



Kansas Health Foundation



April 13, 2012

Cheryl Boyer, K-State Research and Extension
785-532-3504 or crboyer@ksu.edu

Chase Willhite, Kansas Health Foundation
316-262-7676 or cwillhite@khf.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kansas Community Gardens Project announces 24 grant recipients

WICHITA, KAN.—Twenty four community garden projects from around the state of Kansas have been chosen as the inaugural grant recipients through the Kansas Community Gardens Project, a joint initiative of the Kansas Health Foundation and K-State Research and Extension. In all, more than \$100,000 in grant funds will be distributed during 2012, the first year of this three-year initiative.

Community gardens receiving funding include:

- Abilene Community Garden (Abilene), \$3,495
- Fred Harvey Community Garden (Florence), \$4,104
- Collins Lane Community Garden (Manhattan), \$5,000
- Erie Community Garden (Erie), \$4,800
- Washington PRIDE Committee Community Garden (Washington), \$5,000
- Lions Community Garden (Jetmore), \$5,000
- Concordia Community Garden (Concordia), \$2,150
- North Campus Community Garden (Beloit), \$5,000
- Son Shine Community Garden (Clay Center), \$4,984
- Sand Creek Community Garden (Newton), \$4,506
- Sterling Community Garden (Sterling), \$5,000
- Pine Ridge Community Garden (Topeka), \$2,500
- Tyler Towers and Polk Plaza Community Garden (Topeka), \$4,000
- Boys and Girls Club of Hutchinson (Hutchinson), \$3,684
- Overland Park Community Garden (Overland Park), \$4,000
- Healthy Neighbors Community Garden (Belleville), \$4,800
- Unity Garden (Stilwell), \$3,622
- Numana Gardens (El Dorado), \$5,000

- John Taylor Park Incubator Garden Project (Lawrence), \$4,750
- The Arc Self Advocates' Rows of Sharin' Garden (Wichita), \$3,420
- Planting Peace in the Community Garden (Wichita), \$2,013
- Basehor Community Garden (Basehor), \$4,800
- Atchison Area Community Garden (Atchison), \$5,000
- Prairie Village Community Garden (Prairie Village), \$4,767

"Community gardens have the potential to do everything from providing food to local nonprofits and schools, to improving the personal health and well-being of those involved," said Steve Coen, president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation. "These gardens can make a lasting and positive impact in the communities they serve."

Grant recipients were selected through a competitive application process, which drew interest from organizations and gardens throughout the state

"This grant has provided a tremendous opportunity for reaching out across the state to help people grow their own fresh produce," said Dr. Cheryl Boyer, assistant professor and extension specialist, ornamental nursery crops, with K-State Research and Extension. "We are proud of the quality, variety and geographic coverage of the proposals we received this year and that we were able to fund so many great projects."

For more information about the grant recipients or the Kansas Community Gardens Project, please contact the individuals indicated above.

###

About the Kansas Health Foundation

The Kansas Health Foundation is a private philanthropy based in Wichita, but statewide in its focus. Its mission is to improve the health of all Kansans. To learn more about the Foundation, please visit www.kansashealth.org.

About K-State Research and Extension

K-State Research and Extension is the short name for the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. It is a partnership between Kansas State University and federal, state, and county government, with offices in every Kansas county. To learn more, please visit <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/>.