

# PLOWSHARES ADVOCATE

"That no one in our community go hungry ..."

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## Thanksgiving in May

## Growing a Garden

Lots of special thoughtfulness and generosity has been emerging to meet the pain and anxiety of the newly homeless and unemployed flocking to our door in a state of shock, looking for help. Below are some of the special ways people are helping us help others in need—in addition to the generous cash and in-kind support and incredible volunteer energy donated here every day.

- **Dr. Hany Assad** provides employee and Plowshares volunteer cook **Polly Lynn** with funding to cook one of our meals each week.
- **John Chan Plumbing** does repairs at cost.
- **Lemon's Market** in Philo donated surplus groceries, and delivered them here too.
- **Little Caesar's Pizza** donated weekly pizzas for a while (& now to the shelter), until our cooking crews got back to full strength.
- Volunteer cook **Barbara Pope** shopped for and organized our new spice rack.
- **Ana Mahoney, The Community Foundation of Mendocino County, St. Mary's Church** and **Schat's Courthouse Bakery** all helped us have a productive board retreat.
- **Sharon Kiichli of Kiichli & Associates** donated many more hours than she billed us for as our Feasibility Study consultant.
- **Colleen Gorman of Social Services, Tina Rader of the Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and Helen Sizemore of North Coast Opportunities** helped with human resources questions and forms.



*Julie Drucker, our new Garden Coordinator, funded by a Community Foundation donor, surveys the area where our new veggie garden is taking shape.*

### SPECIAL GARDEN THANKS TO: (Not a complete list—it's growing too!)

- **Mendocino Forest Products and Mendocino Redwood Co.** made a generous cash donation supporting our program services, and donated all the redwood garden fenceposts as well.
- **Pete Chevalier of Chevalier Vineyard Management**, donated their crew to build the fence during an off-week.
- **Matt's Custom Tree Care** brought lots of wood chips with a promise of more.
- **Mendo Mill** discounted fencing wire.
- **Leon Springer of DripWorks** donated all our garden irrigation supplies.
- **Will Barker** and the **DeMolay Boys** did various construction-related jobs.

*P.S. You can still grow an extra row for us!  
 More fresh veggies are always welcome.*

*More special thanks continued, inside, page 2!*