# **Seeds for Life**

Helping grow a better world through gardening!

Tiny vegetable or flower seeds may become an immense ray of hope for families around the world. Through the Texas Garden Club, Inc.'s **Seeds for Life Program**, garden club members like you can make a difference by giving a family vegetable and fruit seeds to grow a garden. You are not only helping feed the family, but also promoting good nutrition and teaching kids how to grow their own food.



# MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

To date, over 30,000 packets of seeds have been collected by garden club members and sent to Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, Central and South America. Monetary donations have gone to International Affiliate Garden Clubs and to organizations that

guarantee the purchase of the seeds. These groups share their knowledge and help guide the poor to plant, cultivate, and harvest the seeds, while teaching improved soil conservation techniques. Surplus seeds have been donated to US organizations as approved by the SFL Committee. Application forms for International and US projects are available from the Seeds for Life Chair.

#### PLANTING THE SEED

This project was initiated in 2004 by Houston Federation of Garden Clubs, and the A&M Garden Club in College Station. Since then, we have sent seeds and funds to International Affiliates, religious organizations, military groups, professional horticultural organizations or other approved entities that are selected for the ability to guarantee the proper distribution of seeds. Continuing programs have been promoted within organizations that provide education on planting, ecology, and harvesting.

#### **VISION**

To provide the joy of gardening or to bring the hope of harvest to the needy in far-away lands. To promote participation from the ten Districts of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. so that they continue to support the project and collect seeds or send monetary donations.

Please make **Seeds For Life** your World Gardening project!

We encourage garden clubs to adopt their own **World Gardening project** and follow the guidelines in the TGC,

Inc. Awards Manual.

### How you and your Club can help:

## **Monetary Donations**

Due to international regulations, it is very difficult to mail seed packets abroad. Therefore, monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to TGC, Inc. SEEDS FOR LIFE PROGRAM and mail to:

C/O Bert Pool, TGC Office Manager Texas Garden Club, INC. 3111 Old Garden Road Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3498 tqcOffice@aol.com

#### **Seed Donations**

To send seed packets less than 3 years beyond expiration, please place seed packets (unopened) in a plastic bag with the following information:

- 1. Number of seed packets
- 2. Name of Garden Club
- 3. District
- 4. Name and address of sender

Please mail to: Johanna Roman, Seeds for Life Chair 13533 Alacia Court College Station, TX 77845

\*District IV collects seeds locally at garden center

Notice to Merchants: Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501C nonprofit organization. Please help us in this international effort.

For more information or for a copy of an application form for International and US projects, please contact Johanna Roman, Seeds for Life Chair and VP for the A&M Garden Club by emailing her at <a href="mailto:johannadcr@hotmail.com">johannadcr@hotmail.com</a> or by posting your inquiry in the A&M Garden Club's Facebook Page: AM-Garden-Club



SFL seeds packets donated to children in Peru and Iraq