

STATE OF MICHIGAN



SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

**Clarkston Farm & Garden Club
Community Beautification**

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a genuine pleasure to commend and congratulate the Clarkston Farm & Garden Club who was selected as the recipient of the prestigious Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Michigan Week 2008 Community Awards for Community Beautification.

The Children's Literary Gardens is a large-scale community beautification project that spans a three-year period. This multi-phase project at the Independence Township Library continues to beautify the local community. The project sets a uniform standard to the local library's garden beds by creating a literary theme within each garden area; namely, the Peter Rabbit Garden; the Frog Prince Garden and the Secret Garden; and the Giving Tree Garden. A committee meets regularly to determine the specific themes at each of the existing garden areas.

The Children's Literary Gardens are also used to promote reading through Garden Club sponsored programs at the library and in the Clarkston community elementary and pre-schools. A second committee plans educational activities that focus on these literary gardens. Committee members purchase appropriate picture books to reflect each garden, developing handouts for each story, presenting each story to classes from the Clarkston Community Early Education Center as well as public readings of each story in the gardens and reading each story to second graders in all Clarkston community elementary schools during "March is Reading Month."


The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club has a long tradition of developing continuing relationships within the local community. In addition, all club members contribute to the planting and maintenance of these beds. Clearly, there can be no one more deserving of this coveted award.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to salute the Clarkston Farm & Garden Club as they are honored by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce for the Community Beautification award. We admire them, appreciate their contributions, and accord our best wishes for continued success.


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