



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SANILAC COUNTY FFA AND HDC PARTNER TO FEED SENIORS**

SANDUSKY, MICHIGAN: Sanilac County Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the Human Development Commission (HDC) surprised Sanilac County seniors on Tuesday, May 20 by offering vegetable plants at the bi-monthly commodity food distribution in Sandusky. Ready for planting in sunny garden spots, vegetables included heirloom tomatoes (both slicers and cherry types), a variety of peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, and yellow summer squash.

The nine-week FFA project engaged 61 students from all public school districts in the county. Students learned how to research plant traits, develop garden plans, and prepare care instructions and recipes. In addition, students also learned how to plant from seed and nurture delicate seedlings.

Over 20 flats of vegetable plants were distributed to more than 225 Sanilac County seniors who will enjoy a delicious vegetable harvest this summer.

HDC continues its yearlong youth volunteer initiative by building FFA partnerships in Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties. The planting project gives students an opportunity to see the impact they can make in people's lives and in their communities.

Incorporated in 1965, the Human Development Commission is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in the state of Michigan that cares about the entire community and is dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other. Between October 1, 2102 and September 30, 2013, HDC provided over 11,000 people with nourishing food, utility assistance, affordable housing, and other needed services.

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