



Success Story Title	\$35 Garden Yields a Whole Lot More
Location	Health Department of Northwest Michigan
Focus	Gardening for Health
Strategies	<p>"Jane" and her husband have had many financial challenges over the years. However, this year she decided to plant a garden. With very limited money she set out to accomplish this goal. "Jane" and her sister marked off an 18'x10' garden and gathered whatever they could to fence the area off from the deer and rabbits. The sisters would go to garage sales to see what people were throwing out to make fencing.</p> <p>"Jane" used old shower curtains and made holes for the plants to come through and lay cardboard in-between rows to cut down on the weeds. She made her own hoe from a broken broom handle and placed a plumbing clamp on the end. They went to a golf course and asked for broken golf clubs to make stakes for the plants. They retrieved discarded garden hoses to link together to reach their garden.</p>
Outcomes	<p>From their small garden they got they got 25 zucchinis, 50 onions, 15 quarts of bread butter pickles, 2 pints of green beans, 2 pints of pickled beets, 15 green peppers, a bushel of cucumbers and planted 2 1/2 rows of radishes. "Jane" said that when they added it all up they figured that they spent only \$35.00 out of pocket.</p> <p>Lifestyle Counselor Yvonne Louiselle was so impressed with how "Jane" didn't let the lack of money stop her from having a successful garden. "It's amazing that for only \$35.00 she was able to create such a wonderful garden. It just goes to show you, that if we put our minds to it we can make wonderful things happen."</p>
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