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Urban Youth Impact's West Palm Beach Impact Garden wins national award

by Community Post



Urban Youth Impact's Impact Garden in West Palm Beach

[Urban Youth Impact](#) of West Palm Beach has been selected as one of six winners among 500 applicants nationwide in Burpee Home Gardens' "I Can Grow" program.

Urban Youth Impact, a faith-based organization that outreaches to inner-city youth and families, was one of the runners-up for the 2012 Youth Garden Award. The organization's Impact Garden provides 130 student members with a relaxing and safe green space to enjoy.

Founded in 2011, West Palm Beach's 3,600 square foot Impact Garden allows students from kindergarten to 12th grade to learn gardening skills and enjoy nutritious food. The garden will be planted in August for fall/winter harvest.

Founded in 1997, Urban Youth Impact serves the Tamarind Avenue corridor and surrounding area in West Palm Beach. The area has notoriously high crime rates – almost three times the national average for all crime types.

A third of the youths in the community are not expected to graduate from high school, more than 50% live below the poverty level, and it is more likely that youth from the community will go to jail than graduate high school.

All winners of the Youth Garden Award receive up to 500 vegetable and herb plants, plant food and other materials.

The "I Can Grow" Youth Garden Award helps school or community gardens demonstrate their message of nutrition, food production, environmental awareness and social responsibility.



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