

Bringing Horticulture and Youth Development to Students Living in Public Housing/ A Study of the Qualities of an Effective Partnership

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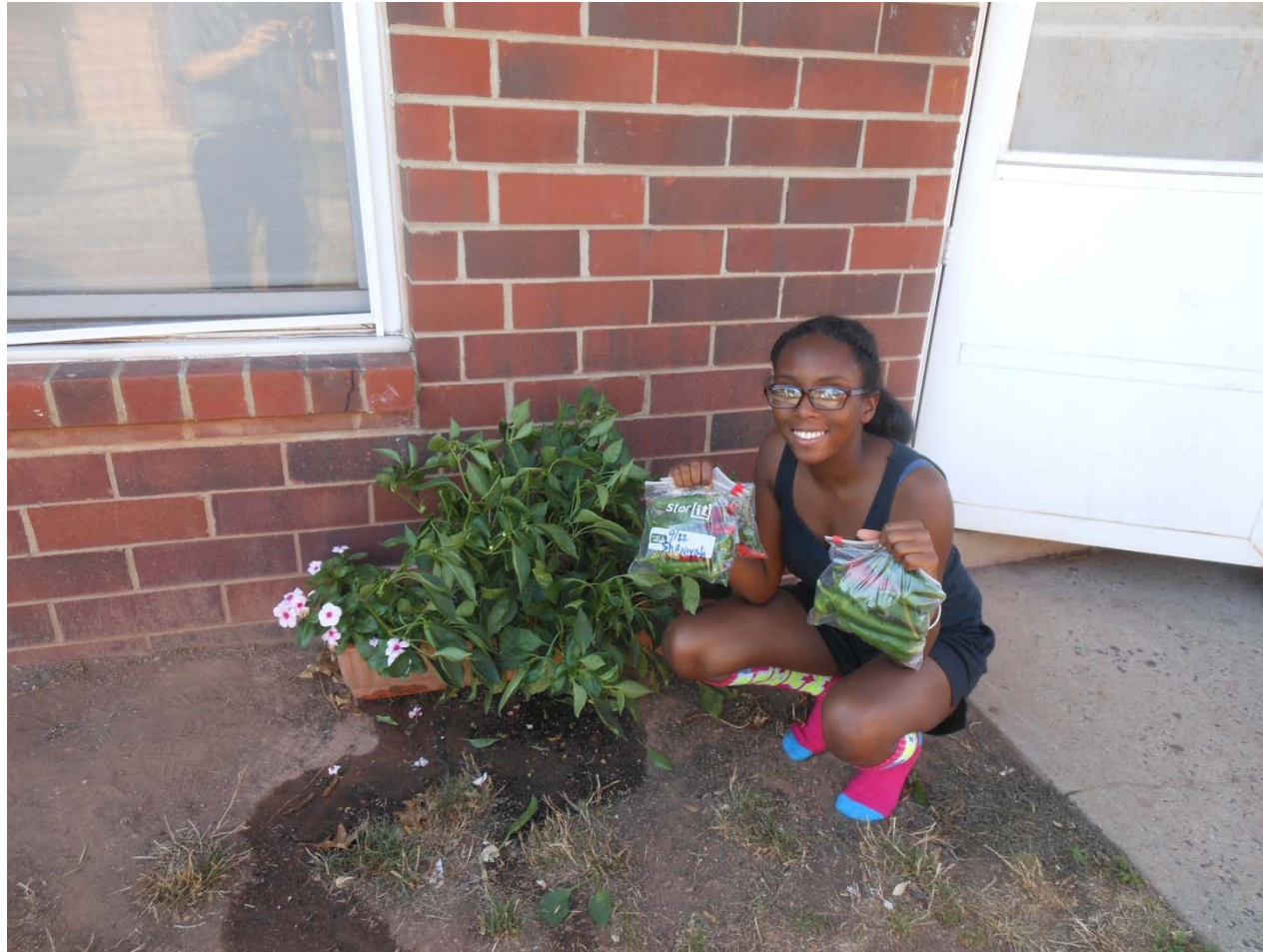
Public Housing

- Housing Paid for with public funds (tax dollars)
- 1.2 Million, low-income, Households live in public housing in the United States
- Housing is administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and local Housing Authorities – to find Public Housing in your state go to HUD. Gov

Rahway Public Housing Units at Capobianco Plaza



Common Goals but Complimentary Skills/Resources



Complimentary Resources

**4-H - Gardening
Supplies/Knowledge**



**RHA - Meeting Space/
Long-Term
Relationship with Youth and Community**



Complimentary Resources

- 4-H – Knowledge of Youth Development
“ Public Speaking”



- RHA - Facilities



Qualities of Solid Partnerships: Respect



Showing Respect

- Prompt and respectful communications
- Interest in partners' ideas
- Honesty and transparency – keeping one another informed.

Showing Respect

- Do they show up to appointments on time ?
- When delayed do they call ?
- Do they pay their bills ?

Both Parties Have Their Needs Meet

- Programming is at a mutually convenient time
- Terms of program evaluation are suitable to both groups

Differing Evaluation Measures

**RHA - Attendance and Photos
Documenting Progress**

4-H – What has been learned ?



Developing Trust

- Through the fulfillment of small agreements, then larger ones
- Trust is developed over time, partners with stable/ long term staffing make this easier.

Proposing to a Partner

- What knowledge, skills, equipment, materials, facilities do you have ?
- How much of your assests can you offer ? How much time do you have ? What do you want in return ?

Proposing to a Partner (cont.)

