



Pan de Vida Foundation
A Sign of Hope in the Community

February 8, 2021

Dear Ms Cullison,

Thank you very, very much for the 2020 grant provided by the Arizona Women's Partnership, Inc. We used the money to continue development of the community garden in Valley of the Sun Estates in San Tan Valley. More than 25 different volunteers were involved in various aspects of setting up, maintaining and developing the garden site during 2020. Currently, vegetables including broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes, onions and peppers are growing in the garden.

While COVID-19 did present significant challenges in 2020, we were able to accomplish the following:

- 1) Installation of a water meter base (concrete) and cover with donated materials and 6 hours of volunteer labor from a welder/handyman and one other person.
- 2) 10 wooden garden boxes were assembled and installed by a group of 6 adults.
- 3) Development of a soaker hose watering system for 5 of the 15 garden beds, which involved purchase of parts and fittings, assembly and installation at the garden—a family of 4 put the system together and installed it.
- 4) Planting of vegetables and seeds for the 2020 Fall/winter season. Four families assisted with this work, including 3 children and 6 adults.
- 5) Throughout the year, weeding/ground maintenance was done on 5 different occasions, with up to 12 people at a time.
- 6) Two families in the area have expressed interest in working a garden plot and have contributed time and some plants to beautify the garden area.
- 7) Below is a photo of the day we planted the vegetables.



Thank you again for the grant you provided. We look forward to continuing development of the garden with help from residents in the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Dietze". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Derek Dietze

Vice President, Pan de Vida Foundation