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Press Release

Adult Day Center of Somerset County Received Proclamation in Honor of Horticultural Therapy Week

ADC Executive Director Diann Robinson and Laura DePrado from Final Touch Plantscaping were honored to be joined by Somerset County Commissioner Paul Drake at the ADC's St. Patrick's Day Drive Through Event to receive a Proclamation in honor of Horticultural Therapy Week. New Jersey Horticultural Therapy Week celebrates increasing public awareness of the importance of horticultural therapy in improving the quality of life for all, and to increase opportunities for everyone to experience the endless benefits of the people-plant Connection. National Horticultural Therapy Week was established by Congress for the year 2006 to coincide with spring and the Vernal Equinox. New Jersey is the first and only state to designate a week every year through bipartisan Resolution #12 Co-Sponsored by Senator "Kip" Bateman, R-16, and Senator Joseph Vitale, D-19, and spearheaded by DePrado.

The ADC has had a Horticultural Therapy program since 2012 led by consultant Laura DePrado. Prior to its closure to in-person members attendance, ADC members had the opportunity to participate in two programs per month. During our COVID-19 Distance Programming efforts, Ms. DePrado has filmed and shared two horticultural therapy activities for our members. The most recent will be posted to the ADC's Facebook page on March 19th. At the drive through, members picked up the plant materials for the activity that were donated by Lori Jenssen, Executive Director of the New Jersey Nursery & Landscape Association through a grant from the NJ Department of Agriculture.

The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is a non-profit agency committed to providing high-quality, affordable day care services for disabled and elderly residents of Somerset County. Each year, many frail and disabled elderly are institutionalized prematurely or unnecessarily due to the lack of affordable, quality care in our community.

To learn more about the ADC and its Distance Programming; or to become a volunteer or donor, please contact Hilary Kruchowy for more information at hilary.kruchowy@adulthoodcenter.org or 908-725-0068.

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Pictured left to right: Somerset County Commissioner Paul Drake; Laura DePrado of Final Touch Plantscaping; and ADC Executive Director Diann Robinson.

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