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Emma Sarfaty

Goucher College

Emma Sarfaty and her GROUP volunteered at Talmar gardens. They made wreaths to sell, supporting Talmur’s therapeutic and educational programs. On her own, Emma volunteers with Barclay Gardening Club, where she helps run an after-school program that exposes students to gardening, cooking, environmental, and sustainability. After seeing her students’ pride and ownership in their work, Emma developed her INDIVIDUAL vision: to provide equal access to and knowledge of healthy, sustainable living and eating to positively impact the health of families, neighborhoods, and Baltimore as a whole.

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