

WALLS COMMUNITY GARDEN 2018 REPORT

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DONATIONS

- Battaglias- soil and containers (\$25)
- Petittis- 5 flats= \$100
- Lowes- plants=\$100
- College of Public Health- bulletin board= \$230 and printing
- City of Kent- Mulch- load and delivery x 2=\$ 50
- Walls Elementary School- grow lights-\$200
- Anonymous-\$450
- Twine-3
- Rain barrel supplies=\$50
- Tools-50
- Gloves-10
- Shelves and brackets-50
- Potting Soil-30
- Pallets-40
- Screws-10
- Wood and trim for sign-14
- Chairs-10
- Wood for benches and table-10
- Pots-30
- Bamboo poles and other supports-15
- Seeds-30
- Fabric and accessories for canopies (\$60)
- Table- 30



VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Summer Advantage Students

approximately 8 hours week

6/10, 6/17, 6/24= 24 hours June

iPROMISE- Lebron James Foundation

36 students planned for June- canceled due to rain

LIFE- CPH- 15 volunteer hours

6/10, and several dates in July

Student Support Services

10 volunteers for 2 hours 7/13

Graduate Student Organization

10 volunteers for 2 hours 7/26

Freshman Day of Service

9 volunteers for 2 hours 8/22

**Total Volunteer hours = MPH student, practicum 300
hours + 100 Volunteer hours =400hours**

Harvest Party: September 13th, 2 hours

5 volunteers

Covered info table, gave garden tours, handed out salsa samples, sold basket raffle tickets

Make a Difference Day: October 26th, 3 hours

15 volunteers

Closed down garden for the season

Total Volunteer hours = 15+60+10+45=130 hours





COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH

The Walls Community Garden is frequented by dozens of Kent community members. This section will provide a summary of various interactions during the year with community members.

Neighbor 1- removed various bins of dirt and sticks from her yard

Neighbor 2- we gave asparagus

Neighbor 3- walks dogs and talks with gardeners daily

Neighbor 4- walks and talks with gardeners

Neighbor 5- walks and talks with gardeners

Neighbor 6- emptied brush in garden area and talks with gardeners

Neighbors use basketball court and parking lot and playground and talk with gardeners

Neighbor 7- gardening plot and helping to water

Neighbor 8- spouse working at KSU for year. She and two children stop and enjoy the progress daily. Encouraged to pick and take vegetables. From Poland.

Tomatoes delivered to 9 neighbors in August
Approximately three bags of vegetables were donated to the school to share. Donations were made to Kent Social Services and The Women's Center pantry at KSU.

Beans, tomatoes, cantaloupe, carrots and green peppers donated to community at Annual Family Cookout.

All neighbors have expressed gratitude and excitement about the garden. Word has spread to Girl Scouts and Lions club and other organizations with offers to volunteer and help.

SCHOOL

Kids planted seeds in classrooms under grow lights. Then planted in beds in garden. Gardeners attended plants through the summer.





END OF YEAR EVENT

Garden group assisted with Annual Family Cookout at Walls School September 7.

Provided:

- Reimbursement for hot dogs, buns and chips for approximately 250 people
- Child Development Center child's craft and signs for garden
- Greensprout provide gardening information
- Tent with sign ups and harvest giveaways and garden tours

Volunteers and additional community members invited to party. Four new signups for 2019 growing season.



SUSTAINABILITY

This has been a great success with many interested parties. The school, the community and the university have committed time, resources, and commitment to sustainability. The Department of Community Engaged Learning has agreed to provide annual groups of volunteers for the coming years. The community garden has volunteers from RSVP secured for 3 years. The garden manager has committed to 3 years to build. At the end of the 3 years, the plan is to have a garden maintenance manager and a communications / volunteer coordinator.