

# School/Community Garden

This community service project challenges the whole community to get involved. The goal is to educate students, their families, and community members about hunger issues in Alabama and more globally.

After the students have completed the Hunger Awareness Garden activity (see Educational Activities section of the facilitator's guidebook) and the garden has had time to mature, they can invite parents and others in the community to visit their garden and the "hunger facts" they have posted throughout the garden.

Prior to the event, students should put plants from their garden into small pots and create additional small signs that include a hunger fact that will be placed in each of the pots. These potted plants will be sold to visitors and the funds raised will be donated to the World Food Programme or some other group that the class selects whose mission is to fight hunger.

Ask parents and others from the community who visit the garden to bring a canned good that will be donated to the local food bank.

While here touring the garden, parents and other visitors will get to read facts about hunger in Alabama, nationally and internationally. The students who created the garden will serve as guides, telling the visitors about the different facts they learned and about the types of plants they have grown in their garden.

After the tour of the garden, visitors will be asked to buy a plant from the plant sale. Proceeds will be donated to the organization the class selected as another way to help fight hunger.

Before they leave, have the visitors answer these evaluation questions:

1. What did you learn from touring the students' garden?
2. What did you learn that you will share with others?
3. What do you think can be added to make this project more effective?