

# Blackhawk Food Pantry Garden

## Top 5 Misconceptions and Questions

### #1 *"I haven't gardened before so I won't be able to help."*

No experience is necessary to volunteer at the Garden. We have a number of experienced gardeners on hand during scheduled work times to answer any questions you may have and show you what to do in any situation, whether that's how to plant seeds, identify weeds, or even hold your hoe (not as simple as you'd think).

### #2 *"The Garden looks great! They don't need any more help."*

Not true! We would love to have more people at the Garden, experiencing first-hand what it means to sacrificially serve God, and increase food security and foster healthier families in the greater Dane County area and beyond, all while having fun and getting to know great people. We can always use a few more hands in the harvest to keep this ministry sustainable for Seasons to come.

### #3 *"There are full-time, paid Blackhawk staff that run the Garden."*

The Garden is 100% volunteer-run - everything that happens in the Garden happens because we have dedicated individuals working year round to make it happen. The growing season runs from April until November. Including the additional planning and promotional work done during the non-growing months, the Garden is about a 3,500 hours/year ministry. We would love your help!

### #4 *"What is the Garden?"*

#### The Garden is not...

- ☼ A CSA farm: None of the produce from the Garden is available for purchase. **100%** of the food grown in the Garden is donated to the Community Action Coalition of South-Central Wisconsin, more commonly known as the **CAC**. If you want to know more about where our produce goes, check out their website at [cacscw.org](http://cacscw.org).
- ☼ A community garden: The Blackhawk Food Pantry Garden is not a community garden and individuals do not maintain specific, designated plots in the Garden for their private use.
- ☼ A for-profit organization: Again, we do not sell any of our produce, nor is it our intention.

#### The Garden is...

- ☼ A purposeful partnership: Our goal is to fulfill the Biblical mandate to feed the hungry by providing healthy produce to local food pantries while engaging Blackhawk Church attenders and local volunteers in a way that inspires action to change our community.

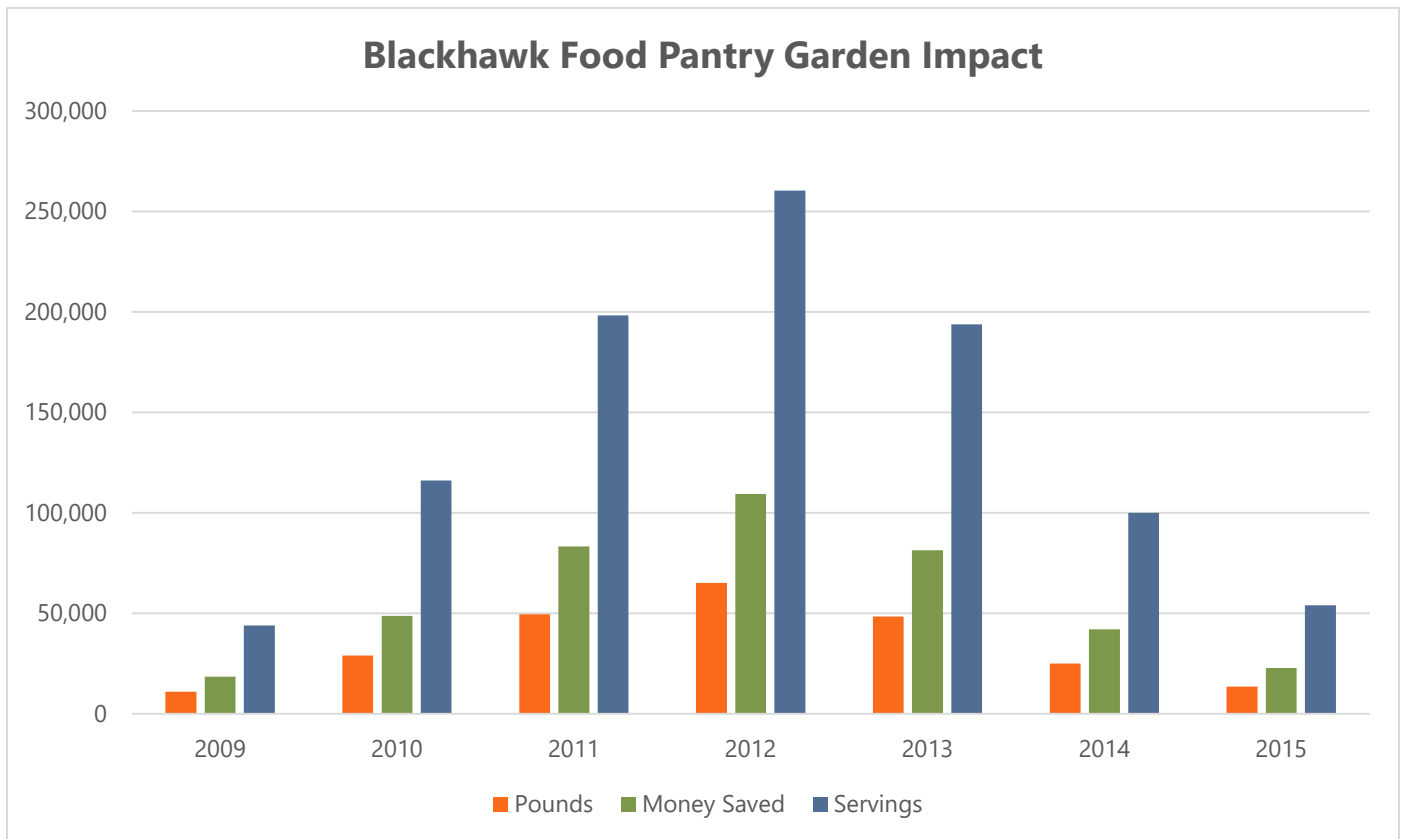
### #5 *"Where is the Garden?"*

The Garden is comprised of two plots of land west of Blackhawk's Brader Way building. The main portion of the Garden is located by the sign at the corner of Brader Way and Veritas Drive on the west side of the road across from the Baer Insurance building; look for the neat rows of plants and sprinklers. The smaller, L-shaped garden is located next to the small parking lot on the West side of the church building.

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness... (Isaiah 58:10)*

# Garden Fact Sheet 2016

Year	Total Produce (lbs)	Total Servings	Total Savings
2009	11,000	44,000	\$18,480
2010	29,000	116,000	\$48,720
2011	49,542	198,168	\$83,230
2012	65,095	260,380	\$109,359
2013	48,450	193,800	\$81,396
2014	25,000	100,000	\$42,000
2015	13,500	54,000	\$22,680
<b>Total:</b>	<b>241,587</b>	<b>966,348</b>	<b>\$405,865</b>



## Garden Hours 2016

Monday: 5:30 pm - dark 🌻 Thursday: 5:30pm - dark

Located at the corner of Brader Way & Veritas Drive

No experience necessary

Questions? Email [bhpantrygarden@gmail.com](mailto:bhpantrygarden@gmail.com)

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