

Legacy Health

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Grant Awarded and Therapeutic Gardens Conference Set for September 2012

Legacy Health Therapeutic Gardens program in Portland, Oregon has been awarded a planning grant from the National Open Spaces Sacred Places in Annapolis, Maryland.

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The first part of the grant supports the Legacy interdisciplinary design team process work for a new garden off an existing Family Birth Center and a new cardiac intensive care unit to be built at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. The second part of the grant supports development of a research project to be lead by Roger S. Ulrich, PhD, EDAC, Professor, Department of Architecture and Centre for Healthcare Architecture, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. At this time, the team is refining the research objectives and methods. The project will access how the garden improves patient outcomes.

The two parts of the planning grant will be completed in June 2012, and serve as the application for an implementation grant. Legacy Health is again pleased to work with Dr. Ulrich and to be able to contribute to the body of knowledge in evidenced based design. Teresia Hazen, HTR, Therapeutic Garden Coordinator serves as the grant director.

Plan to join us at Legacy Health on September 21, 2012 for our eleventh **Gardens in Healthcare** conference. Dr. Ulrich will be the keynote speaker, looking back over thirty years of gardens in healthcare development, new research and a look to the future. Following Dr. Ulrich's presentation, a panel of Legacy physicians will describe the benefits of gardens in their medical units.

See the full "Save the Date" program at www.legacyhealth.org/gardens on the professional page. Registration begins March 1, 2012.

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