

# Dallas Youth Garden News

## May 2019

The garden season has started! Our unique jobs program/ 4H Club provides summer internships to Dallas High School students. This season our ten interns will each plan, develop and maintain their own 25'x50' market garden using sustainable gardening methods. All produce grown is donated to feed the hungry in our community. This season, through a partnership with Polk County Family and Community Outreach, we have hired a college intern. Mariah is a nursing student at WOU and is a great addition to our team.

The weather has been great for working in the garden. As of this week all interns have completed planting their gardens. Some of spring activities included:

- Late March – Partners got plant starts going.
- April – Students applied and interviewed for internships.
- May 4 – First day of work. We pulled tarps off the garden.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> – Gardens are tilled and ready for planting.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Interns helped cleanup from the Master Gardeners plant sale.
- May – Each intern planned and planted their garden.



**First Day Pulling Tarps Off the Garden**



**Interns Finishing up at the Plant Sale**



**First Saturday of Planting**

**THANK YOU!**

A special thanks to the Dallas Community Foundation (intern funding), Wilco (seeds and equipment), the Polk County Master Gardeners (plant starts and intern funding), Linda Fox (plant starts), the City of Dallas (water), Neil Bell (Watering Wands), Nan Cordy for managing our orchard, Polk County Polk Family and Community Outreach (intern funding), Eileen-Jessie-Amanda-Amelia (our garden supervisors), Polk County Economic Development (intern funding), Trinity Lutheran Church (our garden space) and Christine Chute for setting up our board as a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization.

***All of your help makes the garden work!***

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