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### ***Coppell Community Garden celebrates 100,000 pounds of produce donated!***

Coppell, Texas - The Coppell Community Garden, a non-profit organization, is celebrating a milestone of growing and donating the 100,000<sup>th</sup> pound of fresh produce from Helping Hands and Ground Delivery Gardens to the local food pantry, Metrocrest Social Services. Volunteer gardeners, young and old, adopt plots for year round gardening of produce such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash in the summer and onions, potatoes, lettuces, broccoli in the winter with an emphasis on donation.

Part of the mission of the Coppell Community Garden is to cultivate a healthy community by growing and donating organic produce to those in need. The CCG has partnered with Metrocrest Social Services to donate most of the produce grown and harvested each week to the Metrocrest food pantry. Thousands of area residents in need of a helping hand have benefitted from the dedication of the volunteers of the Coppell Community Garden providing over 400,000 servings of nutritious homegrown fruits and vegetables.

"Donations from the hardworking Coppell gardeners enable us to provide fresh produce to families in crisis and send a message that their community cares," said Bunny Summerlin, Executive Director of Metrocrest Social Services, "Our association with Coppell Community Gardens is a high spot for all of us at Metrocrest Social Services."

Just as there is an increased need at food pantries, there is an increase in vegetable gardening, even at the White House. The Coppell Community Garden meets both those needs by teaching more people to garden, mentoring groups to start community gardens, and providing a place for rich community relationships to flourish.

Since its inception in 1998, the Coppell Community Garden organization has been a catalyst for community gatherings, volunteerism and giving back to the community. The organization focuses on growing fresh, organic produce in the community gardens for donation to the food pantry, providing local farmers a venue to sell their produce through the Coppell Farmers Market and teaching sustainable practices through educational classes and demonstrations. Support for the organization comes from community volunteers (4,000 annual hours), the City of Coppell, Keep Coppell Beautiful, and local churches and organizations. There are two community garden locations; Helping Hands Garden, Coppell Town Center (255 Parkway Blvd.) and Ground Delivery Garden, next to the Coppell Post Office (450 S. Denton Tap Road).

For more information about the Coppell Community Garden organization, including the Coppell Farmers Market, visit our website ([www.CoppellCommunityGarden.org](http://www.CoppellCommunityGarden.org)).