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
What does the story of Abraham & Sarah teach us about volunteers?
What Father Abraham teaches us about volunteers:

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

Covenant Presbyterian Church (Parking Lot)

Blue Berries
Garlic
Lettuce
Radish

Potatoes

Corn

Peppers
Tomatoes

Onions

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Parking Lot North of Church)
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Garden Size (sq. ft.)</th>
<th>Production totals (lbs.)</th>
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## Vegetables grown/donated in 2012

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Where does the produce go?

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

On the web: Growthefood.org

On the phone: 515-745-9842

On the earth: Between 24th & 28th Street on north side of Ashworth Road WDM