Endearing Healing Garden, Edmonton

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As those of us who have been on the brink of death know, nature can have a profound effect on the human spirit.
My introduction to the Cross Cancer Institute [CCI]
Volunteer opportunity
The CCI’s legacy project...  

...a healing garden

Image Source: http://gwhizzdesign.co.uk/gallery/evesham-community-hospital
Why a healing garden?

- connection between nature and health
- gardens are an important part of human life
- healing gardens have been around since medieval times, although out of favour in the 20th century
- renewed appreciation for healing gardens
- a place to heal the spirit and comfort the soul
- a fitting legacy

Image Source: http://www.hharp.org/library/gosh/general/fresh-air.html
Healing garden approved!

worked extensively with the Association and the user group to complete Executive Director of the CCI have signed off the Concept Design Repo and construction as soon as possible.

The CCIVA will provide 100% Project Funding ($300,000 for all consu approach will ensure project continuity, early completion of design and 2012. There is urgency to move forward with due haste in order to secur patients and their visitors to fully enjoy the Healing Garden.

Should you need further information, I can be reached by phone at 780-

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John Jacob
President – CCIVA
The work begins!

Concept Design Report
Volunteer Association
Healing Garden
Cross Cancer Institute

25 May 2012
Costs are an issue!

- Escalating construction costs
- Inadequate budget
- Some garden features deleted
- Options were limited
Partnership develops!

saved the project!
Another partnership develops!

a “go” for sure!
The healing garden: a reality!
Recognition: The Prime Minister’s Volunteer Award – Community Leader for the Prairie Region
Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.

John Muir
Overcoming Challenges
A Landscape Architect’s Perspective
Phase One: Preliminary Design
Site Program

• Enhance patient care and comfort
• Barrier free gathering space suitable for hosting larger events
• Simple elegant design to blend with existing facility.
• As maintenance free as possible
• Preservation of dedicated tree
Challenge: Site
Challenge: Existing Site Conditions
Solution: Concept Plan
Phase Two: Detailed Design + Tendering
Challenge...
Solution: Design plaza around customized bench
Solution: Separate Price Items