



**BROOKHAVEN VETERANS ASSOCIATION EARTH DAY GARDEN FUNDRAISER
 "1-1-1" Event to Benefit Suffolk County Veterans**



Place: Berkner, Lower Lobby
Date: Earth Day...Monday, April 22, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please bring:

- 1 – Garden item (new or used) from Wish List below
- 1 – Dollar Donation
- 1 – Non Perishable food item

All items collected will benefit The Clubhouse of Suffolk/Suffolk County United Veterans who maintains a psychiatric rehabilitation day program for 1,500 Suffolk residents along with homeless /returning veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This day program in Ronkonkoma has a therapeutic recreation program where members participate in working in a chemical-free vegetable garden that produces harvests to feed their own members' lunch program. The Brookhaven Veterans Association members will transport all items, and will gladly accept more than one of any items requested. **Non-perishable foods** will be placed in Charlotte's Food Pantry for donation to members, many of whom live below the poverty level. **Cash donations** will go toward "large ticket" items on the Wish List such as an irrigation system, rototiller, etc. It is the goal of the day program to make this garden an inspirational place for reflection on the joys of a living planet.

If you have been affected by someone's chronic mental illness or suicide, or would like to help a veteran readjust to civilian life, please consider donating to this fundraiser.

**"Touch the earth, love the earth, honor the earth.
 For the gifts of life are the earth's and they are given to all,
 and they are the songs of birds at daybreak."**

Suggestions for garden items they could use:

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| Bird seed (as many bags as possible) | Border Edging Material (Vinyl or Wood) | Timer |
| Bird Bath | Planting Flats for Seed Starters | Peat Moss |
| Hoses (long 50-75 feet) | Tomato Caging (12 round and 12 folding) & Stakes (15 Large) | Pearlite |
| Nozzles for hoses | Gloves (Heavy duty) | Plant Tone Fertilizer |
| Wheelbarrow | Whimsical items | Lime |
| Pitch fork | Grow Lights | Hay/Straw Bales (for mulch) |
| Long handle Spades | Shelving | Rototiller (used is fine) |
| Watering Can | | Water Drip Irrigation system (needed to expand the current system) |

To learn more about all services at The Clubhouse of Suffolk go to:
<http://www.clubhouseofsuffolk.org/services/health.htm#garden>.

The Clubhouse of Suffolk is a 501c(3) not-for-profit mental health organization licensed by the NYS Office of Mental Health.

