



ST. JAMES

COMMUNITY GARDEN

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- * THE GREEN TEAM – Grades 3 & 4 /Langton Public School
- * HORTICULTURAL PROGRAM – Fenelon Falls Secondary School
- * ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH
- * THE FENELON FALLS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
- * THE SALVATION ARMY - FENELON FALLS
- * FEEDING FENELON
- * DISTRICT 7010 AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF FENELON FALLS.







SLIDE 1

(St. James community Garden)

This is the project - The St. James Community Garden.

Most of the Rotarians in this room have at one time or another attended the Rotary Weekend. A time for the sharing of information among clubs, passionate speakers, and lots of fun. I always left the Rotary weekend enthusiastic and energized about the upcoming Rotary year.

At this past Rotary weekend in mid April, I was inspired by two people – Marc and Phyllis from the districts e-club - THE IMPACT CLUB. Their project at the Rotary Weekend focused on food insecurity with packets of vegetable seeds being marketed.

At our net Rotary meeting I promoted the idea of the seeds and banding together with our local horticultural society. At the same time the environmental district competition information came out. It took a nano second for all our members to vote on the motion to match the \$850.00. Money well spent.

SLIDE 2

(OVERVIEW OF THE GARDEN)

The St. James is a collaboration between the following groups.

- * The Green Team - Environmental Project - Grades 3 and 4 from Langton Public School in Fenelon Falls. The class learns about growing vegetables, companion planting (no pesticides) and community spirit.
- * Fenelon Falls High School - Green Industries Program. This class grows the vegetables from seeds, then donates them to the Community Garden.

* St. James Anglican Church – provides the ground beside the church for the Community Garden. The beds are rented out at \$20 each for the growing season. Many community members rent their bds then donate them back to the gardeners for the community garden project.

* Fenelon Falls Horticultural Society – members keep the garden growing over the summer along with students

* Feeding Fenelon – program in Fenelon providing a free meal once a week to anyone who drops in. Operates out of Salvation Army citadel kitchen. Up to 120 meals every week. Delivery to house bound + hot meals in the family room at Salvation Army. They also benefit from the community garden.

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* Salvation Army – reaps the benefits of the Community Garden with the food being donated to everyone who comes in to their food bank.

* And of course - the Rotary Club of Fenelon Falls along with District

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SLIDE 3

LOW GARDEN

This is a picture of one of the low beds at the start of the growing

SLIDE 4

HIGH BEDS

The project this year is to **REBUILD** the raised gardens at St. James. The present beds were originally built in 2016 and are badly in need of repair. The \$850 give by District 7010 along with \$850 donated by the Rotary Club of Fenelon Falls will be used to rebuild the high raised beds. Last year the community gardens raised little more than 900 pounds of food over the gardening season for the food bank.

SLIDE 5

DAMAGED HIGH BED

This project is a multi year project. The high beds will be done first as they are in the greatest need of repair. Next Rotary year we would complete the built with the low beds. Feeding Fenelon is planning on starting their own vegetable garden so the club needs to consider working with them on that project.

Congratulations to the other two clubs were also successful in this project. Thanks to district for this engaging project.

Thank you for the opportunity to present