

# The Garden's Edge



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## THANK YOU

Grow And Share thanks the following supporters:

Volunteer John Bailey for raising an additional \$100 through sales of rain barrels.

The Women's Mission Group at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church for holding a fundraiser throughout June.

Candace Novak and Progress Energy for their fundraising during July.

MudcatsRadio.com for continuing their broadcasts with Grow And Share as their Cause of the Season.

Pilot Baptist Church for providing a farm stand for sharing directly to families in need.

## GARDEN UPDATES

*From Claire Moylan*

My tomatoes went gang busters... Easy to give those away because there were so many of them and people like them. Got about three cucumbers so far, but many more on the way. The zucchini looked like it was going to be a big success, but something started to get it. I think it

was squash borers. Something ate the beans. Peppers are doing okay.

I had a lot of trouble with pests in the garden. I know a few other gardeners who also had problems too. I will be writing an article on different ways to treat pests organically for the next issue of this newsletter.

It's all a learning experience!

*From Lori Schweickert*

July 27th we made a food donation to the local food kitchen. Mostly tomatoes and carrots, but a few peppers. Our squash and cukes did not do too well this year.

## HELP WANTED

*From Wendy Gresham*

Capritopia Farm is in need of a full time farmworker. Job entails harvesting, hoeing, weedeating, laying plastic mulch film by hand etc. This does not include driving a tractor. Would like someone to start sometime next week. We have around 2 acres of vegetables and attend the Durham Farmers Market on Saturday morning. Give Wendy a call 497-0104 in the evening after 6:00pm.

## EVENT: FRESH, THE MOVIE

Coming soon is a screening of *Fresh, The Movie* as a special



evening benefit to Grow And Share. The night will open with a special viewing of the Grow And Share documentary by Suzin Daly, followed by *Fresh, The Movie*. Event tickets go on sale soon. More details will be in the next issue of the newsletter.

Thank you to volunteer Jamie Wescott for putting this fundraiser together! We're all looking forward to seeing *Fresh, The Movie* and seeing local reaction to the Grow And Share documentary, recently shown at the Bonnaroo music festival in Tennessee.

## SILENT AUCTION SPOTLIGHT: EMPIRE EATS

Thank you to Empire Eats for donating several gift certificates for the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction will be held during the Grow And Share Music Festival 2010. Come by and you might win a gift certificate to one of four exceptional Raleigh restaurants!

## HOPE SPONSORS GROW AND SHARE

*Contributed by Tricia Jones, HOPE Coordinator at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC*

HOPE is a missions organization for women at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, North Carolina. We are not a group constricted by age, labels or traditions but one with a common goal -- Helping Others Pursue Eternity. Our prayer is that we will not only meet physical needs but that we will also share the love of Jesus Christ with those who do not know of his love.

Each year our group sponsors agencies or projects that we feel will educate our body of believers as well as make a difference in the lives of people in our communities and around the world. This year, HOPE is supporting the work of Teresa and Don Bolls, missionaries to the Zerma people in the village of Ouallam, Niger, West Africa. They have been missionaries for 25-plus years and have become aware of the suffering and great need in West Africa. Today Teresa teaches classes to the Zerma people on health, hygiene, nutrition, and AIDS awareness, while Don instructs them on how to improve their farming practices.

Three of HOPE's projects this year centered around the work of the Bolls. In 2006 the Mayor of Ouallam asked the Bolls to help out in the village by building some latrines. Project Outhouses was born with a goal of building 100 latrines. The project was successfully completed, but they hoped to build at least three more latrines at schools. Can you imagine having no restroom for a bunch of first to sixth graders? Without the latrines, most of the children go outside by a bush. HOPE raised funds to build five latrines at these schools.

In August, HOPE will address the medical side of Teresa Bolls' work. Caring for Mariama, a small, ill,



**HOPE PROJECT DISPLAY AND COLLECTION CENTER**

motherless, Zerma baby girl led the Bollses to see the great medical needs in Ouallam. Today, Teresa offers classes there on health, hygiene, nutrition, and AIDS awareness. She has plans to take AIDS awareness and prevention to over 1,200 area villages. HOPE will also minister to those with medical needs by sponsoring Alliance Medical Ministry, a non-profit charitable corporation that provides affordable, primary medical care to low income, uninsured working families in Wake County. We will collect over the counter medications to give to the patients who make up the working uninsured population in Wake County.

HOPE's current project centers around the farming and gardening methods of Don Bolls. While Don has been involved for years in helping the Zerma people improve their farming skills, the Bollses learned of a way that trees could help the Zerma meet the basic needs of everyday living. They discovered that one healthy producing tree can provide annual income for a Zerma family. In November 2008 the Orchardman Tree Project was begun. Partnering churches have provided fruit trees and trees for wood and shade to the village of Ouallam. They have taught the Zerma farmers how to plant and take care of the trees.

HOPE has explored our gardening ministry potential through Grow and Share. Kay Whatley joined us at a April 13 dinner meeting to give us a very informative overview about the work that she and her husband, Frank, do to educate our community on the importance of gardening and sharing the harvest with those in need. She was excited to come and talk with us and was very passionate

about eliminating hunger in Wake county and beyond.

Kay and Frank were also excited to be put in contact with Don Bolls and learn more about his work with the Orchardman Tree Project. Many of you will recall that NC Grow and Share aims to plant food growing plants and trees in urban areas across North Carolina to give people access to free healthy food. Kay and Frank thought that perhaps some of Don's ideas and techniques could be put in place in North Carolina for the Appleseed Concept.

HOPE sponsored Grow and Share during the month of June by setting up a display at a church, educating our congregation about Grow and Share and its work through flyers, and asking our members to donate items or monetary contributions. We collected items that will be put into Starter Gardening Packs given to interested gardeners as well as \$641.67 for Kay and Frank to purchase more of these same items.

HOPE looks forward to visiting Grow and Share in the next few weeks to deliver our donations and money.

Thank you, Kay and Frank, for the work you do to better our community and to eliminate hunger in Wake County and beyond!



**THE WOMEN'S MISSION GROUP VISITED GROW AND SHARE IN ZEBULON ON JULY 27TH AND DELIVERED A WONDERFULLY LARGE PILE OF SUPPLIES AND A CHECK FOR THE FUNDS THEY RAISED**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:  
GROW AND SHARE MUSIC  
FESTIVAL 2010**

We are holding a fundraiser—The Grow And Share Music Festival 2010—on September 5th (Labor Day weekend). This second annual event includes music and food, guest Carolina Mudcats Manager David Bell, a Silent Auction, face painting, vendors, and special Farm Education Stations and gardening/food demonstration booths.

*We need help the first two weeks of August passing out music festival posters.* Please call 1.919.269.5414 if you can help us distribute posters to businesses in your area.

Thank you to our music festival sponsors for 2010:



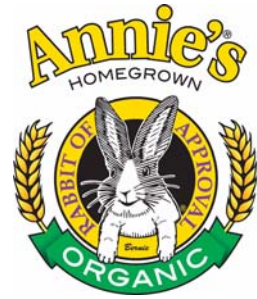
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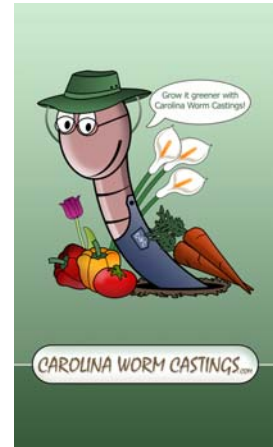
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