



LEARNING THROUGH GARDENING

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Alan M. Habiak
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Dear Mr. Habiak,

On behalf of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, I would like to thank the Middlesex County Fair Association for its steadfast support of the Learning Through Gardening program for the past 10 years. With the Middlesex County Fair Association's continual support over the past decade, we have been able to build vegetable gardens in 59 New Jersey schools serving 21,300 students. Your generous donation this year of \$3,000 will help us to add six new schools serving another 1800 students.

We appreciate so much your support of our goals of teaching children the source of their food and encouraging them to adopt life-long healthy eating habits. For teachers, a school vegetable garden becomes an outdoor classroom where they can teach lessons in all subjects.

The need for vegetable gardens in schools is growing, we believe, as more children are becoming disconnected from agriculture. Many children now believe that their food comes from the grocery store. By working in a school garden, children see firsthand where their food really comes from and how it grows.

I also want to thank you for the opportunity to talk about our program to the audience at the county fair's Opening Ceremonies in August. This is a wonderful chance to introduce more people to our goal of creating New Jersey school vegetable gardens.

The long-term support of the Middlesex County Fair Association has been invaluable to our school gardening program, and we hope that the New Jersey Agricultural Society's Learning Through Gardening program will be one of the charities you continue to choose to support.

Again, we thank you for this and all your generous contributions.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Taylor
Director
Learning Through Gardening