

# Plantings

Thanks to hard work, donations, memorial garden comes up roses

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One day last year, hospice volunteer Elaine Grohman started plotting out her idea to plant a garden outside the Farmington Hills Hospice Home.

Less than a year later, thanks to a big-hearted donation from a hospice patient's family, and helped along by many tulip-planting volunteers from EDS, Grohman's grand scheme is coming up roses.

Last month, the EDS employees helped plant 2,100 tulip and daffodil bulbs into the quiet, serene Roschelle

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*Elaine Grohman*  
—Volunteer

The garden is named in memory of Blum because her family "found out about this (garden) and donated a sizable amount," said Grohman, who is southern Oakland County volunteer services manager for Hospice of Michigan, which oversees Hospice Home.

And with other donations pouring in, next May will bring more than flowers, Grohman said. "We'll have a big dedication of the garden."

Grohman is among a core of seven or eight volunteers who have worked since January to make the dream come alive. The perennial garden itself is designed by Farmington resident and master gardener Carol Duffy.

"I wanted to establish a garden for the patients and families," Grohman explained, "so they could have a beautiful, private place to be and collect their thoughts."

And the garden is very private. It cannot be seen from Middlebelt or 11 Mile roads, the corner where Hospice Home is located.

"It's adjacent to the building,



**Dedicated:** EDS employees give a work day to help plant 2,000 bulbs at the Hospice of Michigan grounds where a memorial garden was been developed.

but you have to pull into the driveway to see it," Grohman said.

Meanwhile, hopes are to surround the flowers with a gazebo, walkways and other amenities. Contributions to the

cause may be sent to Hospice of Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, 48075.

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**Organized:** Mindy Moeller, an EDS volunteer, organized the volunteer day for EDS employees.

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