

Helping hands in the community



Our first tree.. It's a PEAR! 4/4/2009

Over the last month, Feeding Many and several volunteers have come together to make the Community Fruit Orchard at WaterStone Community Church a reality. Pear, apple, peach, cherry, apricot, nectarine, and plum trees totaling 137 individual plants were lovingly planted on April 4, 2009. Volunteers have gathered on multiple occasions to bring this orchard to life. It is our heartfelt thanks that we tip our hats for all your help.

On April 4, 2009, volunteers converged on the garden to tackle the seemingly overwhelming task of planting 137 trees. This goal was accomplished by noon that day all trees had been given a plot in their new home.

April 11, 2009 marked the day that volunteers planted raspberries. A total of two rows with numerous shoots were given a home.

On April 17, 2009, The Home Depot and several of their employees gathered on the site to erect the frame for our gate as well as place several stakes in place that will become our grape arbors. Even with the combined efforts of all of our volunteers additional assistance is needed.

We are working to ensure that everyone in the community is aware of the work that is being done at the orchard and the purpose of this project. We have planned for the possibility of the word not spreading. We will be using volunteers to help gather unclaimed fruit to provide to the local food

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banks. We are preparing to ensure that any produce that has not been harvested will be used by some one who needs it.

Here is how you can help: We are looking for people who want to begin planting on the strawberry patch. Volunteers who have plants that they would like to place in the strawberry batch are encouraged to do so. Check our website for volunteer dates, it's much more enjoyable to work with others than alone.

Funding continues to be a concern for Feeding Many. We have many people who have the ability to donate time through multiple volunteer opportunities; however, we are still in need of financial support to help keep this project and others working to completion. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact Shirl Smith at 303-862-4339 or 303-941-0375. We have additional plants that are being donated to the Community Fruit Orchard. These are adult trees being provided to us from Commerce City, Colorado. They are a mixed variety of apples and plums. We are faced with a dilemma in which the cost for transportation will not be donated. Donations to cover the cost of transportation of these trees are currently being taken. These funds will be needed quickly as the current location of the trees is the future site of a business. If we do not harvest the trees for transplanting, then they will be destroyed. The owner was kind enough to donate these without hesitation. Please help me give the these trees a new home at the Community Fruit Orchard.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Fruit Orchard's progress, you can follow along on our web site at: www.feedingmany.org. Feel free to refer others to our site, the more who know

about this program, the more lives that will be touched and possibly improved.

Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged to come. No matter your skill level in planting, we have work that can be accomplished by everyone. You may be able to pick up addition skills by working with others.

If you would like to be placed on our mailing list, please visit our web site: www.feedingmany.org and signup. Volunteer opportunities are available on the site as well for you to signup or contact Feeding Many at 303-862-4339 if you do not have access to a computer.



The great raspberry planting of 4/11/09