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Forward Garden Looks to Grow Impact in Dane County

MADISON, WIS. – The Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens (MAFPG) is excited to announce the creation of Forward Garden. Located in the Town of Middleton, at the Pope Farm Homestead on Old Sauk Road, this 12-acre garden sits adjacent to the Pope Farm Conservancy and is the newest resource for addressing food insecurity in Dane County. With the addition of Forward Garden, MAFPG anticipates an increase in their annual vegetable donations along with growth in community partnerships and volunteer engagement.

Forward Garden joins the existing network of nine gardens organized by or affiliated with the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens. Founded on the mission of helping neighbors in need by providing local food pantries with first-choice, fresh, nutritious vegetables, this new site expands the impact of the organization in the Madison area and its surrounding communities.

“We are looking forward to our first year of growing vegetables at Forward Garden and growing not only food for those in need but also growing with our community,” remarked Tom Parslow, MAFPG President. “This new location will allow the organization to increase the amount of fresh vegetables reaching the emergency food system in Dane County.”

If you would like to volunteer at Forward Garden or one of the other MAFPG garden locations, contact Katie Schmitt at katie@foodpantrygardens.org or visit www.foodpantrygardens.org. Volunteers are needed to help plant, grow and distribute vegetables all summer.

The Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens is a locally based nonprofit with two decades of history in Dane County. Relying on the assistance of 700 volunteers, MAFPG gleans from a number of locations and grows more than 100,000 pounds of vegetables each year destined for the Dane County emergency food system. Gardens associated with the organization include: Lacy Garden, Fitchburg; Blackhawk Garden, Forward Garden and Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) Garden, Middleton; and Emmett Schulte Garden, Good Shepard Lutheran Garden, Hershberger Perennial Garden, Ken Witte Garden, UW Health-Verona Clinic Garden and Wagner Garden, Verona. More information on the impact and mission of the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens can be found at www.foodpantrygardens.org or by following MAFPG on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

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