

HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy – HPS GRANT 2022

HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy appreciated the grant for the purchase of adaptive devices to enable horticultural projects for profoundly disabled/medically fragile children at our school. Succulents were planted with the aid of the device in contributed cups for the children to take home as a Mothers' Day gift. Aided with the device that allows the children to dump soil into the cup and then the plant is put into the cup. Thanks to these devices, for the first time, we continued the project for Fathers' Day when the children planted an annual in a coffee mug which they then gave their fathers.

The device functions when a child in some manner of touch activates a switch connected to their wheelchair or placed in front of them. A container was selected, positioned, and soil, plant, and more soil followed. The children still require assistance; some need more than others, but the child feels they did it. The smiles from the children are heart rendering. These are parents who rarely receive a school project from their child, so the gifts are especially treasured. The HPS grant has helped fifty-eight children, their families and school staff connect with nature. We appreciate your support.

