



Where We Began

In 2006, Growing Together began with 8 families and a few volunteers. The garden was at 25th Street & 17th Avenue S.

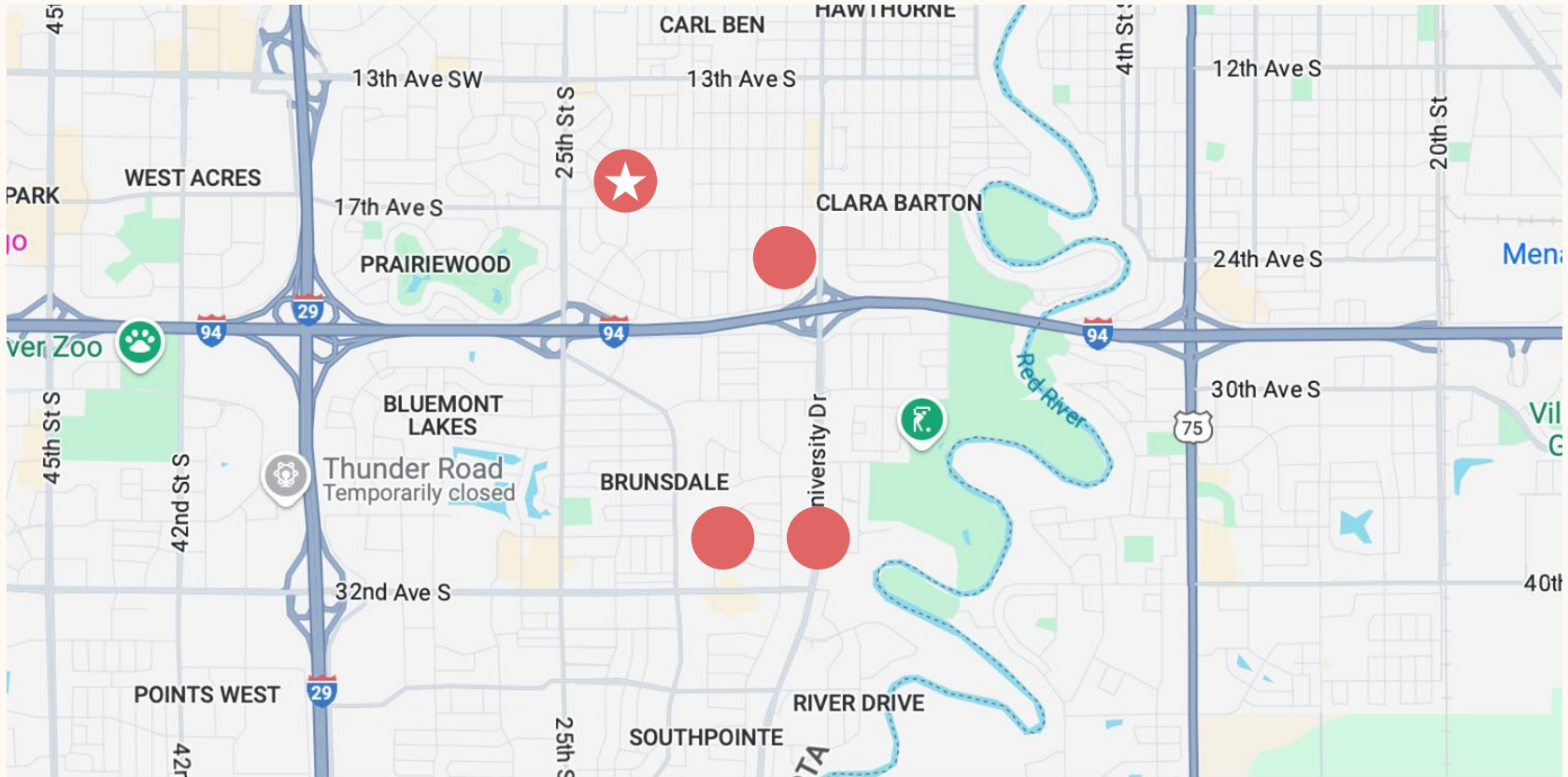


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2024 Locations

- 1** The Market Garden (3910 25th St S, Fargo)
- 2** The World Garden (4245 19th Ave S, Fargo)
- 3** Arbors Garden (702 23rd St S, Fargo)
- 4** Catalyst West Garden (800 21st Ave S, Fargo)
- 5** Catalyst East Garden (800 21st Ave S Fargo)
- 6** Gethsemane Market Garden (3600 25th Street South)
- 7** Gethsemane Share Garden (3600 25th Street South)
- 8** Gathering Market Garden
- 9** Gathering Share Garden

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Growing Together today serves 300+ people across 9 gardens



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Indoor planting and transplanting

- Originally seeds were planted in Jack's basement. Now Plants are started at in 3 homes of volunteers:
 - Ken Peppers
 - Jack: Tomatoes
 - Kathy: Peppers
- We transplant into portable greenhouse the 1st week in May. Plants are divided for each garden.



Planting the garden

- Teams are put together at each garden and assigned tasks.
- Compost from the city is used
- Plants are watered individually at the center of the root system.
- A map of each garden is used so that crop rotation can be managed.



Use of wide rows



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Seed saving



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Weekly schedule

- Each garden is worked at the same time on the same day of the week each week.
 - Example: The Gather Garden is worked from 5:00p-7:30p on Thursdays
- Rain or Shine – we always meet.
- Core leaders gather before the scheduled gardening time to organize the weekly tasks that need to be completed.

Tasks include hoeing, watering, pruning and thinning



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Using buckets

- Buckets are also used to harvest eggplant and potatoes and also for watering.
- Children enjoy these tasks at our child friendly locations

Harvesting

- Flat boxes are used for most vegetables especially tomatoes
- Wheel barrows are used for heartier vegetables like cucumbers and squash



Production



Sharing the Harvest



How Shares are Divided

- The produce is weighed as it is harvested
- The total of each vegetable is divided by the number of shares to be distributed
- The vegetables are weighed and placed in boxes enough for each shareholder
- Shares are distributed in order based on total number of hours worked by shareholder
- When a person's order number is called, they may choose which pile they want and transfer the vegetables into their personal containers

Rules Governing Sharing

- Volunteers over the age of 18 can earn a share at each garden location
- Volunteers must work at least 20 hours to earn a full share. (2 hours can be earned each week)
- Work may be performed at more than one location if desired. Special ops sessions
- Volunteers must be registered by the end of June to earn a share in a garden

Farmer's Market



At the Market
Tuesdays

Connecting with the Community

Schools – Universities

Businesses – Red River Market



Feeding Fargo Moorhead

- We have formed a group Feeding Fargo Moorhead. The purpose is to help with Food insecurity in our community
- Each week we serve prepare a meal for 100 residents of the New Life Center. We also serve at Salvation Army, Church United and help with two Great Plains Produce popups each month.



Tomato Seed Savers Club



- Garden seeds are very expensive. We developed this group to save Tomato Seeds from Heirloom plants. Currently we have saved over 300 varieties

Flower Herb Collective



- This is a newly formed group in 2024. This focus is to incorporate flowers and herbs into all of our gardens. We will also be hosting a monthly education.

Outreach gardens- Toolkit



- On our website is a Garden startup toolkit which gives you information needed to start your own
- Pictured is a garden at the Carlson Library we helped start 3 years ago with a few members. Last year this was the turnout for planting day.

What this means to Team Members



Growing Together MLK Award 2015

How to Join Us!

- Email Growing Together to be added to our mailing list
 - **jackstomatoes@gmail.com**
 - **growingtogetherfm.org**
- Sign up as a volunteer for the coming community garden season
- Ask us to mentor you for one season as you begin your own community garden