



Our New Garden Crew!

“Look, Mr. Mark!” exclaimed Gregory. “We’ve got a flower—and a little squash.” Mark Godeau, an instructor at LARC, and eight consumers in the Garden Crew were just beginning the daily walk around the new garden, when the guys gathered around to see the first signs of a squash. That level of excitement was matched when another spotted a bean seedling pushing through the soil surface.

The “inspectors” continued around the herb garden and three other raised beds with expressions of pride in what they had planted and joy at seeing the early signs of vegetables. The following stops would be at a cucumber plot, a banana pepper plot, several containers with vegetables and herbs, and a strawberry patch.

Joining the group on these daily morning inspections, was Chuck Schrader, a retired psychologist and Master Gardener. Two other Master Gardeners, Jerome Alesi and Lynn Dubois, also assist with the education and demonstration topics on a regular basis.

The consumers are so eager to see their vegetables grow that they follow directions very intently and carefully plant each seed and plant. (Rule #2 in the Garden is Patience.) The vegetables grown by the consumers will be served in the meals at the LARC cafeteria.

The LARC Garden is the product of contributions and donations of lumber, soil mixture, tools, and plants from Stine’s, Chastant Bros., Doug Ashy, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Native Sun Nursery, All Seasons Nursery, the Knights of Columbus of St. Edmond Catholic Church, and Rich Miller.

Because of the enthusiasm of the consumers, the LARC Vocational Department is already planning for an expansion of the number of garden beds. Contributions for the growth of the LARC Garden Club can be made by sending them to LARC Vocational Services (reference that the contribution is for LARC Garden Club) at 303 New Hope Rd, Lafayette, LA 70506.

The public is invited to stop by any weekday morning between 9:00am-10:00am.

Elmo Lasseigne is our spotlight employee. Elmo receives vocational services through LARC. Elmo likes riding horses (Flip Flop), bowling and is a green belt in Karate. He enjoys spending time with his family and likes Chuck Norris. Elmo states he even has a Texas Ranger Badge. Elmo is very friendly and is always willing to help out.



**Spring is here and Individuals who receive services at LARC are planning activities. To participate in these activities supplies are needed. If you would like to donate items on this wish list, please contact Karon Davis at 984-6110 or Shantay Augustine at 989-1803.**

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| Folding chairs    | Chair exercise video's | Construction Paper | Art's & Crafts       |
| Educational Games | Board Games            | Exercise Video's   | Refrigerators        |
| Disposable gloves | Playing cards          | Picture Frames     | Copy Paper           |
| Movies DVD        | Card Stock             | Hobby Paint        | Gardening tools      |
| Paint Brushes     | Art Canvases           | Popsicle Sticks    | Lawn Chairs          |
| Glue              | Bulletin Boards        | Colored Pencils    | Adult Coloring Books |



New family members at Acadian Village. Seven ducks were adopted from the St. Landry Parish Humane Society. They are fitting right in, learning how to “ask” the tourist for food”. They are a sight to see, come by and feed the ducks!

Acadian Village has a Butterfly Garden. Gordon Laverne started the Garden and will be hosting a seminar on April 15, 2018 from 2-4pm at the Village. Free to the Public.



## LARC Annual Membership Drive

Help Support LARC  
by becoming a Member today!

**Memberships start at \$25 per person**

**For Membership Application, Please contact**

**Karon Davis at 337-984-6110 or**

**[KDavis@lafayettelarc.org](mailto:KDavis@lafayettelarc.org)**

## Upcoming events:

April 11th- Rock to the Rescue Concert

April 19th- Spring Fling

Monthly Outings- Request Calendar from Voc Dept

April 25-29th- Festival International

## Do You Know...LARC's Residential Department

Did you know LARC's Residential Department has four residence in the Lafayette area? Residential Services manages community homes which provide opportunities for residents to live independently as possible with assistance from full time staff.

David Batiste, Director of Residential Services states the homes provide each individual with a home and cares for all of these individuals home, medical and social needs. These services include assistance with Doctors appointments, community outings, grocery shopping, money management services, medication and nursing services, to name a few. The objective of Residential

Services is to assist individuals with Development and Intellectual disabilities while giving the individuals the opportunity to live independently within our community.

The residents participate in many outings in the community, attend vocational programs during the week and contribute to in household activities.

The Residential Department would like to thank the community for their support and donations.

If you are interested or would like more information regarding Residential services, please contact David Batiste at 988-0640 ext 36.

