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The **Promise of Peace** community garden is looking for volunteers this weekend to assemble garden plots and create a patio to get ready for the POP Eco Festival 2010 on April 24.

The garden, on East Grand Avenue just up the hill from the Gaston/Garland/Grand intersection, was one of the neighborhood projects selected by the city last year to receive a \$10,000 **Loving My Community** grant. **Here's the background.**

The project has just taken off. Promise of Peace received a donated playhouse that was part of a display at the Arboretum. And now Burpee has donated plants and materials for 20 raised beds.

Promise of Peace benefits students and their families from nearby Mata Elementary School. "The garden has blossomed beyond the dream of transforming a trash ridden vacant lot into a safe place for the children in the community," said **Elizabeth Dry**, a school teacher who organized the project.

Go to the jump for more info.

From Dry:

Promise of Peace Community Garden at 7446 East Grand began planting seeds and plants in its 20 raised garden containers last month with over 9 neighborhoods and families who represent 6 different schools in East Dallas. Last October, the garden was supported by a Loving My Community grant from the City of Dallas and many caring citizens who want to be part of transforming a vacant lot in this historical area of Dallas.

The garden has blossomed beyond the dream of transforming a trash ridden vacant lot into a safe place for the children in the community. Now the garden is extending into a magical place of systems and cycles and the reconstruction of the City Green story book playhouse that once stood on display at the Dallas

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Arboretum. The playhouse will be dedicated to the children of East Dallas at POP's First Annual Eco Festival on April 24th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. State Representative Allan Vaught will be the guest speaker, and living green make-and-take activities will be on exhibit. The tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for a family of four.

Promise of Peace Community garden has received a wonderful donation from Burpee. Materials and plants for twenty 12x4, raised bed garden plots! If you are interested in volunteering to help construct the plots and or dig gardens around the little playhouses, please call Elizabeth at 214.240 9220, or come by the garden this Saturday to arrange a work slot. We hope to have everything ready for the Eco Festival on the 24th!

There are many ways to be involved in this transformational project. And you never know what magic it will bring into your life - there are incredible exchanges of humanity every time that I work in the garden. You just have to see it to believe it!

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