As we navigate these challenging and uncertain times, I want to share some reflections from the past few weeks that have encouraged me as well as an update on our next steps.

As a new executive director, I could not be more proud of the nonprofit sector, local food organ...
Community Garden

AGENCY: OLIVET NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION

Provides fresh and healthy food pantry options. The gardens are used as a vehicle that teaches children and families to grow their own food and respect our natural environment.

Hopes Garden

AGENCY: NEW HOPE COMMUNITY

Provides individual garden plots and communal gardens that teaches gardening techniques, food preservation, food preparation, self-sufficiency, and healthy eating.

Gardening Plots

AGENCY: MARION PARKS AND RECREATION

Garden plots available at Lowe Park. Call for availability or to be put on a waiting list.

Children's Services

AGENCY: SANTA'S CHILDREN CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Gifts and visits to children in crisis, with special needs, and with life-threatening illnesses.

Funds other organizations with a similar mission of aiding children.

Toy drives, letters to 'Santa' handling, prepare gifts, donate funds, visit children in hospitals and homes year round.

Annual dinner, raffle, silent a...

Community Gardening

AGENCY: WAUKEE AREA CHRISTIAN SERVICES

WAUKEE AREA CHRISTIAN SERVICES has a community garden that provides fresh produce to patrons of the food pantry.
**Eldora Community Garden**

**AGENCY: CITY OF ELDORA**

Eldora Community Garden, with the collaboration of Hardin County ISU Extension and the City of Eldora, has a one-acre community garden with the goal of growing produce for donation to the community via the local food pantry, Pine Lake Food Shelf, and by giving less shelf-stable produce directly to our community garden volunteers.

**Gardening Plots**

**AGENCY: FELLOWSHIP CUP, THE**

Provides a 4 x 8 garden plot for adoption. Adoption means planting vegetables, weeding, watering, and harvesting. Water and seeds are available for you (Not all seeds are available). Mt Pleasant Community Garden is located at 211 S Jackson Street – across from Sarah’s Bridal.

**Home Gardening Assistance/Supplies**

**AGENCY: WEST DES MOINES HUMAN SERVICES**

WEST DES MOINES HUMAN SERVICES offers the Garden Program for West Des Moines residents only. Must apply in April for limited value garden voucher.

**Hortline**

**AGENCY: IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH**

Hortline provides assistance to home gardeners on lawn, garden, and ornamental questions. Questions can be e-mailed to hortline@iastate.edu.

**Master Gardener Program**

**AGENCY: IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH**

Use research-based horticulture and gardening knowledge and practices to educate people and coordinate projects that promote healthy communities.

**Community Environment**

**AGENCY: UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN EXTENSION**
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Family and Community Well-Being Program
AGENCY: LATINO CENTER OF THE MIDLANDS

Community Assistance
- Provides resources for health, financial, and public services in the community
- Assistance with accessing public assistance program and benefits
- Assistance completing forms and making phone calls on an individual’s behalf
- Referrals for basic needs and emergency assistance
- Employment services and con...

Garden Vouchers
AGENCY: SOUTH CENTRAL IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

GARDEN SEED AND VOUCHER PROGRAM provides vouchers to purchase plants and/or vegetable and fruit seeds from local participating vendors. Contact your local outreach center for more information.

Extension Education
AGENCY: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Education programs in the areas of 4-H and positive youth development, horticulture and gardening, agriculture and natural resources, nutrition and wellness, and community and economic development.

Information about pests, food production (including gardening), turf and landscape, and water quality.

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