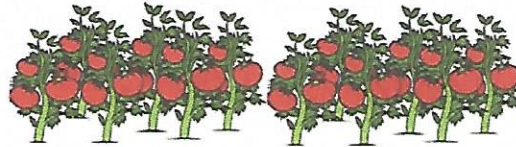


Build and Grow



Lee residents, volunteers, build Community Garden

Project received grant from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association, along with donations from the Farm Bureau and the City of Kingsport

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The Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association has awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Greater Kingsport Alliance for Development (GKAD) to establish a raised-bed community garden at Robert E. Lee Apartments.

The Tennessee Master Gardeners of Harvest of Hope Community Garden along with GKAD and Kingsport Housing and Redevelopment Authority kicked off the project on June 17, when the United Way of Greater Kingsport provided volunteers through its Week of Caring to help build the beds. Volunteers were from AEP, Rodefer Moss & Company, the Harvest of Hope Community Garden Master Gardeners, the United Way of Greater Kingsport, and the Lee Resident Association.

The Farm Bureau also chipped in \$500



Lee resident Minnie Gray, left, and Robert Monk spread compost in a garden bed. At right, Lee resident Freddie Scaggs, second from left, works with children on one of the garden beds.



“adopted” garden spots, and will be planting vegetables, such as tomatoes and peppers.

Jerry Ramey and Doug Hilton, both master gardeners, are leading the project, and say they want to involve every child at Lee Apartments in the garden.

“We feel that by teaching children how to grow fruits and vegetables now, they will be able, as adults, to help supply their family’s nutrition needs in the future,” Hilton said.

The community garden project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee.

to help with the garden project, and the City of Kingsport donated rich compost to fill the raised beds.

Work continued for several consecutive Wednesdays, with children from Kingsport Parks and Recreation Summer Camp helping out in the garden, alongside several Lee residents.

Several families at Lee Apartments have

