

Smithville Community Gardens
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July 18, 2012

Dear «Salutation»:

On behalf of the Smithville Community Garden, thank you for sponsoring the Dinner last year. Your donation of «Item» made the event possible.

Since our fundraiser last September, many new projects have come to fruition:

- Smithville Community Garden members now number over 100. Memberships are \$5, and we are currently working to develop a twice yearly newsletter to coincide with planting seasons.
- Fall and spring gardens have provided produce for the community, serving up delicious beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, okra, cabbage, squashes, and other mouth-watering organic vegetables for all.
- Fifty community service youths and adults have been assigned to maintain the garden, and about 20 have come back to volunteer on their own time; these teenagers are using this positive experience to turn around what might otherwise have put them on the wrong path.
- Community Gardens volunteers and the Smithville Schools have partnered to help 1st and 2nd graders plant, harvest, and eat healthy salads and pizza gardens. They have also worked together to provide food and information through the Summer Nutrition Program.
- We partnered with the Smithville Food Pantry and the Lost Pines Artisans Alliance to bring the Empty Bowl project to Smithville to help raise awareness of food insecurity in our area and to raise funds for the three organizations. Smithville students contributed their creativity to the bowls and the community came out to support this program.

Without your generous contributions, we could not have come this far. We hope you will consider donating at the same level as last year, or more if you can. A volunteer will contact you shortly to speak with you about the Dinner to be held Saturday, September 8 at the Smithville Recreation Center. Tickets are \$25 each, Event Sponsorships are \$100.

Please contact me or Jill Strube (237-3282 x 2109) if you would like to donate or have any questions. We hope we will see you there and we thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judge Ronald Jones
President, Smithville Community Gardens