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## The Making of the Walnut Hill Urban Sanctuary

Milwaukee, WI...In 2007, local ceramic artist **Muneer Bahauddeen** and **Mt. Mary art therapy instructor Melody Todd** developed a vision statement for an urban sanctuary project. This summer, with the advent of phase two of the Walnut Hill Urban Sanctuary Project, that vision will come alive.

The Walnut Hill Urban Sanctuary Project Team seeks to develop a vacant parcel in the neighborhood near 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Lisbon Avenue to an urban sanctuary. Funding from the Community/UWM Partnership grant would be used to allow **Our Next Generation** students to work with the project team and local artist Muneer Bahauddeen to design and then create ceramic tiles that will be incorporated into the sanctuary project.



### Why an Urban Sanctuary?

The essence of the Walnut Hill Urban Sanctuary Project is collaboration and partnership. Our Next Generation is partnering with **Urban Gardens Coordinator Dennis Lukasewski**, local artist **Muneer Bahauddeen**, **Amaranth Bakery & Café owner Dave Boucher** and others to create a place for personal growth and development.



the community garden. The ceramic tiles feature symbols that the children invented to represent themselves culturally, biologically, socially or anthropologically.

The Walnut Hill Urban Sanctuary Project will become an outdoor seasonal marketplace, gallery and performance space. Each of these offers all participants a place to display, sell, and celebrate.

Their work is part of the rich and exciting diversity within this community. One can imagine an outdoor atmosphere filled with song, dance, and storytelling. One can smell the ethnic cuisine being prepared with the fresh produce from the community gardens that are a part of the urban sanctuary.



The posts will become art pieces and will be displayed in Walnut Hill Urban Sanctuary and Our Next Generation's Neighborhood Center.



Our Next Generation students, under the guidance of Brian Dillman, UWM Community Education graduate, and tutelage of local artist Muneer Bahauddeen created ceramic tiles that will be affixed on cedar fence posts that will surround

