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New Service for GICD Supporters You can now donate to GICD online!



Many of our supporters have requested that we make it possible to donate to our program online. Well, now you can through DonorBridge. This is a service to nonprofits and the philanthropic community launched last year by The Communities Foundation of Texas, Dallas Foundation, and the Center for Nonprofit Management.

You can find DonorBridge at www.DonorBridgetx.org/

To see a profile about Gardeners in Community Development enter our name in the **Find a Non-profit** search. We have uploaded information on our program, organization, financial information and more. Best of all, it is now easier than ever to send in a donation by clicking on the **"Donate Now"** button.

From GICD's website at www.gardendallas.org just find the "Find us on Donor Bridge" button (that looks like the one included here) and you will go directly there.

While you may make a donation through DonorBridge at any time, a special opportunity exists to have your donation matched, for amounts more than \$25, if made on September 8th, 2010.

Please support GICD, and remember the special match on September 8 !!!

Youth Brave the Summer Heat at GICD Gardens

During the past few weeks, even on days with temperatures over 100 degrees, over 120 young people came out to work at 5 of our community gardens. While most groups worked just one day, **Groundwork Dallas** came out several times, and the **Student Conservation Corps (SCA)** worked full days for two weeks straight. This was over 1,600 person hours donated to improve physical conditions at Our Saviour, East Dallas, Live Oak, Hope, and Peace Community Gardens. These wonderful volunteers and interns assisted local gardener groups with clearing fence lines, weeding and mulching, pruning trees, trash removal, and helped harvest vegetables for donation to food pantries. The best part is that they had fun, they worked with local community members, learned new skills, and had the opportunity to add community gardening to their community service experience. Afterward, many said they would like to do more work of this kind, and that they came away with a new appreciation and understanding of benefits that community gardening brings to our urban way of life. We are thankful that these youths aided us in our mission to assist needy communities that are struggling to feed their families. See **Youth Workers** photos on the next page.



SCA moving wood chip mulch at Hope Community Garden on July 9, 2010.

Support Community Gardening

Your tax-deductible donation will support GICD's community gardening programs. Donations are gratefully accepted. Please make your check payable to GICD and send to 901 Greenbriar Lane, Richardson, TX 75080.

You can also donate online at www.DonorBridgetx.org/

Mission: improving the quality of life in neighborhoods through community gardening

Youth Workers



Ground-work Dallas helped fill in water line trench. Just Greens garden at Our Saviour. June 19, 2010.



Student Conservation Association (SCA) worked with the refugee gardeners at East Dallas, Live Oak, and Peace Community Gardens to prune trees, haul out heavy trash, spread mulch, and weed fence lines. Week of July 12 to 16, 2010.

Viva Volunteers, a University of Texas at Dallas program, worked at Our Saviour helping gardeners prepare beds for Fall planting, and harvesting for the food pantry (harvesting okra, right). August 21, 2010.



Checklist of Garden Work

This has not been the best gardening year in recent history. Many gardens are full of heat stressed plants that stopped bearing weeks ago. If peppers, eggplant and okra have been well mulched, picked, and watered they should still be productive.

It is well worth while to plant fall and winter crops, no matter how hot the weather is right now. Cool weather crops will do fine if you sprinkle seed beds daily until seedlings are established. To hold moisture in seed beds cover planted seed with burlap or other cloth, or mulch lightly with dry grass. A good plan is to plant about half of your

garden to winter greens, and mulch and grow winter cover on the remainder. Winter crops that are not planted by mid-October will seldom become well enough established to be hardy thought the cold of winter, so plant early.

Wait for cooler temps for leaf lettuce, days in the 70's, which will produce through the winter until at least March or April of next year. Plant garlic in October or November, and it will produce large bulbs when harvested next April or May .

September

<p>Work to do: Continue deep watering, 1 or 2x/week (skip week if we get 1" or more rain) Keep mulch layers deep Pick okra daily Remove finished summer crops Prepare beds and begin fall planting Donate extra harvest to food pantry Spray organic foliar spray every 2 weeks Add cottonseed meal to fertilize for fall and winter</p>	<p>Harvest: Peppers, eggplant, okra, corn, herbs, edible gourds, pumpkins, Malabar spinach, long beans</p>	<p>Plant: Cool crops: collards, mustard, turnip, red Russian kale, cabbage, beets, Swiss chard, green beans, lima beans (early Sept.), lettuce, radish, parsley, bunching onion</p>
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October

<p>Work to do: Plant winter and cover crops Keep all beds mulched Save seeds Food storage: dry, can, freeze, make pickles, etc. Begin acquiring materials for winter projects Start a compost pile</p>	<p>Harvest: peppers, okra, squash, long beans, s. peas, water spinach, Malabar spinach, greens, edible gourds, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, corn, squash, bunching onion</p>	<p>Plant: Winter crops: lettuce, winter greens, garlic, leeks, bunching onion, red Russian kale, parsley Cover crops: grain rye, wheat, Austrian winter pea, vetch</p>
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A main task during this season is soil building. Deep mulching, growing cover crops, adding compost, working leaves into the soil, and adding organic amendments now, and through winter, are the things that make for a superior garden next year.

Use the cooler weather of fall and winter to make the best soil ever.

Make the best use of cooler weather, which surely will come.

Loving My Community Grant

Thanks to a City of Dallas **Loving My Community Grant** our gardens at Our Saviour have a new water meter and water line. This project was valued at \$14,260. The money grant of \$9,200 from the city covered the cost of permits, contractor installed meters and water lines. The contractors were **Centerline Construction Utilities** (James Williams) and **Uptown Plumbing** (Mark Shaw). We thank the community volunteers that provided \$2,160 worth of sweat-equity labor through site preparation, hand digging and backfilling. The in-kind donation value was \$2,900 consisting of reduced materials and labor cost from the contractors, and donated time and meals from staff and members of GICD and Church of Our Saviour. This new system is a major improvement to projects at Our Saviour, and the Center for Growing People. Thank you.



Directory of Community Gardens in the City of Dallas by Council District

In the interest of informing the general public, other community gardeners, and public officials that there are many community gardens inside the City of Dallas, GICD has put together this working list. Founding dates are included. "GICD Project" indicates full GICD members, and "GICD Assoc" indicates an independent garden in accord with GICD's program. It is important to the success of community gardening in Dallas neighborhoods that all projects become better known and receive the support of the wider community. For a list of gardens across North Texas go to GICD's website: www.gardendallas.org

#1 Delia Jasso

Cliff Temple (2010)
100 block of 9th St 75208
Contact: Wes Keyes 254-722-1802.
GICD Assoc

#2 Pauline Medrano

East Dallas (1987)
1416 N. Fitzhugh Ave 75204
Contact: Don Lambert 972-231-3565, GICD Project

Hope (2004)
1108 Cristler 75223
Contact: Don Lambert 972-231-3565, GICD Project

Live Oak (1992)
Corner Live Oak & N Fitzhugh
75204
Contact: Don Lambert 972-231-3565, GICD Project

Peace (1999)
4627 Virginia Street 75204
Contact: Don Lambert 972-231-3565, GICD Project

Promise of Peace (2009)
7746 East Grand, 75214
Contact: Elizabeth Dry, 214-240-9220, ejdry54@yahoo.com

#3 David Neumann

The Bicycle Garden (2006)
3801 Holystone St. 75212
Contact: Johnny Garippa,
garippa@gmail.com

Kiestwood (2009)
3601 S Ravinia Dr 75233
Contact: Maggie Kirkman

Methodist Hospital Sys (2009)
1400 Englewood, 75203
Contact: Jerry A Locke,
jalocke2@sbcglobal.net

Rosemont School (2008)
719 N Montclair Ave 75208
Contact: Mariana Griggs, 214-215-5627, marianagriggs@gmail.com

St Cecilia's (2009)
635 Mary Cliff Road, 75208
Contact: 214-948-8628

#4 Dwaine Caraway

Faith Memorial (2010)
1914 Louisiana St.
Contact: Phyllis Harris 817-735-0264, GICD Assoc

Our Saviour (2003)
1616 N Jim Miller 75217
Contact: Becky Smith, 214-675-8473, GICD Project

#7 Carolyn Davis

Dolphin Heights (2009)
4815 Silver Avenue 75223
Contact: Anna Hill, 214-823-5576

International Street Church (2009)
2706 Second Ave 75210
Contact: 214 928-9595

Golden Gate (2010)
612 N Cliff 75203
Contact: Steven Turner, 214-364-9909, GICD Assoc

Christian Stronghold (2010)
6810 Samuel Blvd,
Contact: Charlie Campbell 972-240-5696 & Fredda Clark, 214-298-7788. GICD Assoc

St. Philips School (2010)
1628 Panama St,
Contact: Dr. Flowers

#8 Tennell Atkins

Highland Hills (2010)
3800 Simpson Stuart Rd
Contact: Steve Neuman 972-218-7808, GICD Assoc

1st Christian Methodist Evangelistic (2010)
7575 S Hampton Rd, 75232
Contact: Gloria Rolan 469-226-9797, GICD Assoc

#10 Jerry Allen

Ascension Harvest of Hope (2009)
8787 Greenville Ave, 75243
Contact: 214-340-4196

Lake Highlands (2008)
7901 Goforth 75238
Contact: Kent Benfield
ktbinfield@earthlink.net
Website: <http://www.lhgarden.org/>

Highlands Christian Community (2008)
9900 McCree Rd.,
Contact: Gene Carlton,
genecarl@swbell.net

#11 Linda Koop

St Lukes Episcopal (2009)
5923 Royal Lane, 75230
Contact:

Tikva (at Tiferet Israel) (2008)
10909 Hillcrest Road 75230
Contact: Jan Ayers

#12 Ron Natinsky

Education Community Gardens (2006)
17360 Coit Road 75252
Contact: Fouad Jaber, 972-952-9672

#13 Ann Margolin

Northway (2008)
7202 West Northwest Hwy 75225
Contact: Charles Dozier,
mail@northwaychristian.org

#14 Angela Hunt

St Thomas Episcopal (2007)
6525 Inwood Rd 75209
Contact: Vicki Williams, 214-352-0410 (church). GICD Assoc

Acers (at Central Christian) (2010)
4711 Westside Dr,
Contact: Russel Church, 214-415-6984, GICD Assoc