

# Faith Garden Perspective

2013 Iowa Hunger Summit





# Preparing for Success

- Apprentice in another faith garden
- Connect with the people you serve
- Start in a new garden in the fall

- **Bread of Life Church – DSM**
- **Crestwood Baptist – DSM**
- **Des Moines Int’l Eucharist Comm – DSM**
- **First United Methodist – Ankeny**
- **St. Anthony’s Catholic Church – DSM**
- **St. Francis of Assisi - WDM**
- **St. John’s Lutheran Church – DSM**
- **St. Thomas - Indianola**
- **Urban Heights Evangelical Church – DSM**
- **Waukee Area Christian Services**
- **Westminster Presbyterian - DSM**



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# What does the story of Abraham & Sarah teach us about volunteers?



Hospitality of Abraham (Cretan, 15th c.)

# What Father Abraham teaches us about volunteers:

- **Volunteers appear unexpectedly**
- **Volunteers must be greeted warmly**
- **Volunteers have basic needs to address**



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# **Be a Great Place to Volunteer**

- **Be prepared**
- **Make volunteers feel welcome**
- **Create ground rules**
- **Train sufficiently**
- **Set time parameters for service**
- **Show appreciation**

# Celebrate Everything – All Season







# Senior Volunteers – Very Valuable





.....but brittle!



# Dowling Catholic High School Garden Partnership





# 4 – H Club





2013 Real Soil,  
Real Food, A Real  
Difference summer  
camp Scholarship  
Winner



# Short Volunteers.....

- **Teach & Do**
- **Great buggers!**
- **Good sprayers!**



# Low Hanging Fruit Pickers













# Youth Groups





# Elementary Schools



# Local refugee communities.....







Par Ker showed us  
a new garden tool  
& how to use it

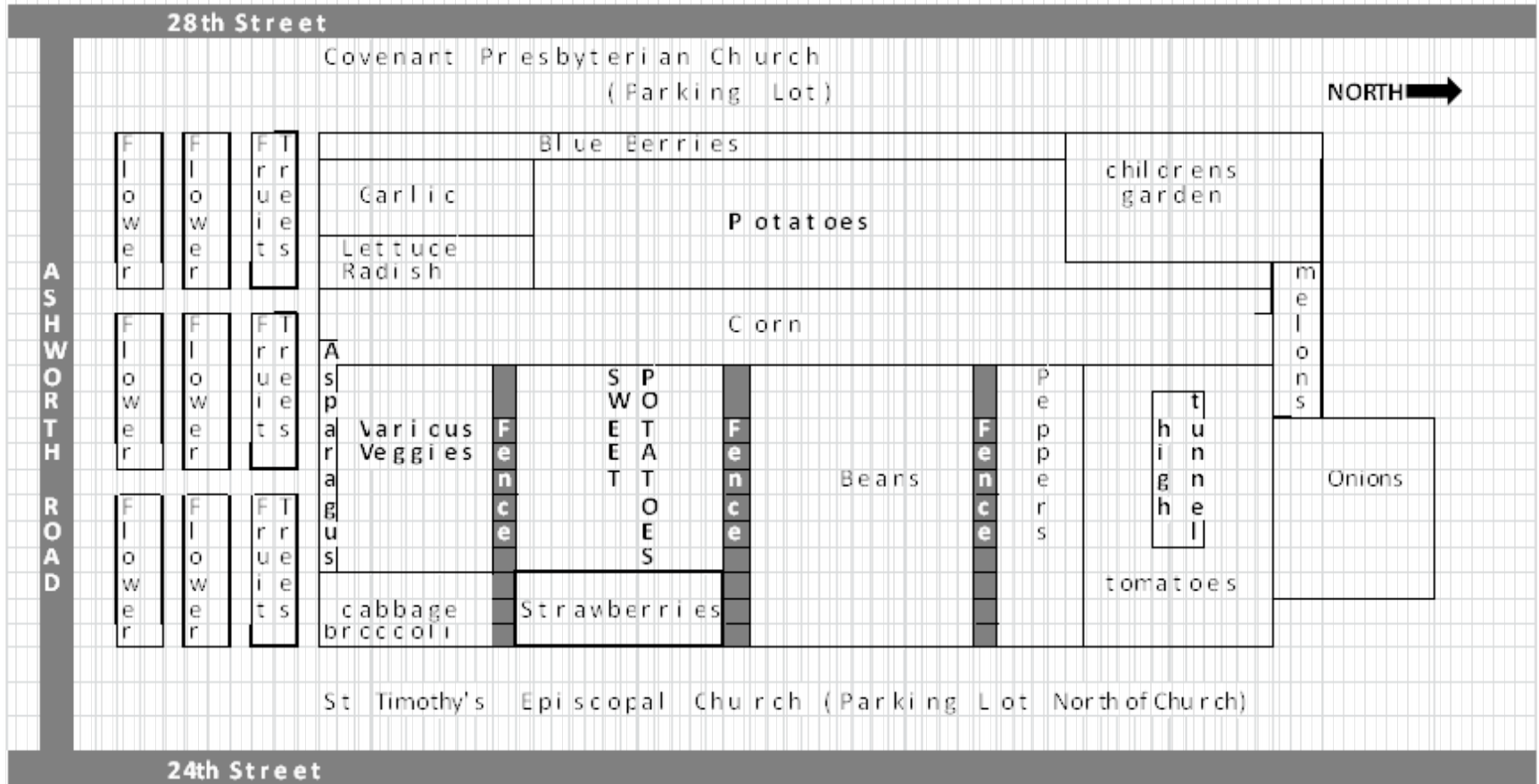


# Thanking the drivers.....





# Garden Location and Layout



	<b>Garden Size (sq. ft.)</b>	<b>Production totals (lbs.)</b>
2010	13,000	4,300
2011	27,000	8,500
2012	38,000	16,500

# Vegetables grown/donated in 2012

<b>Units in Lbs. (except corn)</b>			
<b>Cabbage</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>Radishes</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>Cantaloupe</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>Potatoes</b>	<b>1,215</b>
<b>Green Beans</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>Sweet Potatoes</b>	<b>1,565</b>
<b>Salad Greens</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>Tomatoes</b>	<b>2,354</b>
<b>Onions</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>Turnips</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Other vegetables</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>Water melon</b>	<b>3,073</b>
<b>Peas</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>Zucchini</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Peppers</b>	<b>374</b>		
<b>Purslane</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>Corn (dozens)</b>	<b>101</b>



# Where does the produce go?

- WDM Human Services – Valley Junction
- Trinity Methodist Church – Evelyn Davis Park
- CFI Domestic Violence Shelter
- Catholic Worker House - 7<sup>th</sup> & Indiana
- Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church – Drake Park
- DMARC warehouse – distributed to 14 food pantries
- Bidwell Riverside Comm. Center – 12<sup>th</sup> & Hartford

# Garden Success = Hospitality



# Faith & Grace Garden

**On the web: [Growthefood.org](http://Growthefood.org)**

**On the phone: 515-745-9842**

**On the earth: Between 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
Street on north side of Ashworth  
Road WDM**