



Eagle Scout and Jefferson Middle School Science Students Create a “Giving Garden”

What started as an Eagle Scout Project for Lakeview High School junior Christopher Green, has grown into a school-wide project called the “Giving Garden” at Jefferson Middle School.

Green’s project had been reviewed and supported by Principal David Lavender and the Lakeview Board of Education in the Spring of 2011. The work on the

garden began this past fall. Green built a privacy fence, and several raised planter boxes in the court yard facing Little Mack at Jefferson Middle School.



The purpose of Green’s Scout project as presented to the Board was to

“help a lot of people in a big way for years to come.” Upon completion of the project this past fall, the science

class at Jefferson Middle School started planting vegetables in a hydroponic greenhouse outside the building this winter. Hydroponics is a subset of hydroculture and is a method of growing plants using mineral nutrient solutions, in water, without soil.

The students have successfully grown basil, tomatoes, yellow, orange and red peppers this winter and have new baby plants growing in the Project Science Lab for the outside garden. The students in collaboration with the Optimist Club of St. Clair Shores will be tending the garden throughout the summer and plan to set up a weekly vegetable stand this summer called the “*Giving Garden*,” which will be open to the community.

