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## **Best Practices in UWEX Service-Learning**

### **Wisconsin Master Gardener Program Agriculture and Natural Resources Programming**

The Wisconsin Master Gardener Program trains volunteers to aid UW-Extension staff by helping people in the community better understand horticulture and their environment. The Columbia County Master Gardener's project, Lifelong Gardening, started off as an educational opportunity to work with a local nursing home, Thrivent Financial, and area high school students to extend the benefits of gardening to wheel-chair bound nursing home residents. This project has since blossomed into a full service-learning experience for Master Gardener members who have expanded their own understanding of needs and strategies for lifelong gardening, while working to take this knowledge into the community. To date, the Columbia County Master Gardeners have created an educational display and several brochures, and conducted three sessions to help community members learn how they can enable people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the benefits of gardening.

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