



Our Garden Loves Our Volunteers!



This summer we've been lucky to host a new crop of enthusiastic volunteers to help with our organic garden in Forestville.

"We love having new volunteers, such as the great crew from Medtronic who joined us recently," said Sorrel Allen, Food For Thought's Garden Manager. "It's a joy to see fresh faces tend to the plants and tell us how grounding and fun it is to work with their hands in the dirt!"

We also LOVE our incredible team of existing volunteers. These dedicated gardeners are generous with their time and always helpful in bringing new folks up to speed. Thank you!

"The garden is a beautiful sight to behold right now," said Sorrel. "It's a wonderland of rare and beautiful and enormous plants in full bloom!" She explained this year's abundance is partly due to the heavy spring rains but also to the nearly 20 years of prior garden management that created such happy, healthy soil.

"The garden is also going strong because so many kind people come out and care for it," Sorrel explained.

"It's really lovely to see our homegrown, healthy ingredients in the soups and salads we serve at our weekly lunch program," said Sorrel. "We simply couldn't provide the same amount of food and love without the help of our wonderful volunteers."



Sorrel Allen Garden Manager

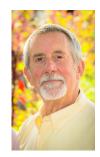


With this year's organic goodness literally tumbling out of the beds, Sorrel welcomes volunteers to help harvest the bounty of cut flowers, culinary herbs, cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes (30+ varieties!), summer and winter squash, chard, tomatillos, basil, kale, various other greens, strawberries, rhubarb, peaches, plums, pears, melons, and more!

If you would like to volunteer in our garden, contact our Volunteer Program Manager Helen at HelenM@FFTfoodbank.org (707) 887-1647 x103.

Board of Directors Officers Elected

At its July meeting, Food For Thought's Board of Directors elected the following officers:



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Ric Giardina Vice President



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Mark Short Treasurer

We also welcome our newest board member, Betty Mullen, HR Director & Accounting Manager at Artizen Staffing. Read more about Food For Thought's <u>Board of Directors</u>.

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