



## **Donor Opportunities Available for You and Your Organization**

### **We work closely with the young people in our community.**

Loving Garland Green currently has designed two gardening classes: 1)URBAN GARDENS FOR KIDS -COMMUNITY GARDEN and 2)URBAN GARDENS FOR KIDS-BUTTERFLY GARDEN. Urban Gardens for Kids-Community Garden was successfully launched at Beaver Technology Center here in Garland in February of 2015. This course was designed to be presented as a botany elective. It was so successful that it was presented again for the April/May quarter of 2015.

Currently we are designing a course for both Beaver Technology School as well as for Watson Technology here in Garland. This course will involve the installation of a butterfly garden at each school site. Material with more detail on this course is available at the following links. [Note: the manual and related handouts for the teachers of this course have production costs of about \$80.00 per set. The related plants, soil amendments and path expenses can vary from about \$300 up to \$800 depending also on size and materials used for the paths in these gardens. These butterfly gardens are much more than just a pretty flower garden. First of all they provide habitat for our important pollinators and second of all they provide an ongoing outdoor lab for students to student wildlife in their natural habitat.

[BUTTERFLY GARDEN](#)

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### **Partner with us to advance Another Urban Garden--a program currently stymied due to lack of funds.**

In our first year of operation Loving Garland Green installed 8 square foot gardens in Garland at the homes of various residents who requested the service. We used our own personal funds to finance these efforts. Read more about this program, a proven success.

Installation costs for these gardens runs at about \$150 per 4 x 8 square foot garden. This does not include labor. We would like to explore the possibility of creating jobs for people to install these gardens. Installation takes approximately four hours per garden. At \$10 an hour, labor costs would be \$40 per bed. Thus total installation costs would be about \$190 per garden. The owner of the garden assists with the installation. We believe that sometimes people only need a gentle nudge in the right direction. After success and learning just a little about gardening and growing healthy food, we believe they will seek more on their own.

#### [MORE INFORMATION](#)

### **Partner with us on the installation of gutters on a building at the Garland Community Garden**

We have obtained an estimate of approximately \$600 for the installation of gutters on an existing storage shed of this property. In addition to installing IBC containers as storage tanks and piping to get the water to the garden, we estimate this project at approximately \$1,000. Of course, we would be happy to take funds sufficient to establish a larger reservoir. Estimates for that work would be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

### **Partner with Us to Develop a Found Food Program for the DFW Area**

For more information, check out the following links. We would like to brainstorm with food banks and other food charities in the area to establish Found Food Program for our DFW area. Then once we have worked out the logistics of the plan we would submit it to a funding organization such as yours for your consideration.

#### [Found Food](#)

#### [LGG Found Food Notes](#)

### **Partner with us to establish a Makerspace in Garland**

Makerspaces are just one more example of sustainable living and sharing (in addition to growing some of the food you eat). We would like to explore just what we need to do to create a makerspace in our community. Then we would write up this convincing proposal and submit it to a funding organization such as yours for consideration.

For more information on makerspaces, see the video below regarding 3-D printers (a tool often available in Makerspaces) and also you can read the article linked below the President of Loving Garland Green recently published in Eat Green DFW.

#### [Dallas Makerspace](#)

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The economic benefits realized through urban farming are localized, thus keeping dollars circulating through the community. These urban farms also have a fantastic [return on investment](#), with every \$1 invested in a community garden generating \$6 worth of vegetables.

We believe that every urban garden in our community adds to the stabilization of our local economy--one of the essential first steps for rebuilding prosperity.

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Makerspaces provide the opportunity for people to work with the latest technological tools such as 3D printers that they might not otherwise have access to.