



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Paying it Forward in Dufferin County**

Gardening and fresh produce are two things the tenants at 22 Third Avenue in Orangeville are very interested in. The County of Dufferin, realizing the gardening passion of its tenants and the positive influence such a program would have, reached out to local agencies and volunteered their own time to help make it happen.

Staff at Dufferin County working with the SHIP (Supportive Housing in Peel) and the residents of 22 Third Avenue in Orangeville have created raised vegetable gardens for the residents. County staff members Steve Piercey and Steve Murphy constructed 6 garden boxes in Piercey's garage one weekend and Scott Spencer made signs for each garden plot to identify which plot belonged to which unit.

The tenants had assistance from SHIP to do the original planting; however, all on-going maintenance has been done by the tenants themselves. The cost of materials and plants were covered by Dufferin County and SHIP with some of the residents supplementing the gardens with their own personal touches.

"This is a great example how multiple people and organizations can work together to enhance the well-being of our residents", said Warden Warren Maycock. "I'm very proud of our staff and our tenants for making this project a success."

The gardens are full of delicious vegetables such as: potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, radishes, swiss chard, parsley and squash with a splash of colour thanks to some flowers. The gardeners have had a very successful growing season and look forward to harvesting their vegetables while planning for next year's crop.

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Pictured here are: Richard Dunnett, Scott Spenser, Rose Meunier, Juli Griffin, Mary Ann Lancaster, Steve Piercey, Steve Murphy

Rose picking ripe tomatoes



Mary Ann admiring her garden

Richard is looking for cherry tomatoes

