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Dear Friend,

We admitted three new men into the program last week. It's always easy to spot the new guys on campus because their body language says "Stay away." Or sometimes they shuffle around with their heads hanging low, looking defeated and ashamed.

By contrast, a man who has been with us for a few months looks open and connected to the people around him. He laughs easily, and we begin seeing love and gratitude in his eyes. It's an amazing transformation to watch, but each guy is different. Healing takes time.

I wanted to tell you about a very cool gift we received last month! A nonprofit called Take it Outside mobilized 13 outdoor service companies to install a raised bed garden environment on our campus. More than 50 installers, irrigation specialists, and machine operators showed up to remove trees, grade the land, install, mulch, and plant. It was an incredible day!

This new space will serve as a therapeutic work environment as well as a food source for our community. And I just love that our men will be able to plant and sow and ponder the blessings that emerge from a life rooted in God's faithfulness.

Friend, like Take It Outside who built this beautiful garden, you are a part of every story happening on our campus. Your support allows us to prep the soil and plant the seeds for men to heal and grow in God's grace.

Thank you for being a part of these stories. We are grateful!

Much love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.