



Ceri and Nora's Friendship Garden

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Ceri and Nora stood at the edge of the abandoned lot, squinting against the bright sun. Weeds grew tall, but they saw potential. Ceri's energetic waves matched Nora's thoughtful smile as they imagined something beautiful.



Back in Nora's cozy room, paper and colored pencils flew across the table. They designed a "Friendship Garden" with curving paths, sunny flower beds, and a secret reading spot. They both agreed it needed a colorful archway.



Rolling their wagon through the neighborhood, they collected old tires and asked neighbors for spare wood and plants. Ceri pushed with all her might, and Nora steadied the load, laughing when a butterfly landed on a seed packet.



Day after day, they worked until their hands were dirty and their hearts full. Ceri planted seeds in careful rows, while Nora watered each one gently, singing softly to the tiny green sprouts. The sun warmed their backs.



Ceri and Nora hammered and painted under the shade of a big tree. They built raised garden beds and painted a wooden sign that read: "The Friendship Garden - Grow Together." The sign was bright blue and yellow.



Dark clouds rolled in, and heavy rain began to fall just as they finished planting. Thinking quickly, they used buckets and tarps to protect the fragile seedlings, running around the garden in the sudden downpour.



The storm cleared, but some plants were leaning and looking sad. Ceri carefully propped them up with sticks, and Nora added extra soil and mulch, whispering encouraging words to every little plant.



Weeks later, the garden exploded with color. Red tomatoes ripened, purple flowers bloomed, and bees buzzed happily around the lush greenery. Ceri and Nora stood admiring the transformation, amazed at what they had created.



Ceri and Nora invited everyone in the neighborhood to visit. Soon, friends sat on the painted benches, and families picked fresh vegetables, thanking the girls for making their community a brighter place.



As the sun set, casting a warm glow, Ceri and Nora sat under their colorful archway, sharing fresh strawberries from the garden. They knew that when they worked together, they could make amazing things happen.