



City of Anoka
Human Rights Commission

City of Anoka Non-Profit Community Garden Project- July 2024

If you would like to volunteer or donate seeds, plant, etc. for the HRC Garden.
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Many years ago, the HRC started the Community gardens in the city of Anoka. This year, in an effort to do more community outreach, the HRC, in conjunction with the Tornado Service Club, is sponsoring one of the gardens. The HRC identified four organizations who will receive the donated produce that is harvested. They are Haven for Hero's, Stepping Stone, The Anoka Mission, and Grace Lutheran Church. We planted tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, sweet peas, green beans, carrots, radishes, and cucumbers. The HRC and Tornado Service Club donated 6 pounds of radishes and 1.5 pounds of green beans in their first harvest to Haven for Hero's and have lots of vegetables yet to ripen and harvest.

This venture serves many purposes. First, it allows the HRC to get more recognition in the community and allows the work that the HRC does to get promoted. It also allows the HRC to connect and develop meaningful relationships with the youth in our community. Second, it allows Service Club members to obtain volunteer hours during the summer so they can achieve their annual volunteer goals. Also, many of the high schoolers have never gardened before, so they are learning life skills that they can use the rest of their lives. Finally, the produce is donated to organizations that need the vegetables to feed their members. It's a win, win, win for everyone involved.

With much of the growing season left, the HRC and Tornado Service Club are looking forward to providing many more vegetables to feed those in need in our community.