

The Constantine Family Garden and Orchard

The Constantine Family Garden and Orchard was established in 2012 by Tim Constantine at his former family home at 525 San Dimas Canyon Road, in San Dimas. It was established to grow and harvest fruit and vegetables to be distributed through the Inland Valley Hope Partners. The garden and orchard has provided many pounds of organic fruits and vegetables to the four pantries and shelter since the summer of 2012. The garden exists in partnership with Inland Valley Hope Partners and with volunteer support of the Claremont United Church of Christ, Damien High School, the University of La Verne, the Claremont Colleges, The Charles Foundation, and the TreePeople of Los Angeles.



The garden and orchard were developed on a quarter of land of the Constantine family property. During 2012, Robert Perry from Cal Poly, designed the garden and the drip irrigation system. The irrigation system was installed followed by the planting of the 36 tree stone fruit and citrus trees in the orchard. The first vegetables were planted in April of 2012. Five raised beds and fifteen in ground beds (4' by 12') were planted along with a vining area for vegetables was completed. A successful summer harvest was followed by winter vegetables being planted in October of 2012.

In this our second year, the garden has had continued support and success. In 2013 we had 272 volunteers from many organizations come to the garden and give over 750 hours of service. This last summer over 3,320 pounds of summer vegetables harvested from the garden and given to Hope Partners.

Our clients at the Hope Partner four food pantries have influenced the type and amount of vegetables we grow. Our summer vegetables include: cucumbers, eggplants, summer squash, zucchini, melons, hot chilies, bell peppers, and of course tomatoes! The winter vegetables are just now just starting to be harvested. These include: carrots, radishes, spinach, beets, cauliflower, and snap peas. bok choy, cabbage, and broccoli.

Without volunteers the garden and orchard could not exist. Volunteers and visitors are always welcome to our garden. We hold monthly work days on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 12:00. You may come anytime during the three hours and leave when you wish. Tim Constantine, the garden manager, welcomes help during the week as well. Please feel free to contact Tim at any time at: (909) 6240-0855 or email at timandpeg2@aol.com

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