Seeds for Life

A TGC project to help grow a better world through gardening!

Tiny vegetable or flower seeds may become an immense ray of hope for families around the world. Through the Texas Garden Club, Inc.'s **Seeds for Life Program**, garden club members are making a difference by donating funds to offer grants to organizations conducting gardening programs in poor countries to feed families, promote nutrition & beautify their environment!



A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

This program started with donations of over 30,000 seed packets that were collected by garden club members and sent to Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, Central and South America. We are no longer able to export seeds, so monetary donations are used to purchase seeds & supplies locally.

PLANTING THE SEED

This project was initiated in 2004 by the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs, and the A&M Garden Club in College Station. Seeds were distributed through the military in war zones. District IV also collected seeds locally at a garden center and donated them locally.





Early projects: Seeds for Life seeds packets donated to children in Peru and Afghanistan

Recent **Seeds For Life** projects have benefited gardeners in Tanzania, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, and other countries!

Through grants offered to Garden Clubs and other nonprofits working internationally, we share our knowledge and help guide the poor to plant, cultivate, harvest and utilize food and flower crops. Application forms for International projects are available from the Seeds for Life Chair.

Notice to Merchants: Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501C non-profit organization. Please help us in this international effort.

For more information please contact Johanna Roman, Seeds for Life Chair (and A&M Garden Club member) by emailing her at johannadcr@aggienetwork.com

Please email Johanna informing her of any donations sent.

We encourage garden clubs to make **Seeds for Life** their own **World Gardening project** and follow the guidelines in the TGC, Inc. Awards Manual.

How you and your Club can help:

Donations

Please make checks payable to Texas Garden Clubs Inc. (write Seeds for Life on the memo section) and mail to:

C/O TGC Office Manager Texas Garden Club, INC. 3111 Old Garden Road Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3498

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RECENT SFL PROJECTS

- Kids gardening workshops in Guatemala, Bolivia & Nicaragua to teach about pollinators, nutrition, plant parts, forestry, etc.
- Fruit orchard establishment in Bolivia and agroforestry seedlings planted in Guatemala
- Greenhouse programs in El Salvador & Mexico to teach horticulture to youth.
- Nursery plant production and use of herbs to prepare soap in Nicaragua
- Fruit processing project in Tanzania



A&M Garden Club members promoting condumption of fruits & veggies



Mayan children received herb seed packets during a Gardening Fair









SFL Activities: garden beds; garden therapy for special needs youth; pollinator art class; MyPlate nutrition