

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

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Contact: CASA Partners
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Who works with the children?

Trained therapists are available to help children who need to process trauma and crisis resulting from past abuse. Parenting instruction may be offered during special sessions designed to involve parents.

Trained volunteers participate with the children in a variety of environmental and animal oriented activities. The ratio of supervision is never more than one volunteer for two children, and is often one on one. Generally there are six to ten children in a group



Outcomes:

Each child will experience opportunities to:

- Improve emotional well-being
- Develop empathy, kindness, gentleness
- Master new skills
- Improve self image
- Practice developmental skills (fine and gross motor, language, problem solving)
- Learn respect for the natural environment
- Tap into the potential for joy and hope for the future



Why gardens and animals?

“Gardening and playing with and caring for animals are activities that people of any age can and do enjoy, that teach safe and appropriate touching, that emphasize a gentleness and nurturance in ways that do not directly challenge a parent’s authority and that encourage enjoyable planning for the future. Respect for living things can be taught initially through gardening, and then expanded to recognize and respect an animal’s capacity to feel pain and pleasure. Gradually through collaborative work, which empathizes kindness and gentleness with living things, trust with people can also be cultivated.”

Lynn Loar, LCSW, PhD

BEE KIND GARDEN uses three basic strategies to help children suffering from past abuse.

Child Therapy: Licensed therapists provide weekly on-site services to help the children process emotional trauma and crisis.

Environmental Education: The children learn to nurture living things and find a connection to the natural world through gardening and outdoor activities.

Animal Interaction: Interacting with child-friendly animals encourages children to learn kindness and empathy, build trust, and form healthy relationships. Sharing the experience with supportive volunteers, children can explore and experience the dynamics of friendship.



We Need You!

Caring volunteers are vital to the Bee Kind Garden. No gardening or counseling background is needed. All volunteers receive training before working with a child! Minimum commitment would be 12 to 15 hours between spring and late fall.



BEE KIND GARDEN A Safe Place to be a Child

The activities done at the Bee Kind Garden allow children to relate on the simplest level with nature and living things. Having the attention of a caring adult, and being close to gentle animals that accept and give love without restriction opens the door to building relationships and developing trust in people. The activities are not complex, but the outcomes can be remarkable.

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