



## Our March Impact

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### Healthy Community

UWHCM's Healthy Heart's Initiative is pleased to announce that the community garden has opened. The garden plots are located in Fieldale and are part of the funding received under the [HOPE Grant](#) through [The Harvest Foundation](#) this past year.





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## MHC Partners for Children

Our MHC Partners for Children participated in several events and partnerships during the month of March. Collaborations with local childcare sites for Read Across America week and the creation of a literacy-rich waiting area at the Bassett Family Practice-Connect Health & Wellness through the Reach Out and Read program were highlights for the group.

Staff were also active with families at the [Harvest Youth Board's](#) Books & Bunnies event, where they crafted with children and shared resources to support early learning at home. Their monthly Maplewood activity focused on spring activities and storytelling, and the spirit of community engagement was present at the Just Call Granny Ministries Summer Activities Fair.

The first two Circle of Parents sessions were also held for the spring, providing families with a welcoming space to connect, share lived experiences, and receive support tailored to their needs. During the first session, the program featured UWHCM's Financial Services Specialist, [Maria](#), who shared guidance on achieving financial stability.

To round-out the month, the team took part in two childcare training sessions on [The Growing Brain](#) and a workshop focused on using puppets in the classroom to support social-emotional development and early literacy.





## Thank you, VITA Volunteers!

We are grateful to the many volunteers who gave their time and compassionate attention to our community by providing free IRS certified income tax assistance.

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