

## **Sensory Garden Read More**

**Having the children of Northern Michigan explore a new garden** for the first time lifted the hearts of all in attendance and was the culmination of a six-year journey to design, fundraise, and install this innovative new feature garden.

**The concept of developing a new sensory garden in the region was the vision of members of The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City, as they approached their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as a club. That dream became a formal partnership between the club and The Botanic Garden. Preparing for the Grand Opening, volunteers from the Botanic Garden and the Friendly Garden Club worked side by side, hand in hand, trowel to trowel to plant over 8,500 new plants in a garden that was once a fallow field tucked between the 1915 Historic Wagon House and the remnants of a barn that was the bullpen for the Northern Michigan Hospital\*