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Youth in UW-Extension Program to Participate in Military Ave Farmers' Market

Green Bay, WI -- August 7, 2018 – Youth in the Brown County UW-Extension Teen Farmers' Market Program will participate in the **Market on Military at the Green Bay Plaza parking lot (1505 W Mason) on Thursday, August 9 and 16, starting at 3:00pm.** Teens' produce, pickled beans, and preserves will be available for purchase. The market will last until the stall sells out, and community members are encouraged to support this group of young entrepreneurs by visiting the farmers' market stand.

This innovative program is designed to teach teens job, financial management, horticulture, nutrition, and additional life skills. Over the course of the summer, guest speakers have presented on a variety of topics, ranging from beekeeping to budgeting to healthy eating, and students have visited local horticulture and agriculture organizations, including the Farmory and Oneida Nation Aquaponics. The teens have also maintained their own garden plots throughout the summer, and have grown vegetables including green beans, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplants, and more, which they will sell at their market stall. Participants also learned to can and preserve produce, and their own pickled beans and jam will be available for purchase.

“It has been a rewarding experience to see the youth open up to new opportunities like learning about the science of fish and plant systems, aquaponics, and beekeeping. They also have been excited to try new foods like honeycomb right off the beehive and zoodles and zucchini bread made from vegetables they have grown themselves. I am proud of the teens working together to create their own logo and team name, “Guardians of the Garden,” that they will be displaying on their t-shirts at the Military Ave Farmers' Market,” expresses Teen Farmers' Market Coordinator, Clarissa Skaletski.

This project has been generously supported by the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation, Brown County Dairy Promotions, and the St. Norbert Abbey Augustine Stewardship Fund Trust. Proceeds from the farmers' market will go toward an end-of-the-season field trip to celebrate the teens' hard work.

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