Responding to COVID-19

DCCG is on the forefront of the current COVID-19 public health crisis.

DCCG takes the health & safety of staff, clients, volunteers and supporters seriously. We are vigilantly keeping up with cleaning & sanitizing all areas of operations and keeping strict social distancing practices. Food insecurity in our community has jumped with the impacts of the current health crisis.

Our response:

- Increased our mobile food pantries to meet the 120% increase.
- Collaborated with VAC & Elder Care Services to deliver groceries to homebound seniors.
- Ramped up services at our newly opened Genoa Area Community Food Hub. This past March, the Hub served a total of 93 families for the month compared to 33 families for the entire month of March last year.
- Engaged our WGVF participants via social media.

DCCG appreciates your support from the bottom of our hearts. Your continued commitment to ensuring no one goes hungry—especially in these crucial times—is so valued.

We are in this together. Be safe. Stay healthy. — DeKalb County Community Gardens

Walnut Grove Vocational Farm

We kicked off our growing season; staff, participants and volunteers worked hard to foster our seedlings to market. Participants learned how to fill pots, sow seeds and transplant. There were many new and exciting varieties planted. Presently, we are proceeding normally with plans to open WGVF on April 28, 2020 for plant sales. Social distancing will be followed in the greenhouse.

New Services at WGVF

In January, The Gracie Center merged with DCCG. We now offer life skills along with horticulture/agriculture training. For more information contact Julie Craig at jcraig@dekalbgardens.org.

Order Your Plants Online

Order your flower and vegetable plants online at www.dekalbgardens.org, click the Shop button. Pick up at Walnut Grove Vocational Farm, 33600 Pearl Street Kirkland, or have them delivered to your doorstep.

GIVE DeKalb County: May 7

Why should you participate in Give DeKalb County 2020?

On May 7, 2020 donors of all ages and various interests have the opportunity to express their generosity through Give DeKalb County, a 24-hour fundraising event.

This day of giving builds community, encourages philanthropy, connects donors to nonprofits, promotes collaboration, and raises awareness of the non-profit sector in DeKalb County. A bonus pool of funds raised from Community Partners allows every donation to make an even greater impact!

Donate on Thursday, May 7, at www.givedekalbcounty.org or mail your donation to DCCF, 475 DeKalb Avenue Sycamore, IL 60178.
Reserve a Box of Hope

Help support the work of DCCG by donating a Box of Hope for a local individual or family in need or purchasing one for you and your family.

Every Box of Hope (CSA) is filled with fresh vegetables grown and processed by the WGVF crew using sustainable methods. The 5/8 bushel boxes are filled weekly with various vegetables such as lettuce, carrots, broccoli, radishes, peppers, tomatoes, squash, garlic, herbs, or beets. Available weekly, biweekly, or monthly; limited subscriptions. Order yours today at www.dekalbgardens.org, then click Shop button!

Grow a Row For DCCG

Would you like to grow a row for DCCG?

Would you like to share your harvest with those in need? Fresh vegetables will be accepted for distribution at our Genoa Area Community Food Hub and Grow Mobile.

Bring your veggies to the Genoa Hub, 415 W. Main St., Genoa June through October on Mondays from 9:00 - 11:30 AM or to the Grow Mobile warehouse (2280 Bethany Road, DeKalb) on Mondays 9:00 - 11:00AM or Thursdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

New Varieties

Impatiens Beacon Series
Height: 15 to 20 inches
Space: 12 to 14 inches
This new Impatien offers high resistance to downy mildew. We are growing Bright Red, Mix and Violet in flats. A must have for those shady locations.

Petunia Jelly Roll
Height: 8 to 10 inches
Space: 16 to 20 inches
This beauty will look great in hanging baskets or mixed containers. The fuchsia and cream colored flowers attract hummingbirds.

Perennials

Achillea
Alchemilla
Allium
Aster
Baptisia
Brunnera

Buddleia
Calamintha
Geum
Grass
Helenium

Heuchera
Hosta
Leucanthemum
Nepeta
Penstemon

Phlox

Polemonium
Pulmonaria
Salvia
Sedum
Sempervivum
Stachys

Annuals

Acalypha
Alternanthera
Angelonia
Anthericum
Argyranthemum
Artemisia
Bacopa
Begonia
Bidens
Bracteantha
Caladium
Calibrachoa
Catharanthus
Celosia
Cleome
Coleus
Coreopsis
Cuphea
Cyperus
Dianthus
Dichondra
Dorotheanthus
Dracaena

Echeveria
Euphorbia
Fuchsia
Gazania
Geranium
Gomphrena
Gypsophila
Hedera
Heliotrope
Hypoestes
Impatiens
Ipomoea
Lantana
Lobelia
Lobularia
Lotus Vine
Lysimachia
Mangave
Marigold
Mecardonia
Melampodium
Mimosa
Morning Glory

Nasturtium
Nemesia
Nierembergia
Opismenus
Pansy
Pennisetum
Penta
Petchoa
Petunia
Phlox
Portulaca
Rudbeckia
Salvia
Scaevola
Spikes
Spinanthes
Streptocarpella
Strobilanthes
Thunbergia
Torenia
Verbena
Vinca Vine
Zinnia

DCCG’s Grow Mobile

DCCG’s Grow Mobile is our mobile food pantry & education center. It was established to help our Food Needs program in the summer of 2017. DCCG has distributed over 400,000 pounds of food since it started. Thus far in 2020 the Grow Mobile has served 6,831 individuals. To receive Grow Mobile text alerts text @a34cg4 to 81010.

May Grow Mobile Schedule:

Friday, May 1 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM
University Village, 722 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb

Tuesday, May 5 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Clinton Twp. Cmty Cntr, 160 W. Lincoln Hwy, Waterman

Saturday, May 9 | 8:00 - 10:00 AM
Kingston Friendship Center, 120 Main Street, Kingston

Saturday, May 16 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Federated Church, 612 W. State St. Sycamore

Tuesday May 19 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
University Village, 722 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb

Tuesday, May 26 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 340 W. Arnold St., Sandwich
Vegetables & Herb Plants

WGVF has over 70 different varieties of tomato plants, including 30+ heirloom varieties. Plants can be purchased at 33600 Pearl Street, Kirkland or online at www.dekalbgardens.org click on the Shop button.

Vegetables & Fruits

- **Bok Choy**
  - Famosa
  - Golden Acre
  - Late Flat Dutch
  - Ruby Perfection

- **Broccoli**
  - Golden Acre
  - Late Flat Dutch
  - Ruby Perfection

- **Brussel Sprouts**
  - Ruby Perfection

- **Cabbage**
  - Ruby Perfection

- **Cantaloupe**

- **Cauliflower**

- **Collards**

- **Cucumbers**
  - Bush Pickling
  - Marketmore
  - Spacemaster
  - Straight Eight

- **Eggplant**
  - Black Beauty
  - Rosa Bianca
  - Shikou

- **Kale**
  - Scarlet Red
  - Winterbor

- **Kohlrabi**

- **Lettuce**
  - Buttercrunch
  - Romaine

- **Okra**

- **Peppers** (*Heirloom*)
  - Anaheim*
  - Baro (Red Beauty)
  - Better Belle
  - Bhut Jolokia
  - Big Bertha
  - California Wonder*
  - Carmen
  - Carolina Reaper
  - Cayenne
  - Chablis
  - Cherry Hot
  - Cherry Sweet (Pick)
  - Chichimeca
  - Chocolate Beauty
  - Corno di Toro*
  - Cubanelle*
  - Early Sunsation
  - Garden Salsa
  - Giant Marconi
  - Golden Caliwoman
  - Gypsy
  - Habanero*
  - Hungarian Hot Wax*
  - Hungarian Sweet
  - Wax*
  - Italico Jalapeno*
  - King Arthur
  - Large Cayenne
  - Mariachi
  - Melrose
  - Mexibell
  - Orange Blaze
  - Poblano (Ancho)*
  - Purple Beauty
  - Revolution
  - Scotch Bonnet
  - Serrano*
  - Shishito
  - Super Chili
  - Sweetie Pie
  - Tabasco*
  - Thai Hot*
  - Trinidad Scorpion Moruga
  - **Pumpkins**
    - Jack-Be-Little
  - **Squash**
    - Acorn
    - Butterbaby
    - Butternut
    - Delicata
    - Spaghetti
    - Yellow Crookneck
    - Zucchini
  - **Swiss Chard**
    - Tomatillos
  - **Tomatoes** (*Heirloom*)
    - Abraham Lincoln
    - Amish Paste*
    - Aunt Ruby’s German Green*
    - Beefmaster
    - Beefsteak*
    - Better Boy
    - Big Beef
    - Big Boy
    - Big Italian Plum*
    - Big Mama
    - Big Rainbow*
  - Black Brandywine
  - Black Cherry
  - Black from Tula*
  - Black Krim*
  - Blondkopfchen*
  - Bloody Butcher
  - Brandywine*
  - Bush Champion
  - Bush Early Girl
  - Bush Goliath
  - Campbells 33*
  - Celebrity
  - Champion
  - Cherokee Chocolate
  - Cherokee Purple*
  - Chocolate Cherry
  - Delicious*
  - Early Girl
  - Fourth of July
  - Fruit Punch Cherry
  - Giant Oxheart*
  - Golden Jubilee*
  - Green Grape*
  - Green Zebra*
  - Genuwine
  - Hilbilly*
  - Indigo Blue Beauty
  - Italian Ice
  - Jelly Bean Red
  - Jelly Bean Yellow
  - Jersey Giant Paste
  - Jet Star
  - Jolly
  - Julia Child*
  - Juliet
  - Kelloggs Breakfast*
  - Lemon Boy
  - Marglobe*
  - Nebraska Wedding*
  - Park’s Whopper
  - Paul Robeson*
  - Pineapple*
  - Pink Girl
  - Red Pear*
  - Red Profusion
  - Roma
  - Rutgers
  - San Marzano*
  - Sheboygan*
  - Sugary
  - Sugar Lump
  - Sugold
  - Sunscapes
  - Super Fantastic
  - Supersonic
  - Supersteak
  - Super Sweet 100
  - Super Tasty
  - Sweet n’ Heat Scarlet
  - Tiny Tim
  - Wins All*
  - Wisconsin 55*
  - Yellow Pear*
  - **Watermelon**
  - **Herbs**
  - **Basil**
  - Cinnamon
  - Lemon
  - Lime
  - Pesto Perpetuo
  - Purple Ruffles
  - Red Rubin
  - Siam Queen
  - Spicy Globe
  - Sweet
  - **Borage**
  - **Chamomile**
  - **Chives**
  - **Common Garlic**
  - **Cilantro**
  - **Dill**
  - **Fennel**
  - **Hyssop**
  - **Lavender**
  - **Lemon Balm**
  - **Lemon Grass**
  - **Lemon Verbena**
  - **Lovage**
  - **Marjoram**
  - **Mint**
  - **Purple Ruffles**
  - **Red Rubin**
  - **Siam Queen**
  - **Spearmint**
  - **Stevia**
  - **Sweet Marjoram**
  - **Tarragon, French**
  - **Thyme**
  - **Winterbor**

Presents this voucher for

- **One Free**
- **Tiny Tim Tomato Plant**

Valid May 2, 2020 - May 31, 2020

Limit one coupon per customer.

While supplies last.
Upcoming Events

Walnut Grove Vocational Farm Opens
April 28

GIVE DeKalb County
County-wide online giving day
www.givedekalbcounty.org
May 7

GACFH – Dinner at the Hub
A pay-as-you-can meal
May 27

Fall Open House at WGVF
September 19

Harvest Dinner at Tapa La Luna
September 20

Hours & Location

Walnut Grove Vocational Farm
33600 Pearl St. Kirkland, IL 60146

April 28 - May 31, 2020
Tues. - Sat. 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Mondays

June 1 - June 27, 2020
Tues. - Sat. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed Sundays & Mondays

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