

# UR GlobeMed Garden of Hope Report

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## **Summary of Partnership:**

As an organization working towards health equity and social justice, we aim to create sustainable and long-lasting relationships with the University, our chapter community, and the Rochester city community. One of our goals every year is working with a Rochester partner to cater to their needs. This year, we began a partnership with a community garden in the heart of Rochester called the Garden of Hope. A local in Rochester, Inez started this garden and has been working hard to nurture it and distribute the garden's produce to local neighborhoods and other city organizations. Every Sunday, students from GlobeMed (as well as some outside the organization who wanted to help!) went to the garden to volunteer; sometimes weeding, planting seeds, decorating for the holidays, and doing really anything that was needed on that day. This partnership also blossomed beyond the garden, and we helped to create social media pages for the Garden of Hope both on Instagram and Facebook, as well as creating an email address for inquiries surrounding the garden. This will allow Inez to have a greater reach in her mission, and promote the various events she holds at the garden. Inspired by our time helping Inez and the funds received from CCE's Community Engagement Challenge grant, we plan to continue this partnership for years to come.

## **Funds Disbursement:**

- 24 Hats, Gloves, and Gaiters for the community
- Materials (wood, mulch, soil, braces, and garden fabric) for new Garden Beds
- Paint for the fence around the garden
- Compost

## **Future Direction:**

We plan to continue our organized weekly volunteering at the garden with our members, and we hope to expand the volunteering to more students outside of our organization as well to get as many people involved with the amazing work as possible. We plan to continue, sustain, and blossom the relationship we have made with Inez, and hope to raise more funds for her in the future. We also plan to do more with the Garden of Hope social media that we helped to create, and begin curating a reliable social media presence. Inez always has influential ideas about what she hopes to accomplish with the garden, including creating a tutoring program in collaboration with nearby schools and churches. We plan to help support Inez in all of her ventures, and hope to expand this partnership even more in the future!



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