



Cultivating Inclusion News

Jul-Dec 2025



As we reflect back on 2025, we feel so blessed for all the volunteers that gave so much of themselves for service at Cultivating Inclusion Farm. We had over 50 inquiries regarding volunteering opportunity this year. Some volunteered for a short time and moved on, but several remain dedicated to our mission of serving the special population and growing fresh produce for families in need. This farm cannot be what it is today without all of these volunteers, past and present. A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of them! ❤️



14,405 pounds of
produce donated in
2025!!



From lettuces, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbages, sweet peas and more, the winter crops at this farm are looking promising. It is fun to see different produce growing here. Thanks to our seed starting committee and the new station designed by Marty Harsch, we had some success with starting our own seedlings. The composting program has also expanded, and many bags of 'black gold' were added back to the soil in our garden.



History: Cultivation Inclusion Farm is the brainchild of four dedicated women with special needs children. With a vision of helping young adults with special needs develop practical skills in a garden setting, they started this project in Fall 2014 with the support of the City of Murrieta. The garden became a 501(c)(3) non-profit with public charity status in June of 2018.

Mission: To enhance the quality of life of special needs individuals by providing a garden space where they can connect with nature, gain agricultural experience through farming and gardening activities, and contribute to the local community by producing fresh fruits and vegetables to donate to food banks.

Fun Activities

The 4th Annual Crafts and Plant Traders event in October was a success. Vendors showed off their handy work, handmade jewelry, garden art and trinkets. The bee display was enjoyed by all our visitors. Everyone was walking around with huge smiles, engaging with all the booths. Plant traders are a group of many gardeners sharing their plants and helping each other to learn about the different types of plants. The Raffle of our Princess Pumpkins which were grown here at the farm had everyone holding their breath in hopes of winning that pumpkin. Our day was so much fun, and all were happy at the end of the day!

~Submitted by Barbie Lickness



Eagle Scouts projects are such a blessing for Cultivating Inclusion. In 2025, four wonderful projects were completed. We have a new owl box perching in the orchard, a bench to relax on after a stressful day, a little free book exchange station, and last but not least, a brand new red shed for storage. These are great additions to our farm. Thank you, Eagle Scouts! ❤️

Eagle Scouts Projects



Orchard Update



Our 3-year tree mulching project with the USDA's NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) began its first year in 2025. Thanks to Waste Management for donating good quality mulch for this purpose. Several groups came to help with the orchard ground clean up including Just Serve.org, Vines Christian Fellowship, Orchard Church, Excel Landscaping and our own 'Guardians of the Grove' volunteers. Thank you All!

Cultivating Inclusion farm is open weekdays from 9-11 a.m. 39775 Alta Murrieta Dr, Murrieta. For a tour or to volunteer, call Mary Ann Tams (951) 296-7756.