



Cultivating Inclusion News

Jan-Jun 2026



Care-Rite group helped harvest summer squash.

A lot has already been accomplished this year. We finished harvesting citrus & winter crops (broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, onions, garlic, lettuce), prepared the garden for another round of spring planting (green beans, yellow squash, zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers) and worked on enriching the experience of our special needs guests. Cultivating Inclusion Farm continues to thrive and remains vibrant, thanks to continuing funding support from the City of Murrieta and regular donations from the Vines Christian Fellowship. All our volunteers are working together to make a difference, and we learn and adjust each year to make things better. We can't do it without the continuing support from the communities we serve. **Thank you!!!** ❤️



Volunteer groups harvested onions and cut up clippings for compost.



Raquel's bee

8,279 pounds
of produce
donated so
far this year!



Spring planting rows of summer squash and zucchini.



Seed starting program producing our own transplants.



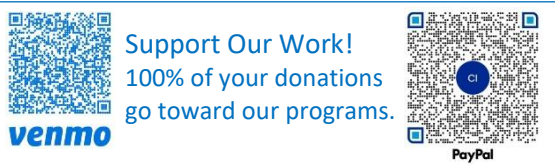
Grapefruits for delivery to Murrieta Food Pantry and Mission Hope.

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.

Enriching Farm Experience with Learning Activities

During 2025-2026, Cultivating Inclusion's Clientele Committee was awarded \$5,000 from Riverside County Third District Community Improvement Designation fund. Thank you, Supervisor Chuck Washington! This funding has made a major impact on the learning activities being offered daily at our farm. A set of 48 weekly lesson plans was created; each includes a poster board and a coloring and word search worksheet. These additional learning activities not only provide more structure to our special visitors' time at the farm but offer an opportunity to discuss garden topics and share knowledge in a fun way.



Our volunteer delivering the grape lesson; Toward Maximum Independence (TMI) job coach using the poster board to teach fun facts about butterflies.

Monarch Fellowship Hub

Helping Monarch Butterflies, One Plant at a Time

This year, Cultivating Inclusion partnered with the [Monarch Fellowship](#) to provide free milkweed and native plants to our community. Monarch butterfly populations have been declining for years, largely because of habitat loss. By planting milkweed and other native plants, we can all help provide the habitat they need to survive and thrive.

Cultivating Inclusion participants helped to start and grow milkweed from seeds collected from last year's plants along with seeds from the Monarch Fellowship and distributed close to 100 milkweed plants to residents in Murrieta and Temecula. We also shared plants with the Murrieta Public Library Seed Library, giving more families the opportunity to grow habitats for monarch butterflies. We learned a lot this year about growing milkweed and native plants and look forward to an even bigger distribution next year!



~Story and photo submitted by Melissa Falzone

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.