

Hi Debbie & Linda,

I'm a Woods resident and founder of the local gardening initiative, Gro-Town, which aims to create connections between children, their communities, and the world around them. For my newest local initiative which begins in June, I'm scouting locations and partnerships for the Gro-Town Sunflower Project and thought I'd first take a look in my own backyard, which is why I'm writing to you today.

The Sunflower Project is an opportunity for 150 participants ages 3-8 to receive a packet of sunflower seeds to plant at home absolutely free. Registered families will pick up their seeds at the Grosse Pointe Woods Seed Station <https://www.facebook.com/seedstationgpw>. By registering for the program at heygrotown@gmail.com with the participant's name, age, and location, addresses will be noted and participants will receive two postcards by mail throughout the summer offering growing tips and encouragement. At season's end, children will submit photos of their blooms and receive a certificate of completion (emblazoned with the Gro-Town and GPW beautification committee logos) to commemorate their participation in the program. Not only will our next generation of growers embark upon their first gardening adventure through this initiative, but GPW will be festooned with hundred of sunflowers all summer long. Many local children are still spending most of their time at home. The time to nurture a love of gardening has never been more perfect.

I already have the seed packets, but I anticipate the postcards, certificates, and postage to cost appx. \$500 which I do believe could be acquired via local business sponsorship with your name attached to the proposal. I plan on launching this program somewhere in the next four weeks, so please let me know if you think this partnership could move forward. I do not receive compensation for these initiatives. I'm simply a mom who truly believes in this cause.

Here are a few recent articles/media appearances about Gro-Town for a bit more on my mission:

<https://detroitpubliclibrary.org/news/gro-town-seed-stations-at-the-detroit-public-library>

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/video/927464>

<https://www.fox2detroit.com/video/927337>

<https://www.grossepointenews.com/articles/dig-in-pointer-offers-free-seed-station-at-woods-home/>

Thank you for your consideration!

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