

Garden Updates



This Year,

You helped us to pay for, build, plant and grow over 2000 pounds of food for our community.

We wanted to take a moment to share our gratitude for your assistance with our community gardens this year. We have been able to expand for the fifth straight year and offer more healthy foods to the people in our community.

12

NEW GARDEN BEDS

Each garden bed is 30 feet by 4 feet!

1080

ADDITIONAL GROWING SQUARE FOOTAGE

8

NEW CROPS

Those beds have allowed the addition of 8 crops to the garden this year.



Our partner farms grew all our red tomatoes, letting us focus on green ones!



Our first real year growing strawberries – 50 pounds!



We continue to get better at growing herbs, like this cilantro!

James' Story

All it took was asking.

This year, we began with an ambitious goal—building 1,000 square feet of raised beds on a part of the Webster lot that hadn't been developed yet. We visited other gardens and took notes, and in April with the help of a volunteer group from Boston, we built our first three.

That day, as we were out there trying to figure out what we were doing, a neighbor walked up. This isn't terribly uncommon— it's a community garden after all.

"You building beds here?" He asked.

"We are, probably twelve of them," I responded. "How do we get one of them?" He asked. To date we've had lots of neighborhood volunteers, but none who asked for their own plot. He told me he was hoping to teach his grandkids, whom he watches during the day, how to grow their own food. Who could say no to that?



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James, along with his grandkids picked their first ears of corn a few days ago, along with collards, potatoes, beets and radishes. They've been a great example for the community in growing your own healthy foods and taking the initiative. All it took was asking.

LOOKING FORWARD

This year, Micah 6 Community received an \$8000 grant from Mahindra International for an additional greenhouse on our property at the future Webster Community Center at 640 W. Huron in Pontiac.

In 2018, we'll need more help than ever and we look forward to a growing relationship with our supporters and volunteers.

We'll see you in the garden!

