## Dane County Parent Council, Inc.

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Dear Committee members,

Dane County Parent Council, with the help of volunteer Marlborough gardeners, maintains two garden plots at Marlborough Community Garden. These plots provide cross-generational and cultural garden-based programming for 25+ families with young children who reside in the Allied neighborhood and participate in our summer Family Literacy and English as a Second Language program.

This project will benefit Allied neighborhood families through a joyful blend of education, nutrition and arts. We are excited about the opportunity to include the creation of mosaic tiles into our literacy program and look forward to the opportunity to celebrate our garden space through art. The mosaic tile project will help familiarize families in the Head Start program with the Marlborough Community Garden and encourage them to become active garden members after successfully graduating from the program.

Among the many benefits of this project is the **multiplier effect** it will have on the health / wellness of residents and racial / cultural integration among community members. I can be reached at 608-270-3430 or <a href="mailto:mchaudoir@dcpcinc.org">mchaudoir@dcpcinc.org</a> for further questions about DCPC's participation in this project.

Best regards,

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