

**Community Partner:** Sudduth Seeds Project

**Team name:** Stellar Six

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The Stellar Six Action Team completed 131 hours of service to the Sudduth Seeds Project, logged 79 visits, and traveled 410 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was to renovate the gardens at Sudduth Elementary so they are aesthetically pleasing. The gardens can then be used to teach the students about plants and the environment, through planned activities and demonstrations. The Stellar Six Action Team addressed their purpose by 1) implementing hands-on crafts, such as making stepping-stones or growing individual plants in small pots, that entertained as well as taught the children about a wide range of subjects, 2) holding effective demonstrations on types of plants and the importance of proper care to help them grow, and 3) developing the gardens into various themes such as a wildlife garden, a produce garden, a colors garden, etc. to provide the kids with a wide variety of plants and environments to interact with. The Stellar Six team is aware of the way their service benefited their community partner. "By cleaning up the garden we ensured that the children will have a place to learn about the environment that is safe and is also a great learning tool. The activities we implemented with the students gave the children a hands-on experience and a chance to be creative with what they learn from the garden. Even more than inspiring the children about the environment, we have also served the teachers in a great way. For years to come the garden will be there for all teachers of Sudduth Elementary to use as a teaching tool for future students."