

# **Growing Rural Youth Development Program 2016**

Alamo Resource Conservation &  
Development Area Inc.

## **Alamo RCD Growing Rural Program**

**Where Kids GROW,  
LEARN and GIVE.**

Presented by  
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## Alamo Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc.

Helping communities and the people who make them thrive meet local needs by protecting our water and land resources, encouraging environmental sustainability, promoting agriculture and enhancing the quality of life for all citizens in our ten county area.



Mission: To support **youth** in our area within projects centered on Gardening with A Purpose, that instill **environmental stewardship**, build **leadership** qualities, provide **academic** improvement and enhance **life skills** training.

## In 2015

Bandera County Boys & Girls Club joined together  
with Alamo RCD, MHM Wesley Nurse Program and the Lakehills  
Methodist Church Community Garden  
to make this program a success!!



## In 2015 the Growing Rural Garden Club Kids

Were able to:

- ❖ plan, plant and nurture one garden bed with 15 members in the club,
- ❖ assist with the upkeep of the Community Garden,
- ❖ provide garden gifts to local Seniors,
- ❖ increase their knowledge of SMART objectives: Science, Math, Art, Research and Technology
- ❖ develop lifelong skills that can stop food insecurity and hunger.



**In 2016, the Kids  
continue by Learning about  
the benefits of gardening!**

Their garden provides:

- ❖ Fresh Vegetables for the table,
- ❖ Great outdoor exercise and Fun for **29 club members**,
- ❖ Increased knowledge in Science, Math, Art, Research Nutrition and Technology
- ❖ A lifelong skill in gardening and agriculture that will help feed them and their families in the future...

**As they enlarge their GARDEN to FIVE Garden  
Beds at the Hill Country Elementary Campus!**



**Garden  
Club Kids  
building  
their  
garden at  
the Hill  
Country  
Elementary**



## Learning what a Garden **Needs**...



Garden Club  
Kids have  
learning how  
to **CARE** for  
their garden!



As they also attract pollinators in their  
**Butterfly Garden!**



Growing  
Rural Kids  
Learning  
how  
important  
**TEAM**  
work is!

As they made both Gardens  
**GROW** Beautifully!!



Growing Rural  
Kids  
experiencing  
the **SCIENCE** of  
Gardening!





As they learn about a Garden's  
**Ecosystem!**



Growing  
Rural Kids  
learning  
about  
**Water Pond  
Ecology.**

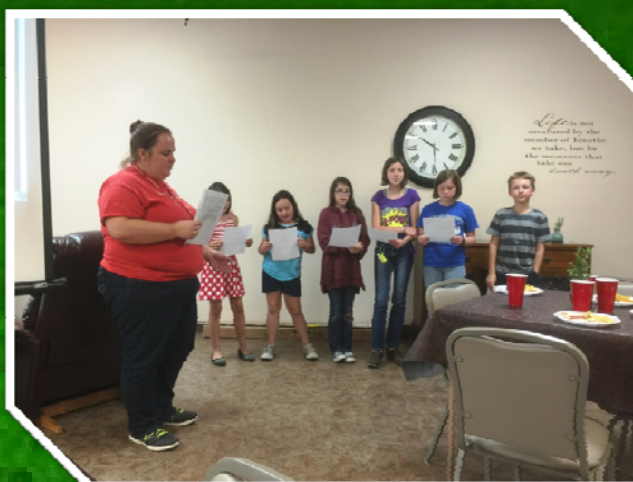
As they  
cared for  
the fish  
pond on  
Campus.



Growing Rural Garden Kids also  
experiencing the ARTS!

"Inch by Inch  
Row by Row, We  
are going to  
make this  
Garden Grow"

Garden Song  
Performance  
At  
Silver Sage  
In Bandera.





## Growing Rural Garden Club Kids Have Learned how to....

- ❖ Produce their own **FOOD** and also for the community in need,
- ❖ **CARE** for vegetables as they grow and are ready for harvest,
- ❖ Prepare delicious **MEALS** that include fresh vegetables,
- ❖ **COMMUNICATE** and work together as a **TEAM**,
- ❖ Practice **SAFETY** rules and be **RESPONSIBLE** citizens in the garden  
.....As they gain in **PRIDE** and **LEADERSHIP!**



The BGC Growing Rural Garden prospers, as  
the **Garden Club Kids LEARN and GROW!**





Alamo RCD  
and the  
Boys and  
Girls Club  
Believe that  
our  
**Children are  
our Future!**



Alamo RCD would also like to especially thank:

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- ❖ Hill Country Elementary
- ❖ Faith Tabernacle Church
- ❖ Lakehills Methodist Church for Transportation

**Alamo RCD Growing Rural Program  
has now provided a \$1500 in Support  
for this program since 2015  
with  
current matching funds of  
\$500 needed from the community.**



## **Alamo RCD Growing Rural Program**

Thanks our 2016 supporters:

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- Hill Country Master Gardeners
- HEB Corporation
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