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## **Gardeners Provide Produce to People in Need**

**HOLLAND** – On Saturday, April 26, Holland Community Garden (HCG) volunteers will construct a seasonal high tunnel structure behind the Macatawa Resource Center in Holland. High tunnels are unheated greenhouses that aid crop production by extending the cropping season and providing weather protection. The high tunnel project at the HCG is a collaborative project between Community Action House (CAH), the Holland Area Master Gardeners, the Ottawa County Food Policy Council and the Macatawa Resource Center. Food grown at the HCG is given to CAH pantries to help people in need. For information about program qualification and food distribution dates, please call CAH at (616)392-2368. In addition to HCG supplying food to CAH pantries, some of the fresh produce is served to patrons at CAH's Holland Community Kitchen, located at 101 E. 13th Street on the Western Theological Seminary Campus. Meal times are Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The HCG started in 1999, by the Ottawa County Community Action Agency, with the help of the Master Gardener Program in Ottawa County. The goal of the project was to start a garden that would provide fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income individuals and families, who may be at risk for nutritional deficiency. Supplies, time and money for the HCG are provided by community churches, school classes, youth groups, Master Gardeners and Master Composters. Individuals or groups interested in volunteer opportunities, such as composting, bed preparation and maintenance, planting and harvesting of herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables, may contact Denny Oosterbaan, Community Action House Resource Manager at (616)392-2368 ext. 112 or [doosterbaan@communityactionhouse.org](mailto:doosterbaan@communityactionhouse.org).



### **Holland Community Garden**

<https://www.facebook.com/HollandCommunityGarden>

### **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Michigan**

NRCS Seasonal High Tunnel System for Crops – see attached FAQs

Environmental Quality Incentives Program [www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html](http://www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip.html)

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