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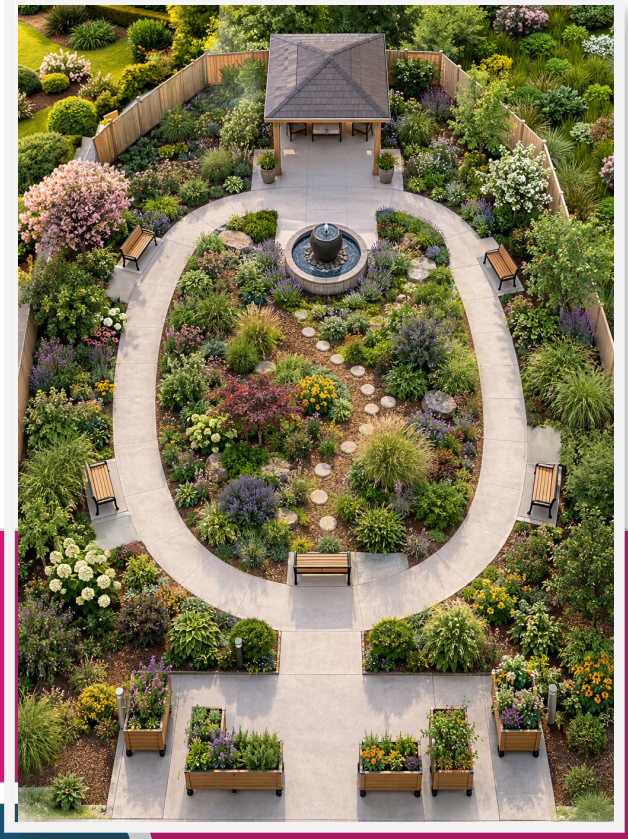
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We are pleased to announce Sunbeam's 2026 Holiday Appeal in support of designing and installing a large and welcoming **Interactive and Accessible Sensory Garden** at Sunbeam's Kingsway Campus in Kitchener. We will transform **3,400** sq. ft. of unused greenspace into a lush and inviting Sensory Garden, with a broad variety of plants and features to stimulate through sight, fragrance, sound, taste and touch. The garden will provide sensory stimulation, a calm and peaceful environment, as well as socialization, recreation and community engagement opportunities - all of which will promote health and wellness in a safe, accessible and inclusive outdoor space.

This interactive, accessible and welcoming sensory garden design will feature:

- **Five-Senses Garden Zones** – A lush and inviting collection of plants and features to stimulate through sight, fragrance, sound, taste and touch.
- **Inclusive Programming Areas** – Enabling therapeutic gardening and nature appreciation programs, having some raised garden beds, an array of plants grown and tended by participants (such as annuals, herbs, vegetables) and more.
- **Seating and Sheltered Rest Areas** – To encourage conversation, observation, reflection and calm serenity.
- **Other Accessibility and Sensory Features** Interactive installations, wayfinding, barrier-free and large print signage, sensory discovery stations, creative steppingstones created by people supported by Sunbeam, windchimes, as well as a beautiful **water feature** that will serve as a focal point within the garden.
- **Path of Belonging** - A wide, level, accessible concrete pathway designed to accommodate people of all mobilities and abilities, providing safe and comfortable access to all garden features and activity zones.



To bring this vision to life, we are seeking the support of our community. Your donation will help create accessible pathways, sensory-rich gardens, gathering spaces, and interactive features that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.

Our vision for Sunbeam's Accessible Sensory Garden

We are partnering with the "**In Our Backyard**" landscaping social enterprise program, offered by Cambridge Shelter Corporation, to help with the planning, design and creation of our new Sensory Garden, with shovels in the ground starting in the spring of 2027. We have also consulted with local gardening and horticulture groups, tapping into their extensive horticultural knowledge to help us with the selection of a variety of plants to bring alive the senses!

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Waterloo Region Community Foundation (WRCF) was this project's founding supporter, by way of a $10,000 strategic grant recognizing the sensory garden as place-making social infrastructure, creating a space that brings people together and supports community life, inclusion, well-being, and social connection. We sincerely appreciate WRCF's early commitment and belief in the value of this project, helping to turn a vision into reality.



We are creating a **lasting community resource** available to all that benefits people of all ages and abilities. A place where inclusion, wellness, and connection can flourish. Through this community neighborhood project, we remain committed to promoting accessibility, community engagement and belonging for many years to come.

To recognize the scope, magnitude and community impact of this project and the generosity of our supporters, **special recognition opportunities are available** for donors the following giving levels:

Donations and Naming Recognition

$2,500 or more	On one of several **garden benches** located in the sensory garden	**$10,000 or more**	On the **covered gazebo** shelter
$5,000 or more	On the **accessible picnic bench** situated beneath the covered shelter	**$25,000 or more**	On the **signature water feature**

These lasting recognition opportunities will celebrate the donors whose caring support helps bring this important community project to life.

We also invite local businesses, community organizations, and service clubs to join us as partners in this transformative project. Through sponsorship, in-kind donations, or volunteer support, your organization can help create a space that reflects our shared commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and community well-being.

Please consider making a gift to Sunbeam's 2026 Holiday Appeal and help us grow a garden where everyone belongs.

May this season bring comfort, connection, and special moments with loved ones, and may the coming year offer peace, good health, and opportunities for joy and fulfillment. **Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season,**

Stacey Jayne

Stacey Jayne, **President, Board of Directors**

Brian Swainson

Brian Swainson, **Chief Executive Officer**

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Ways to Donate

Online: sunbeamcommunity.ca/donate

E-transfer to: fundraising@sunbeamcommmunity.ca

In-person: Cash or cheque

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Kitchener, ON, N2C 1A7

Telephone: (519) 893-6200

Your Gift Makes A Difference

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Sunbeam is pleased to announce its 2026 Holiday Appeal in support of the creation of an **Interactive and Accessible Sensory Garden** at Sunbeam's Kingsway Campus in Kitchener.

A welcoming outdoor space is envisioned where people of all abilities can connect with nature, build relationships, learn new skills, and experience a true sense of belonging in their community.

The garden will feature five senses garden zones, interactive programming, comfortable seating areas and more. Your support makes this engaging project possible.

CONTRIBUTION TYPE

☐ I would like to **make a one-time donation** to Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services.

☐ I would like to **become a monthly contributor** and I authorize Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services to automatically charge the amount below each month.

AMOUNT ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ Other: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ☐ $2,500 ☐ $5,000 ☐ $10,000 ☐ $25,000

REQUIRED MAILING INFORMATION

Please provide your contact information so Sunbeam can send you a charitable receipt.

First and Last Name

Address City

Province Postal Code Phone Number

Email Address

Please sign below to authorize your gift to Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services.

Date

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Enter Credit or debit card information or call us at (519) 893-6200.

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