



CADES INSTALLS NEW RAIN BARREL

Let it rain! The children and adults at Children & Adult Disability & Educational Services (CADES) in Swarthmore are celebrating the installation of their first rain barrel. CADES has placed the rain barrel near the newly planted blueberry bushes in the community garden area. Also in the vicinity is the all-abilities playground, opened in 2007, which was one of the first accessible playgrounds built in Delaware County.

Also established in 2007, the community garden is a collaborative effort on the part of CADES staff — led by special education teachers Regina Collins and Claire Shallow — and several community organizations. The garden continues to be developed by volunteers Ann McCloskey, Jolene Krentzman, Regina Majercak, Anne DeVries, and Marty Roelandt of the Master Gardeners of Delaware County. Many of the new plantings and the new rain barrel were made possible through a grant from the Taylor Community Foundation.

The community garden is designed to enrich the lives of the children and adults who attend CADES. Planted for sensory experiences such as texture and scent, the garden serves as a place of enjoyment and horticultural therapy activities. As CADES proceeds with environmentally responsible renovations, that direction is reflected in the garden, with edibles and sustainability aspects such as water conservation being incorporated. Anyone interested in contributing to the garden may do so by designating their TCF contributions to the CADES garden.