

The Garden's Edge



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INTRODUCTION

Our purpose comes from our desire to improve our lives and our corner of the world. The name for this newsletter—The Garden's Edge—comes from the Bible; specifically, Leviticus 19:9 and 10. To paraphrase those Bible verses, when we reap the harvest of our land we shall not reap our field right up to its edge, neither shall we gather the gleanings after our harvest. We shall leave them [the edges and extras] for the poor and for the sojourner.

From this idea of leaving food for others, we hope you will garden (grow) for yourselves and those in your local community who are not getting enough to eat (share). In these tough economic times, there are many US residents facing hunger. Whether children, women, or men, others in your area may be in need. We hope you are of a mind to help.

We have a goal to make gardeners of many US residents as our way of fighting hunger...together! Anyone can grow, so please plant whatever you can and help your community,

If you are in need, we hope that you can get help when you need it, and give back when you have a little extra to give.

1,000+ POUNDS OF FOOD SHARED

Each week this summer we included peppers, etc. from the Bunn garden in our giveaway. The giveaways, as blogged about this Summer, took place at our Farm Stand, which was hosted by Pilot Baptist Church. In addition to all the food that our gardeners shared into their neighborhoods, we gave away over 1,000 lbs of food at the stand. Anyone who needed food could stop by and choose what they wanted.

Additionally, with about 100 Sharing Gardeners in our first year, we estimate several thousand more pounds moved through the community based on the number of plants distributed and gardeners actively sharing their food.

Just imagine what we can do this new year, giving away five times as many plants and signing on a much larger number of US gardeners. Please join us, and encourage others in all areas of the US to garden and share their harvest.



A FOOD GIVEAWAY AT PILOT BAPTIST CHURCH IN 2009



GREENHOUSE #2 IN THE MIDST OF RE-ASSEMBLY AT GROW AND SHARE DONATED SITE

GREENHOUSE #2

Thank you again to our generous benefactor Clyde T. for his greenhouse donation. His generosity will allow us to give away tens of thousands of plants twice each year! We hope to dedicate this greenhouse during Spring 2010 before the first plant giveaways.



DONOR CLYDE T. AND GROW AND SHARE'S FRANK W.



GREENHOUSE #2 BEFORE MOVING TO GROW AND SHARE SITE

BUSY FIRST YEAR (2009)

Our first year was filled with activity, events, meetings, volunteer days, news articles, food distribution, and gardening.

Winter/Spring 2009

- Gathering seeds and supplies
- Building of Greenhouse #1
- Planting of 2,000+ garden plants
- Burnette R. family arranged use of their Bunn farm for sharing garden

Media: Placed announcements in The Franklin Times requesting gardeners and volunteers

April 2009

- First Annual Garden Plant Giveaway held in Zebulon NC at Pilot Baptist Church on April 25th

May 2009

- planted 2 acre Sharing Garden in Franklin County
- Lynn L. ran rows for Bunn Garden

Media: WRAL-TV included Grow And Share in a community gardens segment May 1st. Online here: www.wral.com/news/local/story/5053449/ along with a video link.

June 2009

- Worked our Sharing Garden in Bunn

July/August 2009

- Gathered food from gardeners for distribution via Pilot Baptist Church's farm stand

Media: Raleigh ClearChannel radio announced Grow And Share activities and food availability at the church

August 2009

- Whole Foods Market-Raleigh produce collection Thursday, August 27th.)

Media: The Rolesville Buzz newspaper August issue featured an article on Grow And Share, food, and gardening.

Media: Grow And Share on the Reggae Lounge with Azuka at WSHA-FM radio.

September 2009

- Labor Day Sunday, September 6th, we held the First Annual Grow And

Share Music Festival as our fundraiser

- Whole Foods Market-Raleigh, Local Festival September 26-27, where Grow And Share handed out seeds and signed up gardeners

Media: Wake Weekly newspaper's September 4th issue featured an article on Grow And Share written by Leslie Rudd

Media: News & Observer September 2nd issue featured an article on Grow And Share written by Andrea Weigl. Online at www.newsobserver.com/105/story/1671112.html

October 2009

- Installed garden in first Franklin County NC school
- Couture for A Cause event in downtown Raleigh on October 23rd featured Grow And Share design
- Fall plant giveaways for late gardens

Media: The October 2009 issue of Guideposts magazine featured an article on our garden plant giveaway in April. Visit www.guideposts.com, click the "Prosperity" link, see "Sharing The Harvest" article.

Media: The Rolesville Buzz October issue featured a music festival article

November 2009

- Presentation at Franklin County NC area Brownie/Girl Scout meeting November 21st.
- East Wake Academy Winter Festival November 21st, where Grow And Share handed out information and signed up new gardeners.
- Thanksgiving activities to be announced
- Removed trees from area for new greenhouse

Media: Eastern Wake News's November 25th issue included a front-page write-up of Grow And Share which may be read online at www.easternwakenews.com/news/story/5464.html. It includes information on our history, upcoming activities, school gardens construction, and scouts

December 2009

- Donation of Greenhouse #2
- Donation of delivery van
- Holiday fund drive nets \$1,070

2010 PLANS

We start year two with a slate of willing volunteers and gardeners, and donations to get us started. This and more lies ahead.

January 2010

- Distributed rain barrels to raise several hundred dollars in donations
- Gave away Greenhouse #1 to children's farm in Chapel Hill NC
- Lynn L. prepped area for greenhouse
- Installed Greenhouse #2
- Reserved Durham Central Park for music festival
- Held First Annual Board of Directors Meeting January 23rd

February 2010

- Plant seeds for 10,000+ plants
- Meetings with potential sponsors, community garden managers, greenhouse owners, and others willing to garden or distribute food
- Install garden in a second Franklin County NC school
- Submit response to IRS for 501(c)(3)

March 2010

- Girl Scout and Brownie presentations

April 2010

- Garden Plant Giveaways in NC

Summer 2010

- Grow food to share
- Help our gardeners to give away produce via Pilot Baptist Church, food banks, neighborhood organizations, and other s
- Preparation for annual fundraiser

September 2010

- Grow And Share Music Festival (annual fundraiser)
- Fall plant growing begins

More details on the remainder of 2010 will be made available in the next newsletter.

DONATIONS

Thank you for your support. Your help is making it possible for us to feed locally, and gain ground to expand nationally! To donate supplies, funds, space, or your time, contact info@growandshare.org or mail checks to:

GROW AND SHARE

70 Harrison Street
Zebulon, North Carolina 27597

Supplies and Funding

- Nancy and Robert of Morrisville NC for donated peat pots (400+)
- Phil and Nancy of Hartford Greenhouse (Hartford OH) for donated potting soil and a delivery van too!
- Burnette and Christine of Bunn NC (Franklin County, NC) for leased farmland for our first garden
- Mike and Linnea of Louisburg, NC for windows
- Kathy of Henderson NC for donation of enough windows to complete the greenhouse!
- Fay of Youngsville NC for donation of seeds, pots, and potting soil
- Leslie of Apex NC for donation of time in preparation of national brochure and local handout
- Chris' Greenhouse of Bunn NC for the donated potting soil
- Jenny of Zebulon NC for the donation of planting pots

- Pilot Baptist Church for allowing us to use their land for our Garden Plant Giveaway
- Tracey M. of Bunn NC for the donation of planting pots
- Gurney's for their gift certificate donation, which helps us purchase more seeds and plants
- Pilot Baptist Church for their monetary "love gift" donation to our cause
- Wendy and Mark G. for donations of sweet potatoes and other veggies (at Thanksgiving), plant trays and seed starters, and tomato seeds.
- Patty E. for her large donation of greens, tomato, and other seeds
- Karen M. for her donation of beautiful, colored clay pots for indoor gardening
- Wyatt-Quarles Seed Company of Garner NC www.wqseeds.com
- Southern States LLC of Louisburg NC
- Gurney Seed and Nursery Co. of Greendale IN
- Mike and Linnea A. of Louisburg NC
- Donna C. of Greene NY
- Various other donors from across the US, including the Archuleta, Grissino, and Mallett families
- Anonymous company that donated 100 barrels for recycling as rain barrels and other garden tools
- Suzin D. for donating tables for Greenhouse #2
- Local gardeners who allocated part of their land for Sharing Gardens

- As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Clyde T. for his donation of Greenhouse #2
- Annie's Organic for their grant, funding children's educational events and setting up school gardens

Volunteer Time

- AJ Bennett
- Suzin Daly
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
- Aaron A.
- Crop Mob (Guerilla Growfair)
- Chante Coleman
- The Wescott family
- Toni Dunston
- Mitch Amiano
- Craig A.
- Paul B.
- Riley E.
- Nadia E.
- Charles Hayes
- The Scherr family
- Steven Horton
- Lynn Lewis
- Matt R.
- Burnette Rogers and family
- Fabian L.
- Bill Garrett
- Kacie and Brian Fore
- Tranequa O.
- Emma H.
- Mekco S.
- Tiwana N.
- Alexis C.
- Sharri O.
- Lettice M.
- Lisa J.
- Brandon
- Whitney S.

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