

A Garden in Need—How You Can Help

Brookdale Community College's beloved butterfly garden, located outside the Student Life Center, needs restoration following extensive damage caused by this winter's severe weather.

The garden, maintained for years through the dedication of Brookdale's TIN organization and campus volunteers, suffered significant structural damage after a season marked by blizzards, ice storms, and freezing conditions. During the group's annual spring cleanup and preparation efforts, volunteers discovered that portions of the garden wall had disintegrated, along with other areas requiring immediate repair.

The butterfly garden has long served as a peaceful gathering space on campus, offering students, faculty, staff, and visitors a place to connect with nature and enjoy the beauty of pollinator-friendly landscaping. In addition to restoring the damaged sections, organizers hope to make improvements and renovations that will strengthen the garden for years to come.

"To see the damage was heartbreaking, but it also reminded us how much this garden means to the Brookdale community," said Debbie Mura, adviser to TIN. "We are hopeful that, with community support, we can restore and improve the space so it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations of students."

Supporters wishing to contribute to the restoration effort may donate through the Brookdale Foundation. Donations of any size are welcome and will directly support repairs and future enhancements to the butterfly garden.

Donations can be made at:

[Brookdale Foundation Donation Page](#)

When contributing, donors should select "Other" from the fund dropdown menu and enter "Butterfly Garden."

Mura will also work alongside current students and an advisory group of TIN alumni to develop renovation plans and coordinate future volunteer opportunities. Community members interested in assisting with rebuilding efforts may contact Debbie Mura at dmura@brookdalecc.edu to be notified about volunteer opportunities as plans move forward.

TIN expressed its gratitude for the continued support the Brookdale community has shown the butterfly garden throughout the years and looks forward to restoring the cherished campus space as soon as possible.