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NORTH HURON FFA AND HDC PARTNER TO FEED SENIORS

BAD AXE, MICHIGAN: North Huron Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the Human Development Commission (HDC) surprised Huron County seniors on Tuesday by offering vegetable plants at the bi-monthly commodity food distribution in Bad Axe. Ready for planting in sunny garden spots, vegetables included cucumbers, sweet peppers, tomatoes, yellow summer squash, and zucchini.

The nine-week FFA project engaged 57 students who 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. Third-grade students at North Huron also assisted with the care of the vegetable plants.

Over 25 flats of vegetable plants were distributed to more than 242 Huron 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. As Pablo Miguel, a foreign exchange student from Brazil, commented, "It just feels good to help people. More people should do more things like this."

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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