



Circle Community Garden Brings Our Community Together!



A partnered project of First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon and St Alban's Episcopal Church, Circle Community Garden held its grand opening on Feb. 23, 2014. El Cajon City Councilman Tony Ambrose presented a proclamation from the City of El Cajon and 50 plots were available to families in the community.

Our community garden is a wonderful way to meet others in the community. It gives a chance to work outside, get beneficial exercise, reduces stress and give an increased sense of wellness and belonging. It allows families and individuals, without land of their own, the opportunity to produce food.

Our youth group at First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon is experiencing this healthy, inexpensive activity. The garden brings them closer to nature, and allows them to interact with each other in a socially meaningful and physically productive way. They have a raised bed in the garden, are planting and having lessons on God, land, and healing.

During this year of Covid the gardeners have been rebuilding all the raised beds between the winter and summer planting. Because agriculture is considered essential services there were no breaks because of COVID-19. Gardeners wore masks, kept their distances and there has been increased, recognizable congeniality. During the pandemic people stepped in to offer support and assistance with folks, not just helping with the plots. That's what a community garden is all about – that sense of community, belonging, stewardship and healthy living.

Circle Community Garden is growing strong today bringing urban farmers together! The garden looks lived in and will always need clean-up efforts but there is a whole lot of food growing for our urban farmers. Growers are not allowed to sell on the grounds, but some are selling at the different farmers' markets, and that's perfectly okay.



If you are interested in a plot at Circle Community Garden, 476 Highland at Farragut Circle, and want to get on the waiting list, please call St. Alban's Episcopal Church at (619) 444-8212