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URBAN GARDEN

FAC partners with the Dale House Project to grow organic vegetables

COLORADO SPRINGS (Sept. 15, 2009) – The Fine Arts Center, Pikes Peak Urban Gardens, the Pikes Peak Work Force, and Rick's Garden Center have partnered with the Dale House Project to grow vegetables in a newly-planted garden next to the FAC parking lot.

The young gardeners are residents of the Dale House Project, a local organization that for years have reached out to this community's delinquent, neglected, and abused teenagers, dedicated to teaching the skills to live independently. One of the Dale House homes is located next to the FAC at 7 West Dale Street.

"We strive to help them see the value of work and the personal benefits achieved from positive, productive work," said Jane Sheffer, who with her husband, George, have managed the Dale House Project for 36 years.

The food grown will be used to feed the kids, providing an important opportunity for them to see a project through as a long-term commitment. The Dale House gardeners are wholly responsible for the planting, nurturing, and harvesting of fresh, organically grown vegetables, including spinach, lettuce, tomatoes, green beans and herbs. They are also responsible for marketing and sales of the excess to the general public and FAC employees. Dale House holds a farmer's market each Thursday in front of the FAC from 2-4 p.m.



Dale House Project

The Dale House Project, established in 1972, is made up for four residences in Colorado Springs making a Christian community of staff and residents committed to being together for meals, one-to-one talks, group counseling, work crews, recreation, and outings, such as ski trips and camping. Dale House reaches out to delinquent, neglected, and abused teenagers who cannot return home. Within the context of community living, our goal is to teach these youth the skills necessary to live independently. The Dale House Project serves hundreds of troubled young people each year. For more information, visit thedalehouse.org.

Fine Arts Center

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, established in 1936, is a privately funded, non-profit art museum, performing arts theatre and arts education school. Built on the foundation of the prestigious Broadmoor Art Academy, the FAC carries the legacy of Colorado's arts and cultural heritage. One of 16 charter members of the American Association of Museums, the FAC offers the best in the world of visual arts via its permanent collection and travelling exhibitions, performing arts through the FAC Theatre Company, and arts education with the Bemis School of Art. The FAC building is considered an architectural landmark in the Rocky Mountain region, designed by John Gaw Meem, and is listed on the National Register for Historical Places. In 2007, the FAC unveiled a \$28.6 million renovation and expansion. For more information, visit csfineartscenter.org.

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