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New Community Garden Coming to Mt. Auburn
Collaborative Effort of Civic Organizations and Businesses

Cincinnati – A new community garden for cultivation of fresh produce will open in Mt. Auburn with a groundbreaking ceremony at **9 a.m. on Saturday, April 17**. The Mt. Auburn Community Garden will be located at the corner of Auburn Ave. and Mason St. on land donated and maintained by The Christ Hospital. The garden was built by Messer Construction with collaborative support from the Mt. Auburn Chamber of Commerce, the Mt. Auburn Community Council, the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati and the Center for Closing the Health Gap in Greater Cincinnati.

Plots in the community garden will be free to any resident of Mt. Auburn who enjoys growing produce or has an interest in learning about the growing process. This initiative was undertaken to bring agriculture back to the urban core and introduce healthy and fresh food options to an underserved population.

A general timeline of Saturday's events includes:

- 9 a.m.** Welcome to residents and participants
Pharon Wilson, community garden coordinator
- 9:15 a.m.** Opening remarks
Stanley Broadnax, M.D., president, Mt. Auburn Community Council
Dwight Tillery, President and CEO, Center for Closing the Health Gap
Heather Adkins, Chief Strategy and Mission Officer, The Christ Hospital
- 9:30 a.m.** Discussion of garden layout
Pharon Wilson, community garden coordinator
Karl Jacobs, grounds supervisor, The Christ Hospital
- 10 a.m.** Garden training and education
Les Moore, master gardener
- 11 a.m.** Planting

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For more information about maintaining a plot within the Mt. Auburn Community Garden, please contact Pharon Wilson at 513-404-0367 or AuburnAvenueGarden@gmail.com.

The Christ Hospital is a 555-bed, not-for-profit acute care facility, offering services in cardiovascular care, spine treatment, women's health, major surgery, cancer, behavioral medicine, orthopedics, emergency care, kidney transplant and others. The hospital also offers The Christ Hospital Medical Associates, a primary care physician practice with several office locations throughout the Tristate. The Christ Hospital is consistently recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the nation's top hospitals, and has been named Cincinnati's Most Preferred Hospital for 14 consecutive years by National Research Corporation (NRC). The Christ Hospital has achieved Magnet[®] status from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in recognition of outstanding nursing care. For more information about The Christ Hospital, visit www.TheChristHospital.com.