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Letters for Nov. 28: Rotary Club volunteers bring garden and community room closer to reality

Letter writers acknowledge Rotary Club members who volunteered to improve Thrive Peninsula's renovated facility, argue House District 57 voters were to strict when they elected David Owen, and urge more patients to try out advanced practice providers.



Gee Horton

Rotarians from Peninsula-based Rotary Clubs pose for a photo. Club members volunteered for more than 150 hours to get a Thrive Peninsula building and garden on Nettles Drive in shape.



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Job well done

Phase 1 of Peninsula-based Rotary Clubs multi-club district grant, Connections that Thrive, is complete. Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Newport News, Oyster Point, Warwick at City Center, Virginia Peninsula and Yorktown volunteered more than 150 service hours priming and painting the Community Connections Wing and building self-watering garden beds for the renovated Thrive Peninsula facility on Nettles Drive. The Community Connections Wing will begin hosting training and educational classes for the individuals and families that Thrive serves here on the Peninsula in 2024. Produce from the garden beds will be used for distribution in The Market at Thrive, the Peninsula's first free grocery store. In total, Thrive expects to service up to 30,000 people in 2024. The project totaled \$27,500, including a \$25,000 grant from Rotary District 7600. Funds were also used to purchase laptops, room dividers and conference room furniture.

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