile Story Garden)
- \$1000** Fertilizer (1 month stipend for a facilitator)

Story Gardens happen every single week.

A monthly donation is a great way to offer ongoing support for this crucial program.

Thank you for considering this valuable type of gift.



Adopt a Story Garden

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