



Join us for the planting of the GAIA COMMUNITY GARDEN on May 7th 2011 from 9AM to 1PM at 8918 S. Green Street, Chicago, IL 60620. Please RSVP to (773) 580-3512 in order to attend the event! Food and refreshments will be served.

Gaia's mission is to provide education and awareness about the need for local sustainable food systems; to provide healthy produce for the community; and to provide a safe, green space in an otherwise environmentally unsound area. Help us achieve our goals by volunteering on our Garden Workdays!

## Our GOALS for this season are...

- ❖ To create a fully functional, fully supplied small scale agriculture site for the 2011 growing season.
- ❖ To grow food to supply local food pantries with fresh produce for their clients.
- \* To hold monthly community harvests for neighbors on the block.
- ❖ To share our knowledge of growing, harvesting, and cooking fresh food with those in the community through on site learning, workshops, and labor exchange.

## Who can volunteer and participate on a Garden Workday?

Local residents, students, volunteers and partner organizations!

## What do I get out of volunteering?

You can bring home the fruits of your own labor like vegetables and fruits! Students receive volunteer hours for school and the chance to learn more about urban agriculture.

## <u>2011 GARDEN VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS</u>



May 18<sup>th</sup> - Wed 3pm to 5pm
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Wed 3pm to 5pm
July 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Wed 3pm to 5pm
August 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Wed 3pm to 5pm
September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Wed 3pm to 5pm
October 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Wed 3pm to 5pm



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