In 2014, Ann Wied, forged a collaboration between the Extension, SEW MG and Waukesha Memorial Hospital to grow fresh produce and educate the community on the hospital grounds. The kitchen garden was created, cultivated and managed by master gardeners in the hospital’s campus cafeteria courtyard. MGVs and dietary staff worked together to teach nutrition, provide recipes, and demonstrate ways fresh produce could be healthily grown, and consumed at home.

The gardens became a centerpiece and an educational tool for those who attended monthly talks given by MGVs and hospital staff during the growing season. Another benefit was that most of the garden’s produce was donated to the Waukesha Food Party.

Master gardeners will continue to cultivate the garden and educate the community this year. Contact Ann Wied ann.wied@uwex.ces.edu to volunteer.