



PRE-EVENT PRESS RELEASE

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VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD 500 GARDENS

March 24 marks 1-month countdown to register for a garden

MILWAUKEE --- From Saturday, May 9 through May 23, hundreds of volunteers will join Victory Garden Initiative for the Victory Garden BLITZ. Over these two weeks, volunteers will build 500 4x8' raised-bed gardens filled with healthy organic soil in locations throughout Milwaukee.

In the months leading up to the BLITZ, community members are able to request a garden at the bulk rate of only \$160, which is fully installed by volunteers and filled with new soil from VGI's local compost partners. "We look to partner with people doing great things, so buying gardens from VGI was a no-brainer...We purchased 6 gardens, donating all to families who had never before grown their own. As a result, people began to get excited about great food and *That Salsa Lady* reaped the benefits of tomato plants which grew over 6' tall," said TSL's Angela Moragne about the BLITZ.

During the BLITZ, volunteers will meet at Habitat for Humanity, 3726 N. Booth St., to gather supplies and head out to neighborhoods to start building gardens. Anyone can purchase a garden for their yard or business, but each year at least half of the BLITZ gardens go to low-income recipients. If you would like to sponsor a garden for someone in need, please follow the link below and look for 'Sponsor a Garden.'

To **sign up to receive your own garden, volunteer or sponsor a garden**, please visit www.victorygardeninitiative.org/blitz. ***Deadline to register for a garden is April 24.***

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About Victory Garden Initiative

Victory Garden Initiative builds communities that grow their own food, creating a community-based, socially just, environmentally sustainable, nutritious food system for all.

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