



Memorandum of Understanding
Partnership Between the City of Mineola
&
Promise of Peace Gardens

"A collaborative effort to grow goodness at the Mineola Nature Preserve"

The Promise of Peace Gardens ("P.O.P"), a nonprofit organization, creates neighborhood and school food gardens while providing nutritional, and environmental educational opportunities for children and their families. P.O.P feeds, connects, restores and empowers local communities through caring and sharing experiences while growing and preparing nutrient dense food.

Promise of Peace Gardens has truly benefitted from the support received after relocation to Mineola from Dallas, Texas. We installed a garden at the Mineola Nature Preserve in August of 2023 and are now ready to deliver high quality education in the form of Kid's Day Camps. We are asking each camp participant for a 20-dollar donation to cover the expenses of materials and a nutritious lunch and snacks. If there is a situation where a child cannot afford the fee, P.O.P offers scholarships.

P.O.P. will hold a monthly volunteer day where guests at the preserve can lend a helping hand and learn gardening skills. We also share seasonal harvests with our volunteers and nature preserve guests.

To cover some of the costs of growing and tending the garden, we will also hold several annual events. A Tomato Tasting in July will offer an affordable farm to table experience with a suggested 10-dollar participation donation. In September we will hold our annual Okrapalooza music and food festival. This festival will engage the community in a kid friendly setting where at least five activities will be provided for the children, 6-8 chefs serving okra dishes, and a variety of Mocktails for the guests to try. The ticket price of 40 dollars will cover ingredients for the

dishes, mocktails and kids' activities. We will also provide water and paper products, tents and tables and decorations. We will limit ticket sales to 75, and each family can bring two children under 12 for free.

All funds raised at events of donated by garden guests will go directly to the Promise of Peace Gardens and be directly applied to maintaining the P.O.P. Garden at the Mineola Nature Preserve and the educational programming – including both organized events and walk-up visitor opportunities. All raised funds will be allocated at P.O.P's discretion to further P.O.P's mission of education in organic horticulture and the seed to table cycle.

P.O.P. will work in partnership with the City of Mineola to ensure all P.O.P. activities comply with state and local laws and city ordinances, including obtaining city approved liability waivers for participants in P.O.P.'s activities and programs at the nature preserve and on city property.

Sincerely,

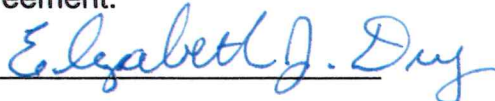
Elizabeth J. Dry

Founding Director

Promise of Peace Gardens

Signatures of agreement:

Elizabeth J Dry



Mercy Rushing

Promise of Peace Gardens Upcoming Events!

Beginning June 5th, we will have kids' day camp at the Mineola Nature Preserve on Wednesdays & Fridays from 10- 1. Sign up for 1 or a series of three. Ages 5-12. You must pre-register at 214 240 9220. There are scholarships available.

June 29th is our cooking class with Chef Tyler of Infusion in the Woods- "Mediterranean Dishes at the Civic Center" Tickets will be available on Eventbrite or at the Mineola Farmers Market POP Table.

July 13th - Tomato Tasting at The Nature Preserve - come and taste a variety of delicious tomato dishes - suggested donation - \$10.00

September 8th - Okrapalooza 2024 is coming - "A DEEPER WELL". Tickets will go on sale Eventbrite starting July 5th. We will also have market discounted tickets at the Mineola Farmers market on Saturday mornings in July along with lovely produce by our POP kids.

For more information and or tickets in person please contact Elizabeth at 214 240 922

Volunteer Day - second Sundays
at 1:00 - 3:00 if weather
permits. Other volunteer
opportunities for individuals
and groups can be arranged
by contacting Elizabeth
at 214 240 9220.

Promise of Peace Gardens' Budget Summary for Kids' Day Camps at the Mineola Nature Preserve

The camps will consist of a structured introduction to the garden and objectives of the day and hands on experiences that will empower them with new perspectives. Here is an example of one camp day and will be the average expense for each camp and its components. This based on having 10 day campers. Parents are always welcome to stay so we accommodate for that.

- I. Earth to Table Cycle activity in journals ----- \$20.00
- II. Soil restoration materials & activity ----- \$30.00
- III. Art activity – such as weaving ----- \$40.00
- IV. Lunch such as making basil pesto and Mediterranean salad ---- \$50.00
- V. Bird watching with binoculars ----- \$80.00
- VI. Take aways will include a seasonal harvest and seeds ----- \$50.00

Average Expense ----- \$270/class – this does not include the sweet equity of planning and sourcing and material costs to grow and maintain the food garden.

Average Revenue ----- \$300.00

Moines after expenses go back into growing and maintaining the garden, and sharing with our volunteers.

If eight children sign up for 3 classes

We have two scholarship kiddos thus far valued at 120.00 each.

We have only received three registrations thus far and two are on scholarship.



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Release of Responsibility at POP Garden located at the Mineola Nature Preserve

This form gives permission for my child, _____, to be photographed, and or videoed, and by signing will hold harmless the organizations of Promise of Peace Gardens and the Mineola Nature Preserve..

As I and or my child, _____, participate in activities at the Promise of Peace Gardens, I agree for myself to the following:

1. _____ I agree to observe and obey all posted rules, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by supervisors or agents for the Promise of Peace Gardens.
2. _____ I recognize that there are certain inherent risks when engaging in outdoor activities and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself, and or my child and further release and discharge Promise of Peace Gardens for injury, loss, or damage arising out of my use or presence upon the grounds and facilities of the Mineola Nature Preserve to explore or to obtain materials and knowledge, whether caused by myself or other parties.
3. I relinquish rights to publish photographs of participation in the activities in the garden.
4. **I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND FULLY THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, THAT I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

DATE: _____

Parent SIGNATURE: _____

Child PRINTED NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL: _____

(RELATIONSHIP _____)

Additional Information such as allergies or previous injuries:

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ONE GOAL you have while learning in the garden: