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HAL HARRIES  
**Musical  
Garden  
Project**

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*When I first learned about The Hal Harries Musical Garden, I was at once honored by the Harries family's generosity to provide a lead gift, inspired by the staff's vision to further meet clients' physical, spiritual and behavioral health needs and excited by the opportunity to help expand Magnolia's holistic approach to serving people with developmental disabilities.*

*Your gift would reap so many benefits for our community, creating a space that fosters connections between our clients and their neighbors.*

*In the past couple of years, Magnolia has added three group homes and a Wellness Center. The Wellness Center signaled the beginning of a greater focus on clients' mental and behavioral health needs. The Garden, in addition to other physical healthcare investments, will round out a new more holistic approach to addressing the needs of Magnolia's clients.*

*Your involvement is so important as it helps meet the social, emotional and wellness needs of Magnolia's clients. We cannot build this garden without you.*

*You are invited to visit the Magnolia campus to see the garden as it grows. Thank you for helping Magnolia rise to meet the needs of families in our community.*

*Sincerely,*

Lawrence Oertling  
Board President

## About Hal

Harold N. Harries, 1974 - 2015



Hal Harries was a client in Magnolia's Supported Independent Living and Vocational/Day Habilitation programs. He faced significant communication and mobility challenges; however, his direct care staff all remember his cheerful disposition and positive attitude.

Music was a source of great joy in his life and he particularly enjoyed the piano, tambourine and harmonica. The Hal Harries Musical Garden will honor Hal's memory and a "Tree of Life" in the center of the garden will serve as a reminder of his happy spirit and his family's commitment to honoring his memory and improving the lives of all his friends who remain at Magnolia.

# OUR DREAM...

## Recreation & Respite

The garden, located away from campus foot & vehicular traffic, will offer clients and their families a reserved, safe space for visiting, reflection, walking, reading and wellness classes focused on physical and mental health support such as yoga.

## Vocational Activities

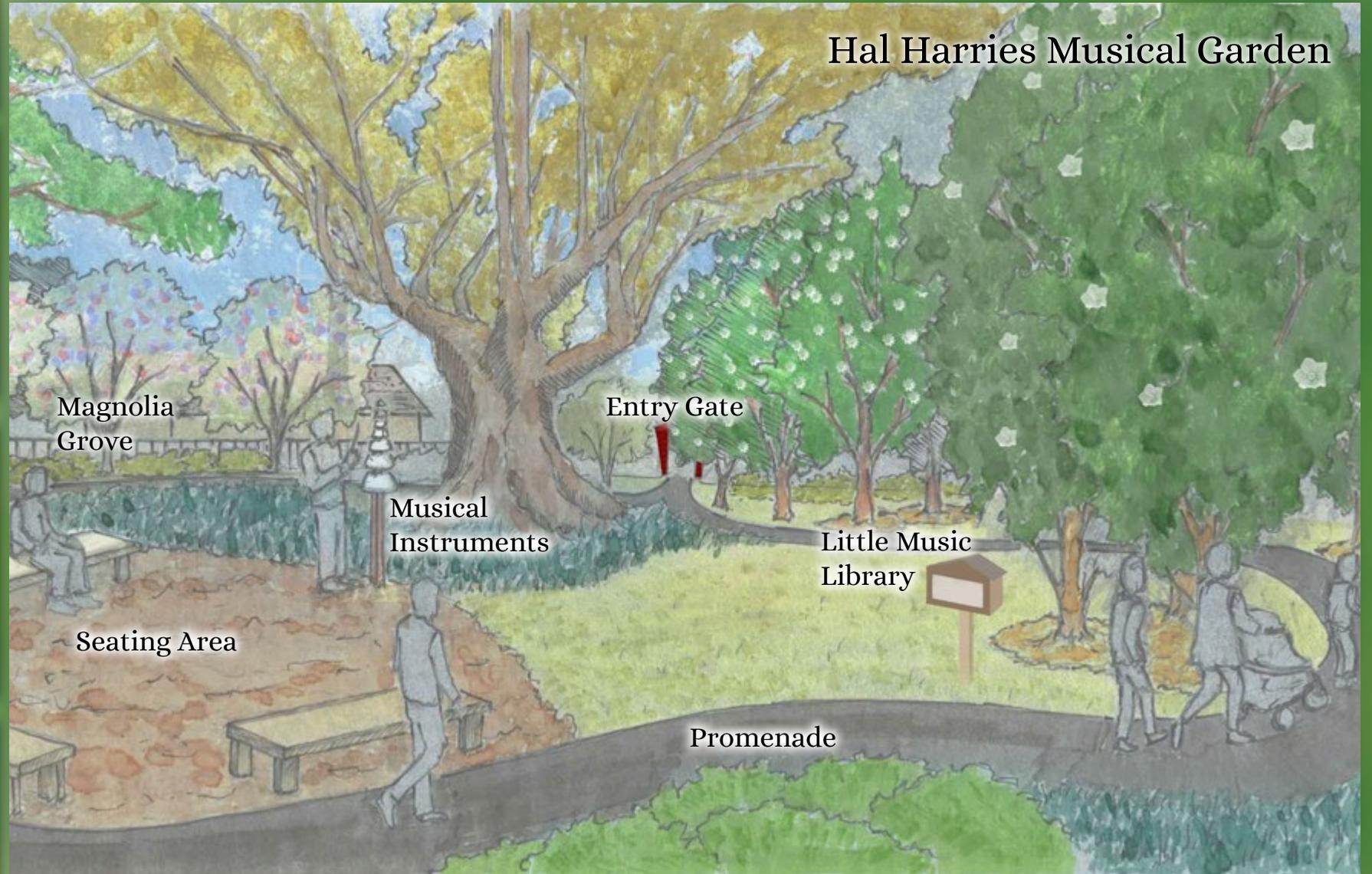
The garden will represent an extension of our vocational horticulture program, offering opportunities for clients to learn and work. It will also provide additional community and workplace volunteer activities.

## Self-Expression

The musical instruments in the garden are tonally calibrated to offer soothing sounds and help meet our clients' tactile, creative expression and physical activity needs.

## Self-Soothing

A key component of our behavioral health offerings, the garden will offer a space for the client who needs fresh air, the sounds and sights of nature and the feel of sunshine to self-soothe and prevent behavioral health crises.



*You can make our dream a reality!*

## The Instruments

The Hal Harries Musical Garden features outdoor musical instruments created by Freenotes Harmony Park. The instruments will compliment the sounds of nature - birds chirping, the whistle of the wind, and leaves scraping the ground. The instruments are weatherproof and withstand hard use and the elements.

### Pagoda Bells - Finding Your Zen



Nestled in the Japanese Magnolia Grove, and reminiscent of the architecture of Asia, the cascading Pagoda Bells will provide calming, lush tones of long duration.

### Griffin - Finger Painting With Sound

The Griffin is a resonated metallophone producing rich, full tones which linger for three to five seconds, making it similar to finger painting with sound.



### Imbarimba - The Roots of Music



The pentatonic Imbarimba combines two traditional African instruments: the marimba and the kalimba. The low-pitch, resonating notes are arranged to allow both hands equal access to the upper and lower notes.

## The Garden

The garden will feature several groves of Magnolia trees, which pay homage not only to our name, but also our state flower. Anchored by a large live oak in the center, the garden and will be accessible from Newman Street and the main campus grounds.

Magnolias are associated with nobility, perseverance, dignity and a love of nature which complements Magnolia's commitment to safeguarding the dignity of our clients and embracing the natural beauty of our 11 acre campus.

### The Little Musical Library

In addition to large fixed outdoor musical instruments, we will provide clients with a music library of portable instruments such as rain sticks, small drums and cabasas to further support creative expression and tactile sensory activity.

### The Magnolia Touch

The Magnolia Dream Factory artists will create birdhouses to attract the hummingbirds that visit Magnolia each spring.

The Dream Factory will also adorn the benches with mosaic tile, and create special artwork for the garden. These touches will expose visitors to our clients' talents and creativity.

## Seating

At times, Magnolia clients just want to sit in the shade and enjoy the day or converse with friends and family. A large outdoor seating area will feature benches arranged to encourage conversation and socialization.

### Accessible & Environmentally Friendly

Garden elements are designed to accommodate all levels of mobility and to create a natural space similar to the Great Lawn facing River Road with its jasmine, magnolia and oak trees.

- Flexi-pave promenade - made of porous, ADA compliant and sustainable material composed of recycled tires. It filters rain water, improving groundwater quality, which is an added benefit due to our proximity to the Mississippi River.
- 6 ft. wide pathway - to accommodate clients and visitors who use mobility devices.
- Wide Newman Street entry gate - accessible street entry for neighbors.
- Variety and size of instruments - variable heights for maximum access and use regardless of mobility, stature, etc.

## Recognition Opportunities

Supporting one of the following major garden elements is a great way to share that you, your business or your community group support the diverse, but often overlooked population of people with developmental disabilities.

Plaques and signage placed throughout the garden will provide visible recognition of your generous support for years to come.

Promenade <i>Sponsored!</i>	\$20,000
Seating Area	\$15,000
Lighting	\$7,500
Japanese Magnolia Grove	\$5,000
Sweet Bay Magnolia Grove	\$5,000
Teddy Bear Magnolia Grove	\$5,000
DD Blanchard Magnolia Grove	\$5,000
Little Gem Magnolia Grove	\$5,000
Pagoda Bells Music Station	\$5,000
Imbarimba Music Station	\$5,000
Griffin Music Station	\$5,000
Benches (6) <i>Sponsored!</i>	\$500

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