



Reconnect **Magenta**: Where Care, Community, and Nature Meet

Assisted Living & Nature
Conservancy Partnership

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Why Reconnection Matters

- Disconnection shows up as:
 - Isolation
 - Loss of identity
 - Shrinking worlds
- Why this work matters now



Reconnect **Magenta**

- Nature
- Self
- Love Ones & Community
- Longevity





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How the Partnership Began

Shared Values & a Passion to Build Connection

- How to make the prairie more accessible for seniors and people living with dementia & memory loss?
- Acknowledgement that Nature & Connection promote holistic wellbeing & are key to deep, meaningful relationships



Intentional Invitations

Access Doesn't Happen by Accident

- Transportation
- Pacing
- Risk & Dignity Balance
- Staff Collaboration



**Safety Should Widen Worlds,
Not Shrink Them.**



Adaptive Outdoor Experiences

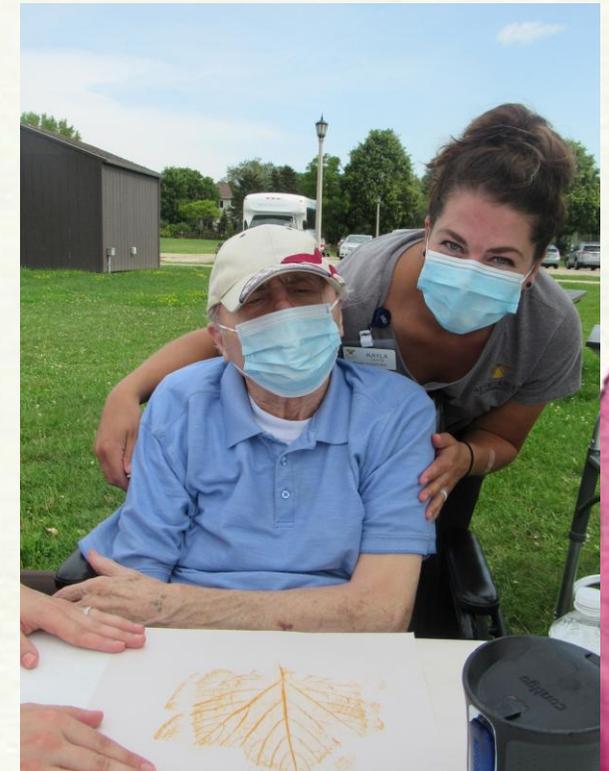
Filling the Gaps

- Trails
- Gardens
- Wildlife Moments
- Mobility, Sensory, Cognitive Accessibility

“Make a Memory Day”

Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy

- Local Musicians featuring music about nature
- Sensory Experiences led by trained Naturalists

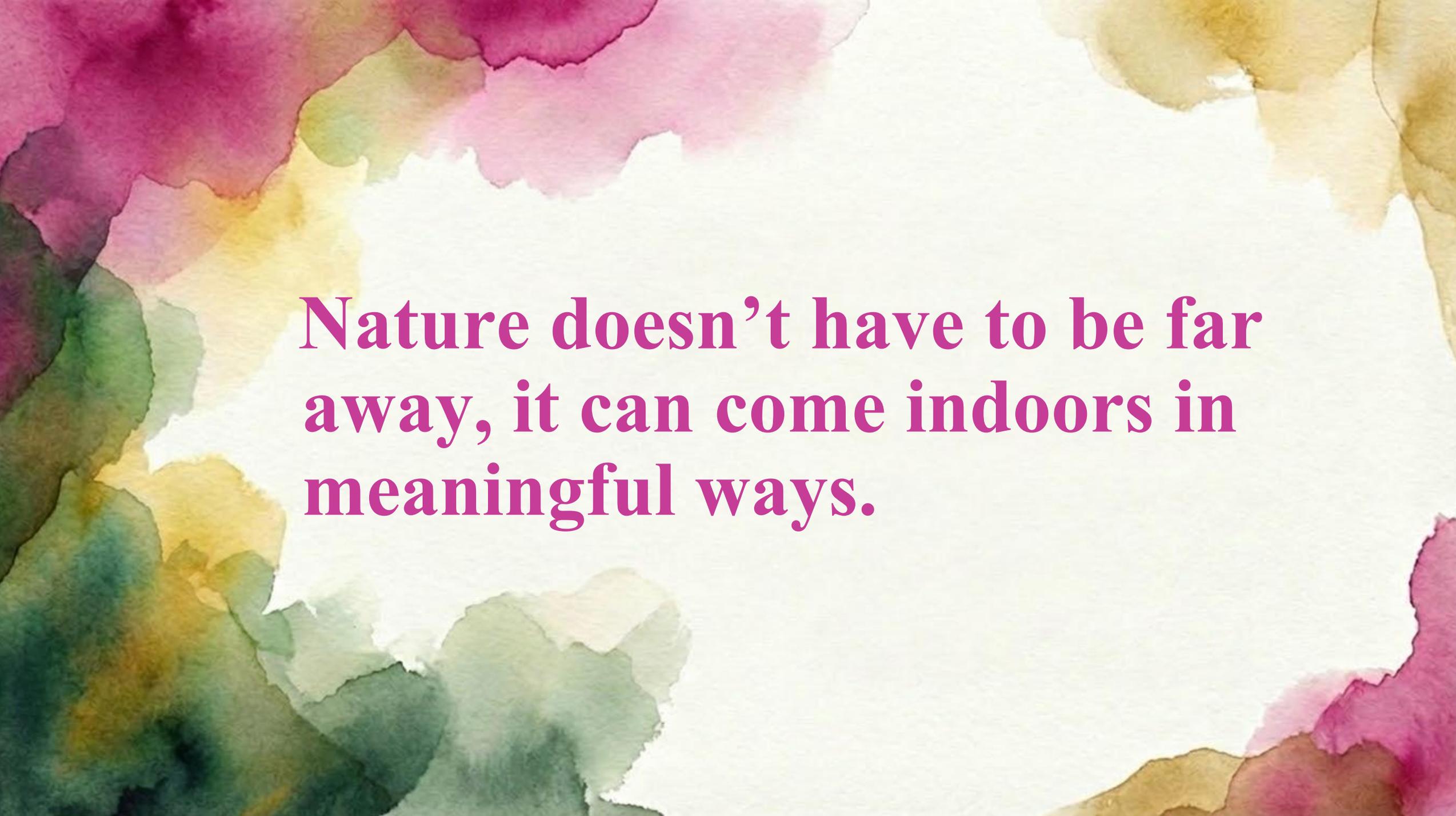


Conservancy Visits

Creating Accessibility

- Trail walks
- Sightseeing
- Picnics



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**Nature doesn't have to be far
away, it can come indoors in
meaningful ways.**

When Residents Can't Go Outside

Nature Can Still Come to Them

Depending on the Season . . .

Summer

Sand, seashells, leaves, water (pool/beach), in-season flowers, berries, herbs

Winter

Snow, icicles, pinecones, tree branches, acorns, pine needles

Fall

Leaves, pumpkins, gourds, apples, corn, sunflowers, bulb planting

Spring

In-season flowers, bird feathers, blades of grass, seeds

Conservancy Staff On Site

Bringing the Outdoors Indoors



- Natural artifacts
- Hands-on learning
- Shared curiosity





Sensory Reconnection

• Touch



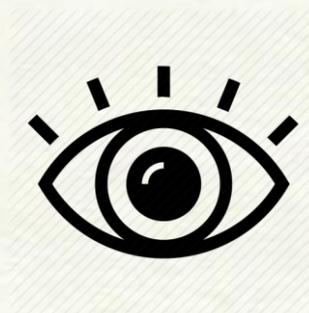
• Sound

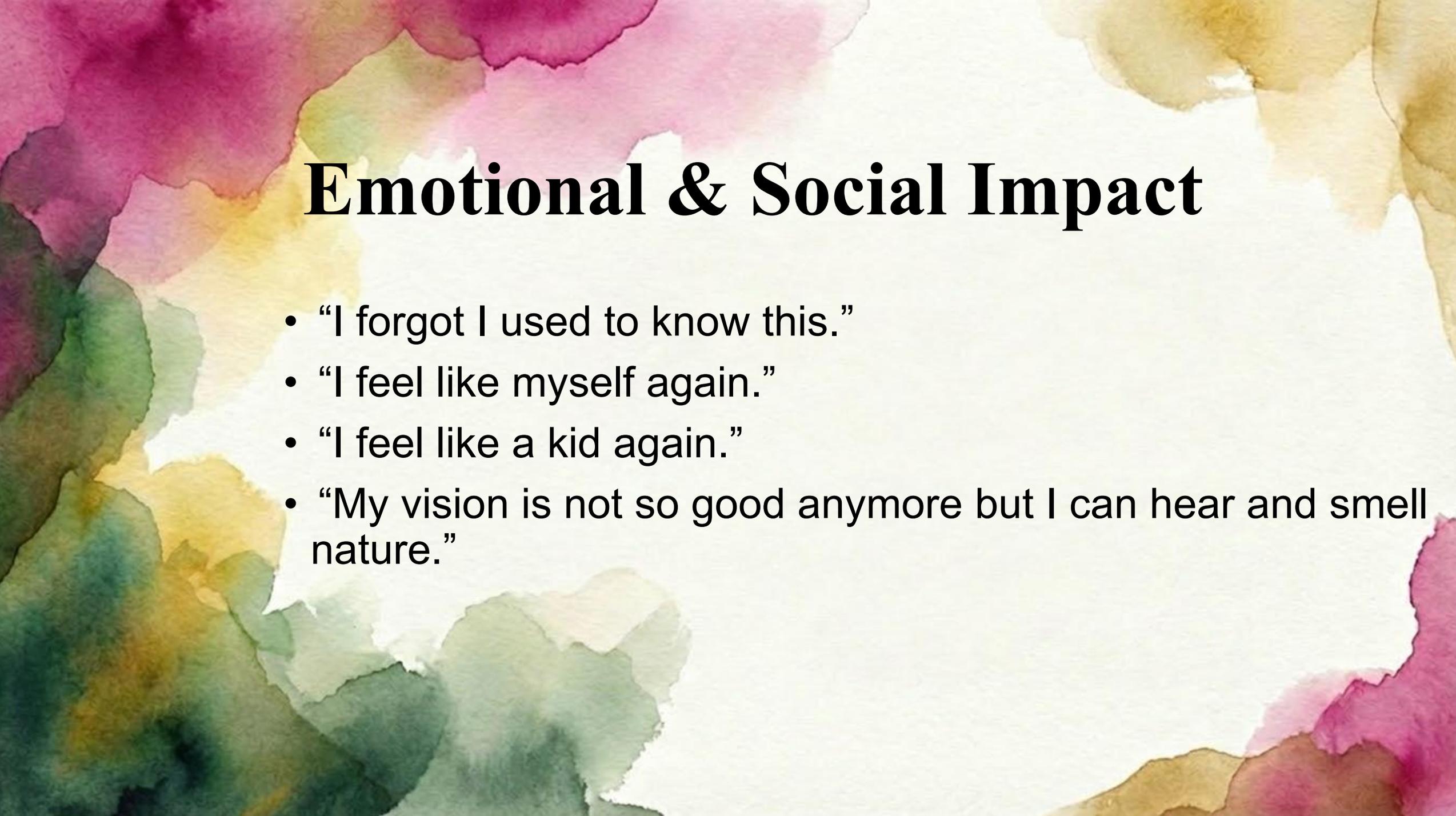


• Smell



• Sight





Emotional & Social Impact

- “I forgot I used to know this.”
- “I feel like myself again.”
- “I feel like a kid again.”
- “My vision is not so good anymore but I can hear and smell nature.”

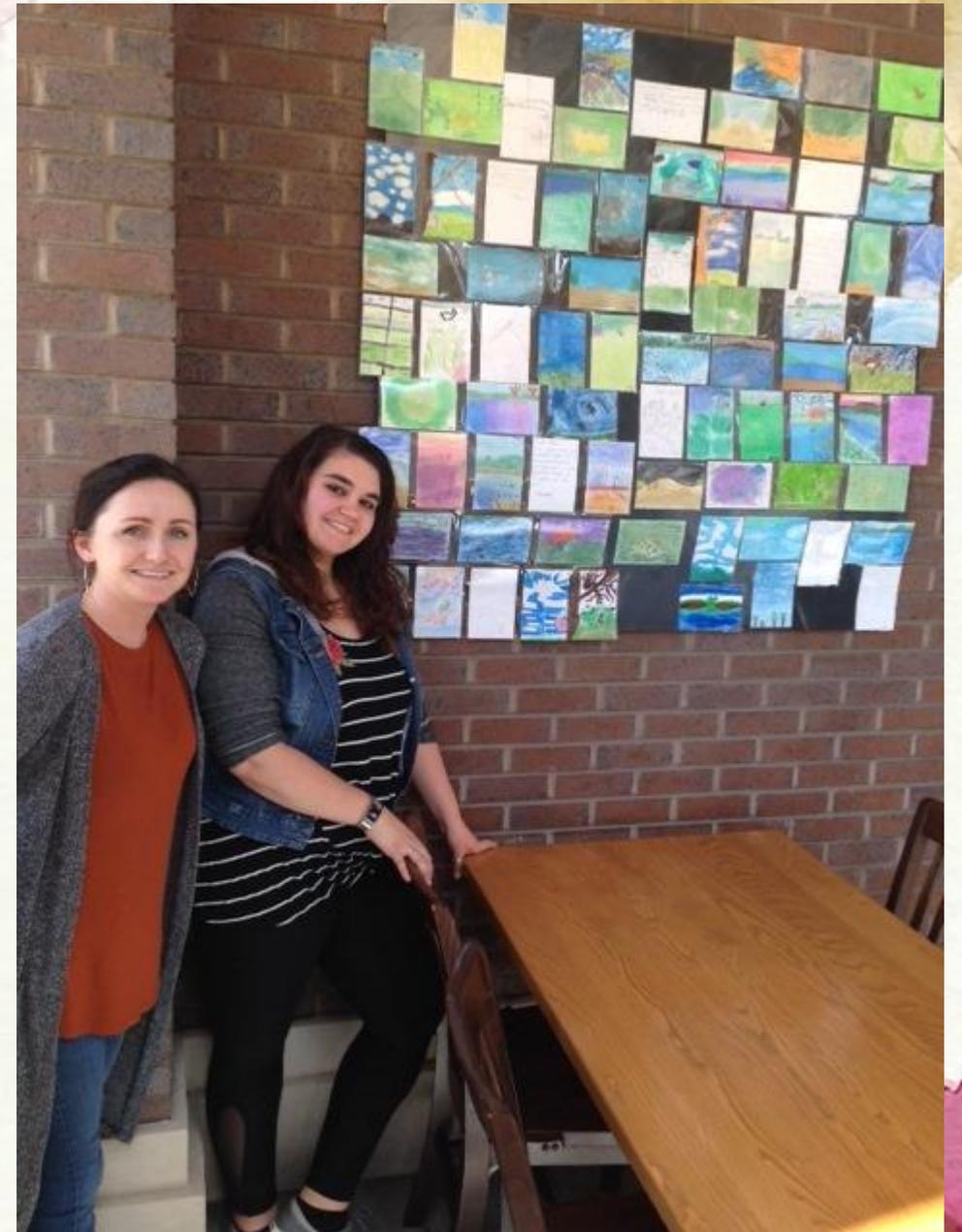


Intergenerational Connections

Elementary School 4th Graders

- Visits Focus on Nature & the Conservancy:
 - Read Books
 - Create Art
 - Learn about Each Other

Project was displayed at the Assisted Living, Elementary School, local coffee shop, and the library.



Bug Hotels





Connection

**Dear Attic Angels,
I hope you are having a great day. It has been great being
with you in nature.**

**Love,
Sebastian**

**Dear Agnes,
I drew this picture of nature because I loved the smile on
your face when I see you.**

**Your Friend,
Lily**



**What tools can you provide while
Inviting Families In to Engage with
their Loved Ones?**



Families & Residents at Conservancy Events

- Make a Memory Day
- Limited Mobility Day
- Bringing the Outdoors In
- Trail Days
- Tunes on Tuesdays
- Grandparent's Day



Community Members as Co-Participants

- Not “watching”
- Not “volunteering over”
- Participating with



Reducing Isolation through Belonging

- From siloed to community- connected
- Care beyond the walls,
“Care doesn’t end at the door- it expands outwards.”



What Made this Work

- Relationship first
- Flexibility
- Shared ownership
- Permission to try



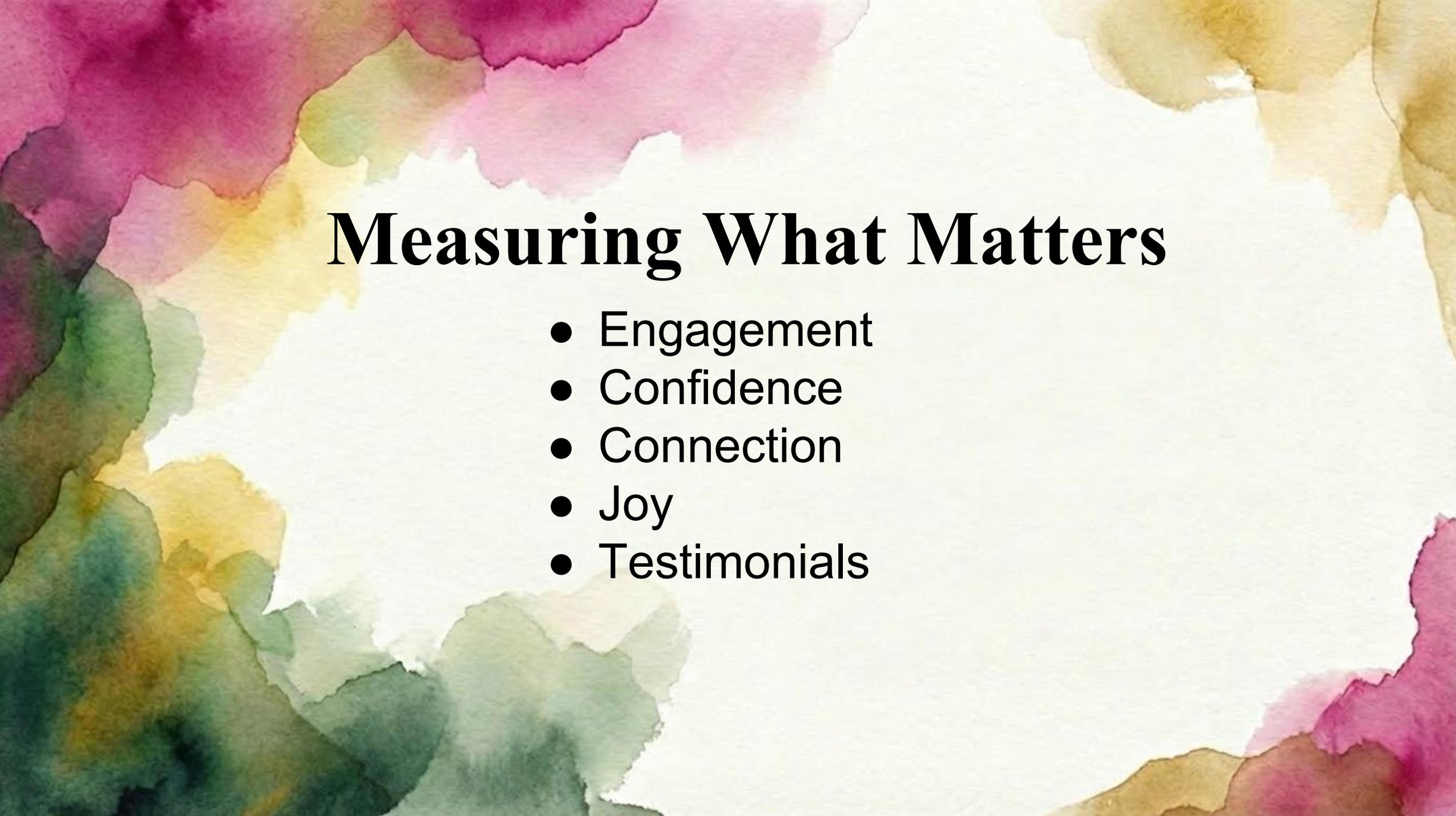
Replicable Ideas

- Nature walks at different paces
- Artifact lending kits
- Joint calendar planning
- Story-sharing moments



Starting Small

- One partner
- One activity
- One invitation



Measuring What Matters

- Engagement
- Confidence
- Connection
- Joy
- Testimonials

Reconnect Magenta, Revisited

- Return to:
 - Nature
 - Self
 - Community

Make a Memory Day:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2RKMTvLUdQ>



THANK YOU!

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