

Creating a Neighborhood Coalition of Care

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Shippensburg, PA



Strategic Development Plan

Naming the important considerations and necessary preparation work



Resources to build this
Neighborhood Coalition of Care



God's Holy Spirit

Liaisons, growers, growing sites, money, key players, distribution system

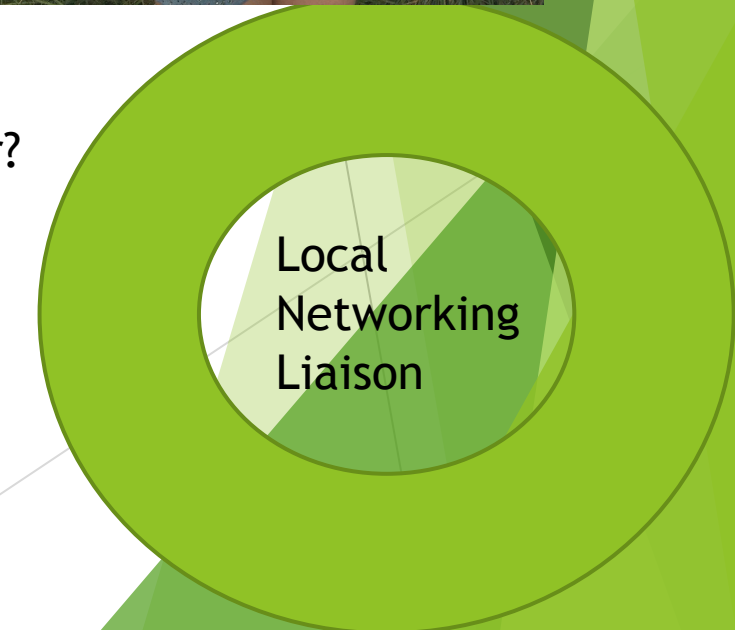


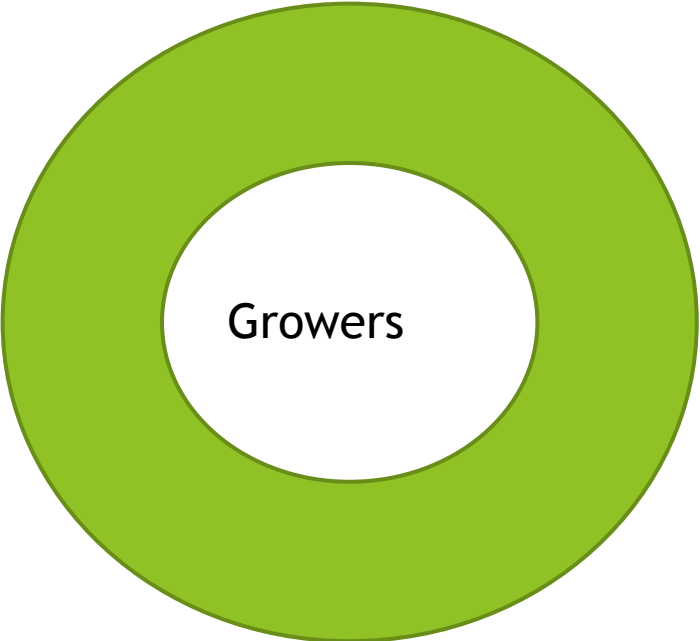
God's Holy Spirit

- Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition - offices in Community Engagement Building (former Ep. Home)- Feeding Programs, Healthy Shippensburg weekly Zoom meeting
- Community Cares Shelter -women and children there now
- Gleaning Program
- Good News Garden - National Church program “Plant, Pray, and Proclaim”



- Wilson College
- St. Andrew's families
- SU Food recovery students
- People of Color - local churches? Partner?
- Clergy in Shippensburg
- Churches involved in feeding program
- SU “the Farm” - community garden
- Deacons in the Diocese

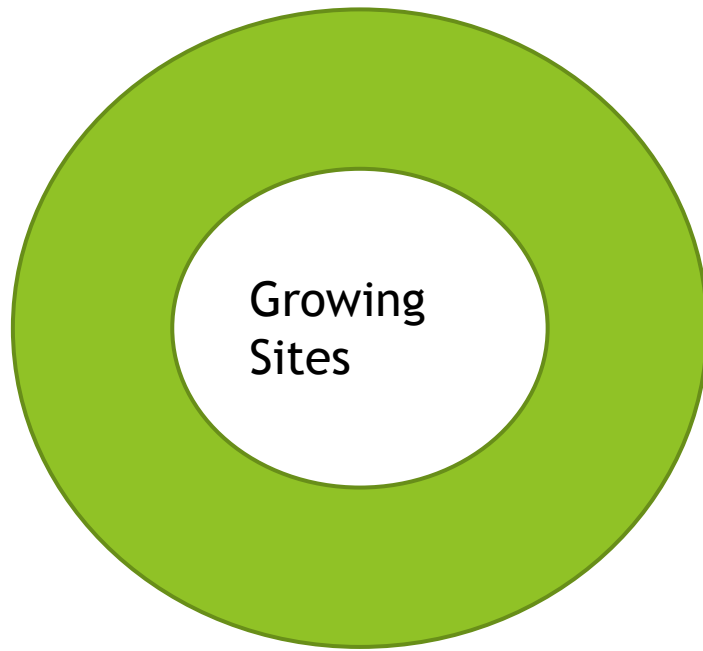




Growers

1. St. Andrew's Parishioners (Steve, Brooke, Jean, Williams family)
2. Young families associated with St. Andrew's (who may not consider themselves parishioners)
3. Children in the Shelter
4. SU students





Growing
Sites



St. Andrew's Property-
1 bed on lawn off Prince Street
Memorial Garden (cutting flowers, herbs)
Mary Garden (raised bed)



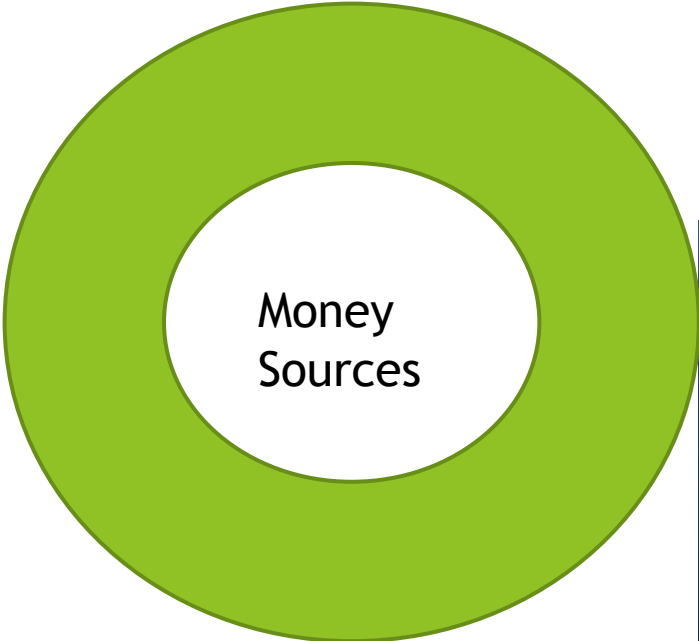
21 N. Prince Street (former Mary Grace's home)
6 raised beds

Jan and Steve's property
16 raised beds

Brooke & Mike's farm

Jean Hartman's farm

Individual Parishioners (grow a row at home)



Money
Sources



Initial Resources

Undesignated savings account

Grants-

Outside the church

Diocesan Operating Grant

Diocesan New Ministry or
Shaped by Faith grants

Capital Campaign for Mission



Initial Expenses

Materials for raised beds

Annual Expenses

Water for the growing season

Plants, mulch

Staff Salaries

Capital Expenses

Storage units

Vegetable washing machines

Money to renovate St. Andrew's kitchen for food production/cooking classes

Renovation of 21 N. Prince Street for washing vegetables, packing, distribution center, office for staff & volunteers



Development of the Places/People for produce to be distributed

- Community Meal
- Hounds Pack Program
- Summer Lunch Program
- Episcopal Square (drop off location)
- Community Cares Shelter
- SPO
- Other Homeless shelters run by Community Cares
- Feeding Programs at nearly Episcopal Churches
- Food Stand (offered several days a week on Burd Street)
- Families living in transitional housing
- Drop off points with the community (people who don't have transportation to come to the community meals)



Distribution
System

Staff or Key Volunteer Positions

- Data Manager/Scheduler of missioners/Coordination of program
- Relational Manager - build/nurture teams, outreach to young families, community networks
- Financial Manager - grant writing/ budget development
- Deacon - keep the reason we're doing this before us
- Distribution Team
- Cultivating/planting team
- Builders - of raised beds, food stand, drop off point stands
- Communication Manager/team - website, stories, invitations, opportunities for engagement.



Key Players

Initial Stage - “Tilling the Soil”

- Identify parish groups to talk with
- Develop job descriptions
- Develop timeline (3-month, 6-month, etc)
- Gather community meal teams
- Identify lay leaders
- Actively build liaisons
- Prepare/implement formation plan beginning in Advent (creation care, food insecurity, “feed by sheep”
- Involvement in preaching, prayers, music, rogation Sunday
- Develop stewardship program -
- Test out young family engagement
- Create workable motto (be healed, be love, “feed my sheep”, we are the church who feeds you in all ways.



- Investigate funding/grants/campaign
- Weekly entry in e-news
- Create visual images
- Imagine “low hanging fruit” - something easy to do right now.
- Preach on healing + feeding = God’s justice

- ▶ Where is your energy?
- ▶ What can you contribute to make this Coalition of Care blossom?
- ▶ What part of this part of God's dream lights you up?
- ▶ What gifts and skills do you have to offer?
- ▶ What gifts and skills do you see in others?

