

The Garden Gate LLC

“Providing Landscaping Solutions and Gardening Needs”



Cindy Nelsen, business owner is excited to accept her “1st Dollar of Profit” from Nancy Larsen, Enterprise Facilitator after expanding her facility and product offerings. SEFP board members present Glenn Kirschenman, Karen Freier and John McDonald. Other present to congratulate Cindy include: Peggy Thranum, Menno Development and David Bender, Menno State Bank.. Not shown is Sue Stoll, Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

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COMPANY: The Garden Gate LLC

OWNER: Cindy Nelsen

LOCATION: Menno

PHONE/EMAIL: (605) 387-5788

NUMBER OF JOBS: 1 Full time & (2 Seasonal Part Time)

BACKGROUND: This business first opened in April 2000 with one greenhouse. Over the past 5 years, improvements have been made including doors, heaters, walls, a fence, perennial greenhouse and now a solid building for an office with a bathroom.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED: Business Planning

RESULTS: An Expanded Business

QUOTABLE: *“SEFP has been a great help to me throughout the years providing business assistance & connections. I can attest to the fact it takes about five years for a business to get a strong foothold. I am thankful to the community for continuing to support this free and confidential business planning for me and others.”*