NUTRITION & HEALTH PROMOTION

The University Church - UT HealthGrows Community Garden

GROWING FOOD - GROWING AWARENESS - GROWING COMPASSION





We encourage neighbors and friends to grow their own fruits and vegetables in plots at the community garden. With seeds and seedlings provided, and the expertise

of our garden staff, even novice gardeners can produce a harvest to take home and share with others. We have around 50 families who participate in gardening each year.



We offer regular workshops on a variety of topics to help people learn the skills necessary for successful

gardening.

The link between nutrition and health is fostered at lectures, workshops, and cooking classes.













Honey harvesting







Honey and beeswax

Honey collection

Bottled honey



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Draining honey









Providing fresh fruits and vegetables to a family is of little help if they don't know how to preserve them or how to prepare a healthy meal using them. Our work in health and nutrition promotion includes, at various times of year, cooking classes, both in-door and outside, classes on canning and bottling of produce from the community garden, and demonstrations on producing honey, all the way from the beehive to the bottle.

One of our presentations that has proved to be especially helpful to families is on making yogurt and baby food. Baby food made with fresh garden ingredients and at very low cost can provide families with a healthy and less-expensive alternative to commercial products.

Our herb garden has allowed us to engage in educational activities not only in the use of herbs for cooking but also in the preparation of salves, ointments and infused oils.

Our community outreach nights, which occur on the third Thursday of each month, include sample meals prepared using ingredients that are distributed, including fresh produce, and recipies so that families can subsequently prepare the meal themselves.

Staffing for the these activities includes our own garden staff, local volunteers with expertise to share, and AmeriCorps VISTAs (Volunteers in Service to America).

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Thank you for your interest in our work and we look forward to seeing you at one of our gardening, cooking, nutrition, and health events very soon.

