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The Mission

The NorthWest Initiative is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to strengthen and sustain healthy communities in Lansing's 'grand neighborhoods' - the City area bounded by the Grand River on the north, east, and south. The Ingham County Health Department and the City of Lansing sponsors the Initiative. Program partners include residents, neighborhood organizations, local nonprofit organizations, human service agencies, and units of Michigan State University.

Vision 2020, Sharing Resources

Vision 2020's next resident meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 21st**, from **5:30-7:00pm**, at the Letts Community Center, located at **1220 W. Kalamazoo** in Lansing. A sign up sheet will be available for those in the Vision 2020 area, who are in need of any exterior home repairs. After assessment, individuals with the greatest of need will be notified. If you have any questions, please contact **Janine** at **(517) 999-2894** or e-mail her at janine@nwlansing.org. We also would like to remind everyone that through a generous donation from the Westside Neighborhood Association, NorthWest Initiative is able to match \$15.00 towards a \$30.00 food package. This package of food is worth \$60.00 - \$75.00 and is available through Angel Food Ministries & Great Food for All programs.



Support your Local Youth

The NorthWest Initiative's Youth Engagement Program would like to share with you some of the awesome things that are happening. We are currently selling candy bars as a fundraiser. The money raised will go towards our youth activities and a special educational field trip at the end of the summer. We are also getting ready for spring, and have started to plant seedlings for a new community garden at Walnut School. In a few weeks, we'll be constructing, staining and painting flower/garden boxes, to be sold or donated. We thank you for supporting our youth. For more information, call **Lori** at **(517) 999-2894** or e-mail her at lori@nwlansing.org.

Help Plant Seeds of Generosity



NorthWest Initiative's Food Systems Project invites you to plant seeds of generosity! FSP needs help in supporting our three school gardens that provide a hands-on experience to the 600 children participating in our **Garden-Based Nutrition Program**. Donations will also support the start-up of the Capitol Area Commons Senior Garden and Walnut Youth Garden. Because FSP's grants do not fund gardening materials, each and every seed and shovel are made possible by donations from

wonderful supporters like you. For more information, please contact **Joy** at **(517) 999-2894** or e-Mail her at joy@nwlansing.org.

Good-Bye Holy Cross Church :(

Holy Cross Church located on 1611 Oakland Ave., will close its doors **June 21, 2009**. Amid dwindling finances and attendance, the church will merge with nearby St. Mary's Cathedral, located at 219 Seymour Ave. According to Michael Diebold - Director of Communications for the Lansing Diocese, they are in the midst of restructuring. Holy Cross had a plan of action in case of closure or short staffing, and this aided in the decision to close. Diebold expects all 4.5 acres and the properties of the old school at 34,682 sq. ft., the friary at 11692 sq. ft., the church at 9,732 sq. ft., and the garage at 8,000 sq. ft. to go on the market by July 1, 2009.