



Glastonbury Partners in Planting, Inc.

Together we can help make Glastonbury a more beautiful, greener place to live.

Center Village Gardens

In the spring of 2005 Glastonbury Partners in Planting partnered with Center Village residents to create a community garden area where the seniors could gather amid trees and flowers. Center Village provides housing for low-income senior citizens on New London Turnpike at the corner of Salmon Brook. Girl Scout Troop 813 found grant money to pay for the garden and raised butterflies to release on planting day. The seniors provided a tool shed and The Exchange Club of Glastonbury paid for benches. GPIIP also received donations from local businesses.

- Chairperson: Joyce Lorenzen



Girl Scout Troop 10855 helped GPIIP volunteers plant hundreds of bulbs in May 2015.



A very special thank you to:

- Glastonbury Exchange Club for donating \$1500.
- Deborah Kent for designing both gardens.

Businesses:

- Foxy's Pizza, Melzen's TV and Appliance, and Carrier/Ripley Insurance for their generous donations.
- Mark Sellow's Pride's Corner Nursery in Lebanon for providing the plants at wholesale prices.
- Quality Name Plate for donating the plant labels.
- Girl Scout Troop 813 (2005) who obtained grants from Fleet Capitol Foundation and The Aurora Foundation/Ct. Valley Girl Scout Council totaling more than \$2,000 to pay for all of the plants. The Girl Scouts and their parents also helped plant the perennials and annuals. Leader Laura Amenta contributed toward the table and chairs inside the garden. One parent built the planters by the central bench. And the girls raised and released butterflies hoping they'll enjoy the flowers planted specially to attract them. Troop 813 also raised money to purchase dozens of spring bulbs that were planted at a later date.
- Girl Scout Troop 10803 who planted 2 dozen new perennials and various annual flowers in fall 2008.



• Gideon-Welles 6th graders who planted dozens of new perennials and annuals in the fall of 2006. As part of biodiversity training for the students, 3 teams of children each spent time learning how to plant perennials to ensure a long life.

The gardens at the entrance to Center Village were created in the summer of 2007 from donations given in honor of Opal Caso, a lifelong gardener.

Her family and friends planted the shrubs and perennials after GPIP volunteers ripped out the dying yews that once lined the slope. Girl Scout Troop 809 added bulbs to the garden and Quality Nameplate, which donates all the labels for the planters in town, donated the lovely plaque.

The Housing Authority of Glastonbury maintains this garden.

