



Faculty Stars of Service

Geology laying down topsoil for Community blooms.

Over the last academic year Dr. Julia Sankey took the opportunity of the pandemic to turn an idea into reality with the assistance from the community including Johnathan Partridge from International Rescue Center (IRC) in Turlock to create the new non-profit Turlock Community Gardens.

The idea for the Turlock Community Gardens comes from the experience Dr. Sankey enjoyed as a graduate student at Louisiana State University at a community garden in Baton Rouge. Dr. Sankey “[...] always wanted to live in a town with a community garden, and ... wished that Turlock had one”. Currently, this wish and thought has turned into a reality with 45 plots for the community including 5 plots for the refugees from the IRC.

The mission of the Turlock Community Gardens (TCG) is to enhance community bonds and promote healthy lifestyles. As time continues the TCG hopes to create



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more gardens in Turlock to provide opportunities throughout the community for sustainable gardens, fresh produce, and deepen community bonds.

Get involved or learn more at <https://www.turlockcommunitygardens.org/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/turlockcommunitygarden>.

Do you have any questions?

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