

Madison's *New Garden Fund* ...

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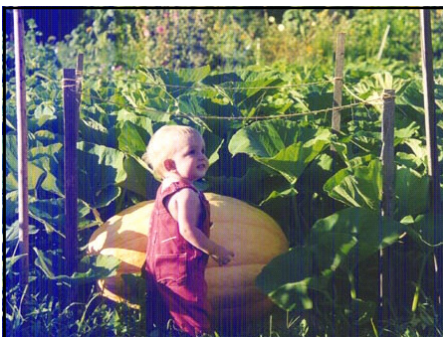
for New Community Gardens

There are now 55 community gardens in the Madison area, which has more than doubled the number of area community gardens since 2002, and many gardens have doubled and tripled in size over the past several years. We have nearly 34 acres of garden plots, up from about 17 acres in 2002. Over 2400 households now have plots in the community gardens, up from around 1000 households with plots in 2002. This means fresh vegetables for so many people, at a fraction of the cost. In 2007, one family was able to grow over 150 pounds of produce, equivalent to \$389 in savings on one 400 square food garden plot.

In the gardens:

- Gardeners become more self-sufficient and empowered by growing their own food
- Diverse people come together to raise food and they find that natural outgrowths of the gardens are personal relationships, cross-cultural exchange, community development, beautification, environmental justice, crime prevention, leadership and self-reliance for their neighborhood as a whole

Contact: Chris Brockel, CAC Food & Gardens: 246-4730 ext. 206, or chrisb@cacscw.org



YES, I /WE SUPPORT THE NEW GARDEN FUND!

I/we have enclosed a contribution to bring new community garden plots to the Madison-area neighborhoods that need them most.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

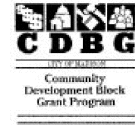
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I/we wish to remain anonymous _____

\$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ \$100 ___ \$75 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ \$10 ___ Other ___

Please make check payable to:
*MCF - New Garden Fund **

Send to:
*Madison Community Foundation
2 Science Court, PO Box 5010
Madison, WI 53705*



Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. A Financial Statement and an Annual Report are available upon request.

** The New Garden Fund is supported by CAC, but the Fund itself will be administered independently by a committee of gardeners and the account is located at the Madison Community Foundation. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in planning or the oversight committee. The creation of these new gardens is in addition to CAC's ongoing work supporting garden plots for low and moderate-income residents of the Madison area.*

THANK YOU!

Garden plots are in very short supply in the community gardens in the Madison area. Some of our gardens have many families on their waiting lists.

In 2005 the *New Garden Fund* was created by local Madison area gardeners, Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin Inc., and the City of Madison Committee on Community Gardens, through the assistance of a Madison Community Development Block Grant to support the creation or expansion of community gardens. Since its creation in 2005, a total of 20 community gardens in Madison have received assistance through the *New Garden Fund*.

Community gardeners from around Madison comprise the panel, making the decisions of which projects to fund. To support the growing need for new gardens, and the expansion of existing gardens we need your help.

Please donate to the *New Garden Fund*

“This is a fantastic opportunity to have a place to grow organic food and enjoy time outside with living, growing things. Those of us who rent don’t often have the space to garden where we live.”

- Gardener, Reynolds Community Garden

