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*we need participants*

We are looking for participant who can commit to participating in Monthly Meetings from Dec - Sept and who will commit to taking care of the garden as assigned. Participants will get the full benefit of their work by taking home fresh vegetables and herbs. An hour a month and then garden tending is your only commitment.

*we need partners*

There are many opportunities for you to partner with the Garden of Hope. We are looking for experts to share their knowledge. We are looking for garden tools. We are looking for fencing and a composter. We are looking for people who want to help by coming along side our participants and helping us produce a bounty that will sustain the body, mind, and soul. If you are interested in supporting the Garden of Hope contact either Brian or Dena about how you can get involved.

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## The Garden of Hope Partnership

**Christ's Church and West Central Community Action both believe in feeding hungry people. We are partners in bringing both short and long term solutions to issues of hunger in our community. It is out of this common interest that the Garden of Hope has been started.**

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## Garden of Hope

*Garden of Hope is a community garden targeted at reducing hunger in Shelby Co. for more than just one season.*



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*Community Gardens have grown in popularity in recent years. The Garden of Hope is a community garden with a special purpose: to help people who are food insecure learn how to grow, harvest, and preserve healthy foods.*



Here in Shelby Co. roughly 1 in 10 people go hungry according to Feeding America's website. Christ's Church has donated the land and water resources to develop a community garden to help in the fight against hunger. Wallace Campbell founder of CARE said, "The best way to help people prevent hunger is in self help programs."

The Garden of Hope is just that.

## Participant Expectations

### Monthly Meetings

These meetings are designed to teach the various dynamics of growing a garden (soil preparation, weeding, planting, harvesting, and preserving). Master gardeners, County extension personnel, and food preparation experts will teach on preparing and managing a garden and how to extend the harvest into the winter. Participants in the Garden of Hope must be able to commit to the educational portion of this

### Garden Maintenance

Participants will be expected to contribute their time and effort to the following gardening activities: soil preparation, planting, tending (watering and weeding), harvesting, and garden preparation for the next season. Participants are expected to be fully engaged in the work of the garden in order to keep its benefits.