Pilot Project for Rural Assisted Living Facility Very Successful

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DAC, Kathy Walker enjoys projects that require her to "THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX"!

This winner took her mothers old doll, removed the head and inserted the Soil Baby. It has a hand crocheted dress!

This beautifully decorated soil baby was named "MS. FLOOZIE". They really used imagination with these.

AGAPE Manor Assisted Living residents and staff had a great time adopting and caring for "Soil Babies" that Kathy Walker had made for them.

They adopted them on Wednesday, January 18th, cared for them, named them, and dressed them for judging by Earth Team Volunteers on Wednesday, February 8th. Donated prizes were awarded to the residents and staff with winners choosing first!

In the process of caring for the soil babies, residents were reminded of how drought, floods, and nutrient management affected the growth of their soil babies.

Kathy, the Soil and Water Conservation District, and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff are always looking for education projects that promote the district, soil conservation, and protection of our natural resources.

AGAPE management was so happy with the outcome that they have asked if we would bring other conservation projects to share with the residents.

Earth Team Volunteers; Inez Whiddon, Karen Hayes (Marhsall Co DAC) and Bertie Weitzel judged the Soil Babies.

Just look at the smile on the face of the first place winner! She chose a lap throw donated by Scivally Grain.

This young lady was so excited because she got to choose "Uncle Sam." She will take good care of him too!

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