

The following application is a combined application for your membership to the Community Gardens of Hancock County and free enrollment into the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Findlay for the 2018 calendar year.

FEES: Please note that the Community Gardens has adopted a participation fee of \$20 with partial refund at the end of the season. **The fee is waived for those who are receiving any type of assistance.** To ensure a plot in the gardens, please return this application to: Heather Heilman, C/O United Way of Hancock County, 245 Stanford Parkway, Findlay, OH 45840 by February 28th. Plots are issued on a first come, first-served basis with preference given to those on assistance.

**Name (Individual/Family/Agency)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of those who will be participating in your garden:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **St** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Adults in Family** \_\_\_\_\_ **# Children in Family** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hobbies or activities:**

**Gardening interests and/or goals:**

**Are you currently receiving any of the following: SNAP (food assistance), WIC, Ohio Medical Benefits, Child Care Assistance, Home Energy Assistance, Free/Reduced Meals, Prescription (Rx) Assistance,**

Yes  No

**Have you been a member of the Community Garden of Hancock County?**

Yes  No

**If you have been a Community Garden member in the past and would like the opportunity to remain at the same plot (where possible) please indicate the plot number.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have limited gardening experience or are you new to gardening.** Yes  No

**Please indicate which plot size you would prefer. If you are new to gardening, it is strongly suggested that you select a smaller plot size.**

10' x 10'  10' x 20'  10' x 40'

*Please return applications to United Way of Hancock County \* 245 Stanford Pkwy \* Findlay, OH \* 45840  
For more information, contact Heather Heilman at 419-423-1432 - heather.heilman@uw Hancock.org*

**Garden preparation, planting and maintenance (weeding, watering) takes time. At least an additional five hours and up to 10 hours per week can be expected to cultivate a garden. Please indicate that you are able to accommodate this type of commitment.**

Yes. I have time.  I am unsure

**The Community Gardens of Hancock County is run by volunteers. All gardeners who are assigned a plot may be called on to give back of their own time to ensure the gardens are well-maintained. Please indicate that you are willing to give back at least 2 hours of your time during the 2018 gardening season.**

Yes. I will volunteer at least two hours.  No. I am unable to volunteer.

**Will you be planting corn in your garden?** Yes  No

**GARDENING AGREEMENT:**

If I am accepted for the Community Gardens of Hancock County (**CGHC**) project, I agree to:

- Pay the participation fee of \$20. (Keep in mind that a refund of 50% of your deposit fee will be given at the end of the season for those who remain and clean up their plot by October 21, 2018)
- Attend one of the **CGHC** orientation meetings. Date and location TBD. If I cannot attend, I will arrange a meeting with the garden coordinator. Fees can be paid at this time and checks made out to *Halt Hunger Initiative c/o UWHC* – memo CGHC or community gardens.
- Abide by the **CGHC** Guidelines.
- Keep my plot and the pathways adjacent to it well- maintained.
- Plant only plants approved by the **CGHC**. Invasive perennials (mint, horseradish, etc.)are not allowed.
- Notify the garden coordinator immediately if I cannot maintain my plot for any reason during the growing season.
- Begin gardening in my **CGHC** plot only after plots have been officially assigned and staked out and opening day announced. (Late April or Early May)
- Clear my **CGHC** plot of all non-organic materials (fencing, string, wire, stakes, cages, plastic, etc.) and remove all large or woody plant debris to the specified area no later than **October 21 2018**. I understand that if my **CGHC** plot is left in a condition unsuitable for plowing I may forfeit the right to garden with the **CGHC** in the future and partial refund.
- Observe any site specific guidelines established by the garden coordinator/steward.
- Accept that the **CGHC** project or its organizers/funders assume no liability for personal injury or property damage in the gardens.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time \_\_\_\_\_

