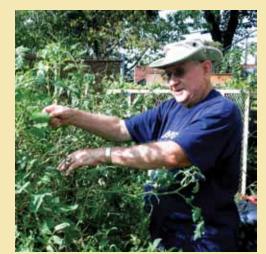
Bernardine Center's Garden "Franciscan Delight"

flourishes, producing a variety of delicious vegetables for food pantry offerings and brunch meals.



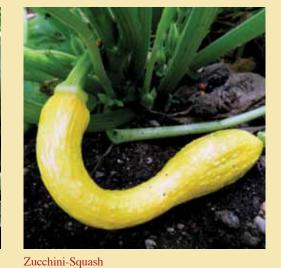




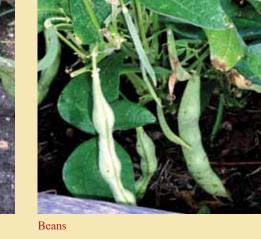
Sr. Carolyn (L), Chuck, our Master-gardener (M), and Ron (R) contribute to caring for the garden and harvesting the "veggies" of their labor.







Eggplant



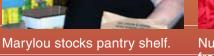
"Sightings at Bernardine Genter



Joanne Smith and Zach Hathaway from Renzi's Catering provide a "deeelicious" buffet meal for Sister Maria Denise packs
West Side Brunch. Thank you, Renzi's! Notice how Yulundia appreciates it! food for Home-bound clients



Volunteers, Johanna, Kathleen, Candy, Karen and Jim, help unpack and sort



Nursing students from Widener University provide a variety of fresh produce for clients using food distribution services.







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We Are All Interdependent: Those Who Sive and Those Who Receive

Number of *households* Bernardine Center's Food Pantry serviced in FY 2011-2012:

Number of individuals served from Bernardine Center's Food Pantry in FY 2011-2012:

Number of Westside Brunch meals served at Bernardine Center in FY 2011-2012:



Ladies of Minaret Temple, Daughters of Isis, deliver food contributions and provide service in food pantry.



Mark Schreiber of County Savings Bank delivers a monetary donation for a client, Mortgage Proffessional Society to Sr. Sandra for Bernardine Center.



Mike Del Vacchio delivers 155 pounds of pasta for food pantry use.



Fred Bilotta and George Schaefer of St. Anastasia Parish deliver 327 pounds of

Mission Statement

The Bernardine Center provides a helping hand to low-income Chester area residents by distributing emergency or supplemental food and supplies.

The Bernardine Center also offers educational, spiritual and advocacy programs to help clients build better lives for themselves, their families and communities.

All the ministries of the Bernardine Center are rooted in Franciscan hospitality and the social teachings of our Catholic Christian tradition.

Bernardine Center is grateful to The McLean Contributionship for a \$5,000 grant for Food Pantry area Renovations

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings. -Eric Hoffer

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The **SuperCupboard Workshop** offers nutrition education and hands-on experience preparing meals for one's family using costefficient food to create healthy meals that provide a balance of basic nutrients. Sitting down to a family-style meal after preparing it together encourages peer support and positive conversation.

Interwoven within the series of nutrition workshop sessions are life development skills, such as valuing one's gifts, anger management, domestic violence education, goal-setting, valuessharing, even setting the perfect table with cloth napkin-folding skills. Spring and fall workshops are offered as a 5-8 week series at Bernardine Center.



Kim can't hold back the "onion-dicing" tears!

Denina values her "graduation" certificate.

Setting goals and acknowledging one's own gifts is not easy to do.



Ron and Kim enjoy sharing a meal with Mary Lou, Food Pantry Manager.



Ron thanks Sr. Sandra for teaching the workshop sessions.



nievements in the kitchen.



Kim and Denina share in preparing a meal.





We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. Thornton Wilder

YOU are our "pearl of great price." Thank you!

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- Have a food drive for the upcoming November/December holidays
- Offer a monetary donation for the Food **Pantry Renovations**
- Provide fresh produce for Food Pantry distribution on Tuesdays/Wednesdays
- Prepare and serve a Westside Brunch meal
- Volunteer time and talent

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