

Snip Seven

Justice and Creation Fellowship Story



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Community Need: Food Insecurity

Our community around Ridglea Christian Church in Fort Worth, Tx faces food insecurity rates above the Tarrant County average.

At Ridglea Giving Garden we prioritize the production of local, nutrient-dense food to help fight that insecurity.

This year to date we have donated 1,295lbs of food to West Aid food pantry and LVT Rise Community Center



Ministry Response-Action Initiative

In the priority of local nutrient-dense food production for donation, we emphasized other important factors contributing to this initiative as well.

Compost is essential to our garden ensuring both healthy soil and healthy food. We have managed to increase our organic waste intake by double.

We also began to provide shelf-stable ingredients for donation such as dried herbs and spices.



July 14th Organic Waste Haul (top); July 21st (bottom).



July 14th Donation;
Cucumbers, Eggplants,
Figs, Peas, Peppers &
Tomatoes



Spice and Herb
Preservation: Oregano,
Jalapeno, Thyme, Basil

Collaborators and Partners

This summer we partnered with Chef Brent Ruggles at Ridglea Country Club for the rerouting of 20-25+ five-gallon buckets of organic food waste weekly from the landfill to our garden for composting.

We are now receiving more food scraps than we were before our previous partnership had ended with Compost Carpool.

Further, our production garden operations would not be possible without our weekly volunteers, both congregants and non-congregants.



Chef Brent Ruggles and I



Impact and Ripples

Ridglea Christian Church and its garden ministry, Ridglea Giving Garden caused many ripples in our community from our food production, volunteer opportunities, community connection with human and non-human neighbors, to energy efficiency/savings.

Over the summer we hosted many school field trips, programs and organizations for volunteer work and educational classes. Such groups include the FWISD American Indian Education Program; Be The Neighbor Group from Des Moines Iowa; Fellowship of the Parks from Bedford, Tx; Arborlawn Methodist Church; Stonegate Nursing and Rehabilitation center; Youth Works; and Preservation classes with Fort Worth school garden educators.

I also secured an energy buy-back plan to take advantage of the energy produced from our solar panels.

Garden Managers Joey & Anissa with Ash & Christine from the Fort Worth Report



Food preservation class with Fort Worth school garden educators

Spirit of God-Awe Moments

Over the summer I noticed the presence of God in the garden space and all things associated with it. One such aspect is the idea of unity and diversity which was cultivated in the garden space, from the variety of non-human life, to the variety of volunteers and organizations and even local community members taking a stroll through the garden.



Water fountain to welcome our two beehives from Arkearth.



One of the many Texas Spiny Lizards living in the garden.



FWISD American Indian Education Program weighing cucumber harvest, June 5th.

Beloved Community

Ridglea Christian Church will continue to cultivate the beloved community of God through its service and leadership to and with its local community. It will continue to focus on its food production with the help of its new partner, Ridglea Country Club who provides organic food waste for healthy and nutrient dense soil.

Ridglea Christian Church will also continue to be a ministry site hosting volunteers and organizations teaching about the importance of the garden operations to help fight the local food insecurity; leading educational garden and cooking classes for students and teachers; and most importantly educating on the ecological importance of tending to creation.

Male cardinal perched on a compost pile, perhaps also waiting for the occasional turning.

