TARA GRIFFITH

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
MSW, December 2002.
Specialist in Aging Certificate, Hartford Geriatric Fellow

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
BS in Social Work, August 1998. Dean's List.

Schoolcraft Community College, Livonia, MI.
AS in Liberal Arts, May 1992.

EXPERIENCE

Social Work Intern, Turner Geriatric Clinic, Ann Arbor, MI, 5/02 – 12/02
Worked with multi-disciplinary team, psychosocial assessment, resource referral, counseling, family meetings, outreach, and wrote a proposal for a horticultural therapy program for seniors.

Social Work Intern, Turner Silver Club Program, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, MI, 1/02 - 8/02
Facilitated therapeutic horticultural activities, obtained grant for 2500.00 for creation of the True Vine Intergenerational Garden at Brown Chapel site, and coordinated caregiver support group.

Outreach Coordinator, City of Ann Arbor, Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural Area Preservation Division, Ann Arbor, MI, 12/00 – 12/01.
Recruited and supervised volunteers for a variety of field activities. Coordinated volunteer trainings, recognition events, educational workshops, and public presentations. Created quarterly newsletter, maintained volunteer database, and assisted with ecological management activities.

Volunteer Coordinator, Neighborhood Senior Services, Ann Arbor, MI, 8/9 8 - 6/00.
Recruited and interviewed individuals and groups for various volunteer assignments. Coordinated orientations, educational workshops, recognition events, and community service events. Created a quarterly newsletter and maintained volunteer database. Worked directly with staff to coordinate volunteer service for clients.

Social Work Intern, Neighborhood Senior Services, Ann Arbor, MI, 1/98 – 8/98
Advocated for the independence of seniors in Washtenaw County by providing transportation & accompaniment to medical appointments, errands, and companionship. Conducted needs assessments and connected seniors with resources in the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Site Coordinator, Wise Roots Senior Garden, Ann Arbor, MI, 6/00 – present.
Responsible for recruiting and supervising seniors/volunteers, providing outreach and education to seniors and agencies about the program, and creating a video documentary about the role of nature/gardening and well being for older adults.

Coordinator, Living Branch Farm, Milan, MI, 1/99 – 10/99
Co-wrote grant and obtained funding for the creation of a straw-bale farm building. Coordinated a community workshop about environmentally sustainable building methods.

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AFFILIATIONS

Michigan Horticultural Therapy Association – Member and Board of Directors 2002
Project Grow Community Gardens – Board of Directors 2002

* REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST