

MONEY TALK

It's been a busy and fun year with lots of positive changes for CGT. Transforming to an official non-profit organization was a big step for us. And, of course, for you individually this means that any donations to CGT are now tax-deductible. As the year end approaches it's a good time to review your finances. Check with your accountant to see if you can reduce your tax bite next April by making a donation now. Donations are not only a nice way to remember someone as a memorial after death, but also to honor a living friend for a birthday, anniversary, or thank-you gift. Or just to say 'you-are-special'.

And wait, there's more good news: Carrie Naughton, a former CGT gardener will be taking over the treasurer's duties. So, now you'll be sending your checks to: Community Gardens of Tucson, P O Box 65900, Tucson, AZ 85718-5900.

Plot fees will be due again on January 1st. As usual you can go to our website, www.communitygardensoftucson.org, and make your payment of \$90 per plot by credit card or PayPal. Or you can send your check to the new PO Box. As usual, you may pay for one semester (\$90) or for the whole year (\$180). Although your plot fees aren't tax-deductible, any extra that you add on is. And every bit helps to keep us all a-growing.

— Darlene Schacht

GARDEN MENTOR PROGRAM

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Do you have vegetable gardening experience and want to support others in your community? Become a Garden Mentor and work with a new gardener entering our Home or School Gardening Programs!

- * Mentors commit to supporting a new gardener for two growing seasons.
- * Once a month, Mentors call or visit the gardener's home to provide advice, tips, or hands-on help.
- * Mentors don't have to know all the answers, just help new gardeners find them!

The Food Bank provides:

- * Mentor training and orientation, garden materials, and ongoing support during the mentorship process.

The Mentor training and orientation will be in January 2011.

For further information or to sign up as a Garden Mentor, contact Brook Bernini at 520-622-0525 ext 267 or bbernini@communityfoodbank.org.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

Jason Tankersley/Fairfax Companies

There are many wonderful people who make our gardens possible. You never hear about most of them because they do their work or make their donations quietly without fanfare. Jason Tankersley has been helping CGT succeed for a while now. He is one of the reasons we have the New Spirit Garden and he was a big contributor to the St. Gregory Garden. Now he has contributed tremendously to our Mountain Vista and Benedictine Monastery Gardens. We can never repay him for all that he has done for us. His company has three locations in Tucson: I-10 and Ina, Speedway and Prudence (near Pantano), Drexel and Houghton. They are doing incredibly forward thinking work recycling materials. Please consider using compost and mulch produced and available at the 3 sites next time you need material.