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## Green Evolution Newsletter

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### Keystone Parke Community Garden to Benefit Local Kitchens, Food Pantry

#### Underserved and Homeless to Enjoy Fresh Vegetables

**Interested in helping maintain our garden?**

Simply e-mail [Eden](#) and we'll put you on the volunteer schedule!

After several delays due to inclement weather, sowing the first seeds of the Keystone Community Garden was a success on Friday, May 13.

Rather than the typical informational Earth Day program Neyer hosts, Neyer Properties' newly-formed Community Awareness Group came up with the idea of starting a garden in honor of Earth Day.

Volunteers from across the tri-state worked from 8 a.m. to noon to plant a 60- by 90-foot garden on vacant land located off Realistic Avenue in Evanston, between Neyer Properties' Keystone Parke headquarters and the American Red Cross regional headquarters.

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- Patricia Wakim, *Over-The-Rhine and Walnut Hills Kitchens and Pantry*

The volunteers helped plant an array of produce including: tomatoes, peppers, corn, potatoes, green beans, and onions. All produce grown in the garden throughout the year and years to come will be donated to the Over-the-Rhine (OTR) and Walnut Hills Kitchens and Pantry.

"We believe in developing sustainable buildings, and we also believe in helping to sustain lives by doing something positive for the less fortunate," said Dan Neyer, president of Neyer Properties. "Having access to good food is a basic need, and this is a small way we can help others in need."

Several companies served as sponsors for this event: Lawn Systems, Inc. provided prep work and equipment to till the land; the American Red Cross provided volunteers and the irrigation supply for the garden; and Mills Fence Company provided a six-foot fence to protect the garden from animals.



View and comment on additional photos of our garden planting on our [facebook page](#).

Neyer Management, Funky's Catering, CB Richard Ellis, Tri-State Services and Griffin Fletcher Herndon also served as sponsors for the event. All of the companies are

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- a. True
- b. False

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providing volunteers for ongoing garden maintenance.

"Neyer Properties represents the wonderful generosity of corporations in our city," said Patricia Wakim, executive director of the OTR and Walnut Hills Kitchens and Pantry. "It is through this kindness and support that we are able to continue our mission to care for the poor and homeless in an environment of respect and hospitality. The individuals and families we serve, who numbered over 215,000 last year, will be thrilled to reap the bounty of the garden harvest in their daily meals at each of our kitchens and in their grocery bags at our pantry. We applaud Neyer Properties for its dedication in caring for those less fortunate."

For more information on the OTR and Walnut Hills Kitchens and Pantry, visit [www.overtherhinekitchen.org](http://www.overtherhinekitchen.org).

If you are interested in helping us maintain the garden please contact Eden at [emcdermott@neyer1.com](mailto:emcdermott@neyer1.com) or (513)699-2275.

#### Activities for May & June

5/24 [Civic Garden Center: Food Systems](#)

5/27 [Park + Vine: 4th Anniversary Party](#)

6/3 [Veenie Roast with Park + Vine and Green Drinks Cincinnati](#)

6/3 [Marvin's Organic Gardens: Summer Fun + Local Flavor](#)

6/17-19; 6/24-26 [Greenarama](#)

6/22-6/25 [Greening the Heartland](#)

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